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## BLOCK MANAGERS MEETING

Date: January 3, 1944  
Time: 2:00 p.m., P.S.H. #28  
Chairman: Frank Date

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Date.

### 1. OLD BUSINESS

#### A. WOOD HOLIDAY WEEK

Today the all center wood holiday week began, but due to bad weather schedule was not carried out although few blocks went out.

After meeting with fuel committee, Mr. Date reported following:

One truck to be assigned to every 3 blocks, to be used for hauling. Each scheduled 3 blocks are to get together and plan whatever they think best. Truck will be marked so groups may easily identify their truck. Emergency use trucks are available in the event of truck trouble.

Section to cut wood designated to each block by markers.

Exemptions from the Hospital, Tofu Factory, Public Works, and Education Sections were read by Chairman. Not compulsory for cooks.

Education Section janitors will be picked up by special truck at 9 a.m. Janitors to go out from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Wood cutting all day Saturday; off all day Sunday.

Working hours: 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.  
1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Block Managers and Councilmen to take over responsibility.

In case of wood shorage in center, assured coal will be supplied.

Mr. Ito to assist Chairman.

Councilmen be exempted from tomorrow's wood cutting as each member is requested to attend important meeting, requested Mr. Tamaki.



If any question arises as to whether to go out or not due to bad weather, phone Motor Pool or Police Department.

Wood Committee composed of Following:

COUNCILMEN		MANAGERS	
Tsutsui	19	Fujioaka	27
Watanabe	24	Tomiyama	20
Ihara	3	Oishi	7

#### 11. NEW BUSINESS

##### A. NURSERY

Fuel for nurseries may be obtained from mess or laundry coal piles in that particular block.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,



## BLOCK MANAGERS MEETING

Date: January 22, 1944  
Time: 8:30 A.M., PS H. #28  
Chairman: Frank Date

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Date.

### I. OLD BUSINESS

#### A. Fuel situation

The block system of lumberjacking will continue again from Monday was settled after a lengthy discussion. Managers were requested by Chairman to cooperate in regard to exemptions from Construction for men building the Center chicken coop.

Each section (North, Central, and South) presented problems and situations involved in their individual sections.

### II. NEW BUSINESS

#### A. Government Checks

Complaint received from residents in regard to cashing of pay and clothing checks. Request that something be done to speed up as well as cash checks as residents complain of standing in line for hours then unable to cash checks due to shortage of cash on hand. Suggestion made to secure representative from the McGehee bank to take care of the cashing of checks as is being done in the Jerome Relocation Center. Committee of following managers appointed to take care of this matter:

Mr. Shiraishi  
Mr. Yamasaki

Mr. Baishiki  
Mr. Kaneko

#### B. Block 9 Manager

Mr. Saburo Oshita was introduced to managers as the new Block 9 manager.

#### C. Vice Chairmen

Managers held election for 2 Vice Chairmen. Mr. Yoshii and Mr. Ito were elected for the office.

#### D. Managers' Banquet

Date for managers' banquet unanimously set for Sunday, January 30, 7:30 P.M., in Mess Hall #11,

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 A.M.

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Respectfully submitted,



## BLOCK MANAGERS MEETING

DATE: February 7, 1944  
TIME: 2:00 P.M., P.S.H. #28  
CHAIRMAN: Shintaro Ito

The meeting was called to order by the Vice Chairman, Mr. Ito, in the absence of Mr. Date.

### I. The following were discussed:

#### A. Red Cross Representatives

Mr. Uematsu, Chirman of the Red Cross, requested managers to bring up to date the names of the Red Cross representatives in each block. Old list was distributed to managers to record any changes and was requested that list be brought back to next managers' meeting.

#### B. Goods from Japan

The distribution of the shoyu and tea which were received from the Japanese Government was left up to the Council Body who after meeting planned distribution according to population of block, Miso, drugs, books, and musicals were also received but these will be distributed at a later date as they must go through necessary inspection.

Managers were requested to be at Warehouse 14 at 9 a.m. Tuesday morning together with Councilmen to receive block allotment and to take pictures as a souvenir. In case of rain, managers requested to meet day after tomorrow.

#### C. Mr. Murai

Mr. Shingu from the Education Section spoke a few words about Mr. Murai's coming agricultural lectures. Encourages enrolling in classes as he feels lectures will be of interest as well as of benefit.

#### D. Cashing of Pay and Clothing Checks

Mr. Umezuka of the Co-op spoke in regard to the cashing of checks which was complained of by residents. All checks will hereafter be cashed at P.S. Hall #33 from 8:30 A.M. to 11 A.M.; 1:30 P.M. to 3 P.M. and half day on Saturdays.

Cashing of checks discontinued at main canteen and dry goods department.

Following is the schedule set up for cashing:

Monday	Blocks	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
Tuesday		7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12
Wednesday		13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 19
Thursday		20, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27
Friday		28, 29, 32, 33, 34, 38
Saturday		39, 40, 41



Residents may cash checks on days they are not scheduled but first preference goes to those scheduled that day. All personal checks must have manager's signature below endorsement. Request was made to have sample of all managers' signatures. Checks amounting over \$50 will be cashed at the Co-op office in Warehouse #6.

#### E. Government Checks

Managers requested committee appointed on the Government check matter further investigate to see if pay must be paid in the form of checks by government ruling or otherwise.

#### F. Fuel Situation

All lumberjacking will proceed according to plan set up last last week.

#### G. Selective Service

Mr. H. Ito gave an outline talk on what they discussed at the meeting held in regard to Selective Service.

#### H. Rohwer Sei-nen-kai

The Rohwer Sei-nen-kai requests managers to ask residents for any contribution of books and magazines for the issei patients in the hospital. Contributions will be picked up within ten days at the Block Offices.

#### I. Report on Banquet

Mr. Koro on the Committee for the Banquet read report of the expenses of the Managers' Banquet held January 30.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 P.M.

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Respectfully submitted,



BLOCK MANAGERS MEETING:

DATE: February 14, 1944  
TIME: 2:00 P.M., P.S.H. #28  
CHAIRMAN: Shintaro Ito

Meeting was called to order by the Vice Chairman, Mr. Ito.

I. The following were discussed:

A. Brooms, Buckets, Etc.

Managers appointed Vice Chairman to see Mr. Johnston about getting brooms, buckets, mops, and clothes pins for every unit.

B. Cashing of pay and Clothing Checks

The committee appointed to investigate on this matter reported following after meeting with Mr. Johnston:

May mean 3 to 4 months delay if paid by cash. Securing person from the McGehee post office to handle cashing suggested but this will not help speed up cashing. Suggestion also made to secure representative from the McGehee bank but charges may be raised to 10¢ instead of the present 5¢. Johnston to see what system will prove most successful.

C. Housing

Rumors that people will come into this center. Johnston, However, has no definite notice yet. Housing Council suggests moves be made in the near future to safeguard having to move out of block if no standard room left for that number of people. Request made by managers to have Housing distribute notice to the managers to that effect.

Mr. Yoshii now on the Housing Committee reported Housing Council would like two more additional managers on that committee. Mr. Oshita and Mr. Akimoto appointed to assist Yoshii, Honda, and Adachi. Meeting held every other Friday, 2 P.M., at Block #2.

D. Council

Council Chairman requested managers to turn in their block Representative to the Farm Committee.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:00 P.M.

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Respectfully submitted,



BLOCK MANAGERS MEETING

DATE: February 21, 1944  
TIME: 2:00 P.M.

PLACE: P.S.H. #28  
CHAIRMAN: Frank Date

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Date

OLD BUSINESS

A. Memorandum from Johnston

Chairman read letter from Johnston in regard to the selection of Block 39 to house the aged people within this center. Selection was made sometime ago but nothing was definitely set as residents presented their views against selection. Johnston requested managers to extend invitation and welcome the residents to their blocks. Invitation will be sent through managers' body.

B. Requisition for Brooms, Buckets, Etc.

Mr. Ito, Vice Chairman, who was appointed at last week's meeting to see Johnston about securing brooms, buckets, and mops for each unit reported that at the present time unable to secure additional supply due to budget. Stated if not enough with the supply now on hand, will see what he can do to obtain adequate supply.

C. NEW BUSINESS

A. Department of Interior

Received teletype from Mr. Ickes of the Department of Interior stating center to be under the Department of Interior.

B. Letter from Outpost

Received letter from the Outpost staff expressing their appreciation for the donation received from managers.

C. Co-op

Sample of method of placing receipts was distributed to managers to be taken to blocks as sample.

D. Lumberjack Tools

Request that all borrowed lumberjack tools be assembled at block offices to be picked up at a later date.

E. Miso

Miso arrived in center. Requested to turn in to Warehouse #14 by Wednesday shoyu barrel with block number designated. Will be delivered to each block.

F. Health Measure

Council to put out notice to the effect that residents abolish keeping of chickens, pigs, cats, etc.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 P.M.

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Respectfully submitted,



## BLOCK MANAGERS' MEETING

Date: February 28, 1944  
Time: 2:00 P.M.

Place: P.S.H. #28  
Chairman: Frank Date

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Date.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### A. Housing

Jerome to be closed. Around May or April portion of residents from Jerome will be coming in to Rohwer. Blocks will be asked to accommodate a certain number of people expected here. Housing requests cooperation of all managers.

#### B. speakers

Dr. Hunter introduced two speakers, Mr. Ralph E. Smeltzer, Chicago Counselor for Resettlement through Hostels who spoke on hostels in Chicago, farm relocation and general news about Chicago, and Dr. Clarence S. Gillett, executive secretary of the Citizens' Committee on Resettlement of St. Louis, Missouri who spoke in Japanese about the value of relocation.

#### C. Agricultural Lectures

Mr. Shingu requested managers to notify residents of reception party to be held in honor of Mr. Murai. Those who wish to attend were asked to leave their names and addresses and 50¢ to either the block managers or councilmen by March 1. The party will be held Saturday night March 4 from 7 p.m. at Mess Hall #19. Class will start Monday from 7 p.m. at 31-7-DE.

#### D. Shortage of Rice

Rice shortage hits center. Mr. Ito assured managers everything being done to secure ample supply of rice.

Meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,



## BLOCK MANAGERS' MEETING

Date: March 6, 1944  
Time: 2:00 P.M.

Place: P.S.H. #28  
Chairman: Frank Date

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Date.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### I. Labor Shortage

J. S. Coleman, acting associate personnel Officer issued notices to managers for cooperation in assisting in securing persons in block jobs who are qualified for more important work. Jobs essential to the operation of the project and the well-being of the center population and which should be filled immediately were listed. Cooperation of managers requested in order to fill this acute shortage of labor.

#### II. Housing

Housing Committee put up plan to Johnston about housing accommodations for coming Jerome transferees. Johnston to take up plan as soon as he arrives back from Washington as he feels he will then have more information.

#### III. Roaches

Complaint--too many cockroaches in mess halls. Request plan to secure medicine which has proven most effective from person whomakes them in Block 7 and 8. Since private enterprise plan for center us to be undertaken.

#### IV. Health

Mr. Taketaya, Chairman of the Health Committee, was scheduled to speak before managers but due to circumstances unable to attend, Mr. Shigetome, Block 14 manager, spoke in his behalf. Decided at health meeting that chicken and pigs be cleared out of center by April 1. Stray cats, dogs, etc, will be taken care of by the Internal Security. Residents forbidden to keep pets of any kind after April 1--without license.

#### V. Red Cross War Fund Campaign

Chairman of the Red Cross, Mr. Uematsu, spoke on the coming Red Cross War Fund Campaign set from March 13. Cooperation requested to make this a 100% drive. Reported expenditures from March 1943 to February 1944.

#### VI. Home for the Aged

Manager of Block 39, the block selected for the aged in this center, reported that residents in his block feel they are not justified in moving refuse to vacant their units. Managers stated this matter must be taken up between residents of Block 39 and Mr. Johnston.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:55 pm.m

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Respectfully submitted,



## BLOCK MANAGERS MEETING

Date: March 13, 1944  
Time: 2:00 P.M.

Place: D.S.H. #28  
Chairman: Frank Date

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman.

### OLD BUSINESS

#### A. Cockroaches

Party who prepares medicine which rids cockroaches thoroughly wish to render their services to the center people. However, they would somehow like to remain on pay roll as they are presently working as lumberjacks.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### A. Red Cross

The Red Cross in this center will now take up work in granting visits of soldiers to this center in cases where visits are necessary. The Red Cross Ward Fund Campaign slated for the 13th has been postponed to the 16th.

#### B. Army Bound

Chairman announced that Mr. George Yoshii Block 2 manager received induction notice to report on March 28.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 P.M.

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Respectfully submitted,



## BLOCK MANAGERS MEETING

Date: March 20, 1944  
Time: 2:00 P.M.

Place: P.S.H. #28  
Chairman: Frank Date

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Date.

### OLD BUSINESS

#### I. Home for the Aged

Lengthy discussion regarding Center Home for the Aged. Pros and cons presented. Johnston stated if Block 39 refuses to move request that a block volunteer. Stated Center must accommodate aged. Difficult situation so managers formed committee of six to study and work out plan smoothly for the interest of the future center harmony. Following managers appointed on committee?

George Kaneko	Tomejiro Shigetome
Toraji Fujioka	Katsuzo Shiraishi
Shintaro Ito	Iwao Kobayashi

### NEW BUSINESS

#### I. Block 2 Manager

George Yoshii, Block 2 Manager, presented farewell speech and introduced new Block Manager, Miss Shigeko Yanokawa.

#### II. Gardening

All blocks wishing to have their yards plowed, requisition to Mr. Rains. Strawberry plants sent here from Jerome will be distributed to blocks as not sufficient for use on center farm to furnish messes. Seeds will again be distributed to blocks; schedule to be set up later date.

#### III. Block 19 Manager

Chairman introduced new Block 19 manager, Mr. Sadaichi Yamamoto.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:30 P.M.

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Respectfully submitted,



## BLOCK MANAGERS MEETING

Date: March 27, 1944  
Time: 2:00 P.M.

Place: P.S.H. #28  
Chairman: Frank Date

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Date.

### OLD BUSINESS

#### A. SpringPlanting

Strawberry plants to arrive in Center soon from Jerome.  
After checking on amount and kind of seeds available blocks will be furnished with them to start spring planting.

#### B. Block "39"

Mr. Ito reported meeting held Tuesday morning with committee appointed last week to tackle matter of Home for the Aged with Mr. Uematsu, Mr. Shigetome, and Chairman. Also held meeting Tuesday afternoon with the Block 39 committee, and Council Body committee. Settled at meeting that due to circumstances matter out of managers and councilmen's hands. Must be settled between Johnston and the people of Block 39.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### A. Block Laborers

Out on block laborers foreseen! Present 81 block laborers; may be cut to 33. If cut 33 block laborers will not be block laborers but center laborers.

#### B. Block 34 Manager

Chairman introduced new Block 34 Manager, Mr. S. Hayashino.

#### C. Housing

Notices distributed to managers from housing in regard to storage rooms for single and unattached persons leaving center for short term or seasonal leave. Blocks may reserve two units for use as storage rooms. Request person leaving carefully pack and address all property. Also request that vacant units be designated if unusable on weekly reports.

#### D. Cash Exchange

Request from Co-op that checks to be cashed be endorsed properly. Person from immediate family may cash family checks if person signs below endorsement. If possible residents requested to cash checks on days scheduled.



E. Gravel

Mr. Makino reported 5 carloads of gravel coming in every week. Blocks requesting gravel must work voluntarily on Sundays as shortage of dump trucks prevent extra work of this type. However, since gravel is needed in repairing roads presently, only a small amount will be available; therefore, request that only if urgently needed requisition for gravel.

F. Housing Supplies

Committee of following managers appointed to approach Mr. Hiser of Housing Division to work out plan to supply blocks more adequately as managers complain requisitions have not been filled:

Mr. Tomiyama  
Mr. Oishi

Mr. Hanada  
Mr. Oshita

Mr. Baba

G. Housing Committee

Due to departure of two housing committee members, two managers were appointed to represent managers:

Miss Margaret Kobayashi

Miss Shigeko Yanokawa

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 P.M.

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Respectfully submitted,



## BLOCK MANAGERS MEETING

Date: April 3, 1944  
Time: 2:00 P.M.

Place: P.S.H. #28  
Chairman: Frank Date

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Date.

### OLD BUSINESS

#### A. Block Laborers

Probable cut of block laborers stated Tom Makino, Public Works head, Block laborers to be classed as center laborers. No assignment of laborers although vacancy occurs.

#### B. Housing Supplies

Committee appointed last week to approach Hiser in regard to Housing Supplies reported Mr. Martin head of division now. Reported Mr. Martin and staff will do all they can to supply Blocks adequately.

#### C. Block #39

Settled that the south half of Block 39 will be used as a place to care for the aged and infirm.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### A. Mess Reduction

Three members of the Mess Committee requested managers to assist them in working out some plan where cut in mess staff can be prevented as they feel work will be difficult with hot summer days approaching. Following managers appointed to meet with the council body to discuss this matter:

Mr. Mizushima	Mr. Hayashino	Mr. Nozawa
Mr. Kobayashi	Mr. Fujioka	

#### B. Parcel Post

Managers request something be done in regard to treatment of parcel post packages. Complain packages arrive in terrible form.

#### C. Cash Receipts

Mr. Oishi reported Do-op requests residents to turn in by the 15th all cash receipts up to March 31 to either the Dry Goods Store or to the main canteen.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 P.M.

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Respectfully submitted,



## BLOCK MANAGERS MEETING

Date: April 10, 1944  
Time: 2:00 P.M.

Place: P.S.H. #28  
Chairman: Frank Date

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Date.

### OLD BUSINESS

#### A. Parcel Post

Chairman reported after discussing matter of parcel post mistreatment with Postmaster that the reason they arrive in such condition is due to the packing and wrapping. Post Office states they are very careful in handling all packages and they see to it that they are delivered tied and secured if torn. Residents were suggested to notify company or person to pack and wrap them more carefully and securely.

#### B. Cut in Mess and Washroom

Committee appointed to investigate on cut in mess and washroom staff reported the problem has been amicably solved.

#### C. Tomato Plants

Tomato plants are now available and will be distributed to individual blocks this afternoon. Managers were requested to return boxes plants will arrive in--to be collected.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### A. Election

Block managers term expires this month! Managers requested to hold election in their blocks by the 24th of this month. New managers will be introduced at the last meeting of this month. Qualifications for managers are--21 years or over, and non-repatriates. The election of Chairman of the Block Managers will also be held.

#### B. Rakes, Hoes, & Garden Hoses

Request has been made to Public Works Dept. to supply 12 rakes and hoes to each block and additional garden hoses. Mr. Makino assured he'll put in requisition and try his best to that effect.

#### C. Council Request

Chairman reported Council Body request the presence of Chairman of the Block Managers at council meetings in order to have a more effective center organization for the betterment of evacuee interest.



The change of time of the meeting of Block Managers Body has been requested. The Block Managers requested the Chairman to ask the Council Body to change their meetings to mornings instead of their afternoon schedule.

D. Cut affecting Sole Supporter

Families where the sole supporter has been terminated due to cut in staff, thus the only means of income stopped, were requested to get in contact with the Welfare Division if work suited to person is not available.

E. New York Jiji

The New York Jiji published by the Japanese American Committee for Democracy was distributed to each block. Those desiring future copies were requested to notify this committee.

F. Paint

Blocks wishing to paint their washrooms walls were requested to requisition for paints as they will be supplied. Work must be done, however, on a voluntary basis due to an acute shortage of painters in this center. Brushes are not available.

G. Locks

Managers requested locks be supplied for use on the block Storage units to insure safety.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 P.M.

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Respectfully submitted,



## BLOCK MANAGERS MEETING

Date: April 17, 1944  
Time: 2:00 P.M.

Place: P.S.H. #28  
Chairman: Frank Date

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Date.

### OLD BUSINESS

#### A. Padlocks for Storage Rooms

Request for padlocks for storage rooms in the blocks was to have been made to Miss Stearns, Housing Counselor but due to her absence, attending conference at Little Rock, Chairman reported request to Johnston; blocks to be furnished 3 padlocks.

#### B. Change of Meeting

The Manager Body meeting was changed to Tuesday mornings, 8:30 A.M. instead of keeping the regular Monday afternoon schedule as was settled at last week's meeting. This change was made due to hot weather approaching.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### A. Memorandum from Johnston

Chairman read memorandum received from Johnston in regard to pets in this center. Ruling was that it is an offense to own, possess, keep or maintain within Rohwer or 300 yards of the Center Boundary any dog, cat, chicken, or other household pets, whether wild or domestic; except birds which are kept in a cage. The above ordinance was adopted by the Community Council. Request managers notify residents of this new ordinance. Effective date will be announced by the Council.

#### B. Tule Bound

Chairman reported date of the 2 trips to Tule Lake and the names of those bound for there have been announced but as yet who will go on first or second trip has not been announced.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 P.M.

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Respectfully submitted,



## BLOCK MANAGERS MEETING

Date: April 24, 1944  
Time: 2:00 P.M.

Place: P.S.H. #28  
Chairman: Frank Date

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Date.

### OLD BUSINESS

#### A. Introduction of New Managers

Chairman took roll call for new managers. All new managers were introduced by the outgoing managers.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### A. Segregation Report

Mr. Yamasaki reported the following in regard to coming Tule Lake movement:

Reserves may accompany family to Tule Lake but if called infor active duty must report to McGehee Board. He must pay his own fare and also pay expenses of escort who must accompany him.

Lumber for use in crating baggages, etc. Will be distributed to blocks Friday, Saturday, or Monday for the managers to distribute according to head count.

All segregees' fingerprinting, interviewing, and photographing will be done Friday and Saturday 28th and 29th or maybe early part of next week.

No inspection of baggages here. Those who must travel by Pullman were requested to see Miss Berris, Medical Social Welfare Head at the hospital. Wages and clothing allowances will be paid in cash. Those who wish to go to McGehee to shop may be able to go reported Johnston.

Those who signed for repatriation after January 20, 62 in all, must remain in center until definite report is received from Washington in regard to this group.

#### B. Housing

Mr. Oshita reported no new change. Applications taken in Jerome of those who wish to transfer to Rohwer showed 2,900. Will be able to accommodate only 2,500. Each block will be requested to house an average of 230 residents. The committee was requested to obtain the list of families from Jerome as soon as possible.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 P.M.

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## BLOCK MANAGERS MEETING

Date: May 2, 1944  
Time: 1:30 P.M.

Place: P.S.H. #28  
Chairman: Frank Date

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Date.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### I. Tule Bound Pay

Mr. Estes reported April pay will be paid on Wednesday, May 3 beginning 8:30 A.M. Pay will be paid according to below schedule as worked out by managers:

Block 10 Mess Hall 8:30 A.M. - 10:00 A.M.  
Blocks 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 23, 24, 25, 26

Block 33 Mess Hall 10:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.

Blocks 19, 20, 27, 28, 32, 33, 34, 38, 39, 40, 41

Block 15 Mess Hall 1:30 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.

Blocks 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 29

All those who miss scheduled payment requested to go on Block 15 Mess Hall schedule.

Pay for May and clothing allowances for March and April will be paid Saturday, May 6 according to above schedule.

The 2nd trip segregees may remain on payroll until the 15th.

#### II. Election

Election was held for the office of Chairman of the Block Managers. Chairman appointed following managers on the nominating committee:

S. Ito	T. Hayashi	K. Koro
S. Fujiwara	S. Shigetome	

Mr. Hayashino, Mr. Ito, and Mr. Shiraishi were nominated. Result of vote, Mr. Hayashino was elected the new Chairman and the two remaining candidates elected Vice Chairmen. Mr. Date was unanimously elected the Advisor of the Manager Body.

#### III. Rattle snakes

Mr. Oshita requested managers to notify residents of danger of permitting children to play around the wooded area due to numerous



rumors of pisonous rattlesnakes thereabouts.

#### IV. Block Clean-up

Request was made to plan block clean-up to prepare for coming Jerome transferees. It was requested that an appeal be made to Johnston to see if farmers and lumberjacks can be transferred over for this work. Request was made to clean up the units as well as the yards. Cutting down of dead trees in certain blocks was also suggested.

#### V. Housing Committee Member

Due to termination of a member of the housing committee, Mr. Ito volunteered his services to this committee. Housing problems and situations were discussed.

#### VI. Tule Bound

Mr. Yamasaki reported the following:

Contrary to previous notice, baggage and freight will be inspected here. Freight will be inspected on Thursday and Friday, May 4 and 5- baggage inspection Sunday and Monday, May 7 and 8.

Train trips divided between south and north side. North side to leave on the 2nd trip on the 17th and the south side on the 1st trip on the 9th. Those denied leave clearance will leave on the 2nd trip. Those who passed their physicals but have not been sworn in must remain in center and family must go as scheduled.

Baggage weight reported as follows: 150 Pounds - Adults  
75 pounds - Children  
No weight limit on freights. (under 12 years)

All baggage and freight must have name, family number, and their address at Tule Lake, designated clearly.

Advise winter clothing as it was reported snowing in Tule Lake.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 A.M.

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Respectfully submitted,



BLOCK MANAGERS MEETING

Date: May 9, 1944  
Time: 2:00 P.M.

Place: P.S.H.#28  
Chairman: Shintaro Ito

NEW BUSINESS

A. Chairman

Due to resignation of Mr. Hayashino, newly elected Chairman election was again held for the vacanted office. Mr. Ito, Vice Chairman was unanimously elected to hold this office with Mr. Hayashino and Mr. Shiraishi, Vice Chairman.

B. Housing

Mr. Oshita reported the standards for each unit. Managers request Housing Committee notify residents who are required to move because they are not under standard. Various problems arising in individual blocks were discussed.

C. Housing Committee Members

Due to the importance of Housing, managers requested three more managers be assigned to housing committee. The two Vice Chairmen and Mr. Date were appointed. Mr. Oshita was appointed the Chairman of that committee.

D. Requisition

Request was made to furnish boots and umbrellas to the managers and clerks. Necessity during rainy days--mail must be distributed.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 P.M.

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Respectfully submitted,



## BLOCK MANAGERS MEETING

Date: May 16, 1944  
Time: 8:30 A.M.

Place: P.S.H. #28  
Chairman: Shintaro Ito

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Ito.

### A. Pay for Tule Bound

Chairman announced pay for Tule Bounds to be paid in Ad. Building #1 all day today at Cashiers Desk.

### B. Repairs

Request all electric repairs be reported to electric shop; all plumbing repairs to plumber shop. Repairs on units where vacancy occurs--report to Maintenance Division as soon as possible. Request only the manager report repairs. Specify repairs clearly indicating barrack, unit, and nature of repair.

### C. Sewing Machines

Mr. Ikebasu, C.A. Ass't. Supervisor, reported sewing machines in warehouse. Exchange of broken machines, additions where few machines in blocks will be possible as soon as parts are available.

### D. Empty Containers

Johnston request managers notify blocks to save all empty containers as these scarce. All empty boxes, crates, and baskets should be assembled at Mess Hall to be picked up by the agriculture crew.

### E. Plants

Egg plants (250-300) and Bell Peppers (150) are available to blocks upon requisition. Managers who wish plants notify to Chairman's desk by Saturday the amount requested.

### F. Electric Fans

Managers requested electric fans be furnished mess halls as soon as possible. Johnston states will try to secure fans from the Jerome Center although other centers have requisitioned for same.

### G. Engeikai

Mr. Hozaki, C.A. Director of Adult Activities, reported plan to sponsor engeikai sometime in June (10 & 11). Tickets will be furnished managers to be sold at 25¢ per person. Request cooperation of managers in putting over this sale.



#### H. English Classes

Adult English classes for summer planned. Mr. Shingu, of Education Division, request managers to notify residents of this plan and to report to Chairman's desk the number of persons who are interested in enrolling in these classes. Classes will be held in the blocks and will begin from 7:30 to 9:00, if morning classes are preferred arrangements can be made.

#### I. Motion Pictures

Due to complaints from parents that pictures are being shown here which are not for children to see, Co-op requests that a censor body be organized to pass all pictures to be shown in this center. The body to be composed of managers, councilmen, and co-op members. However, managers requested they be excluded from censor body; that it be composed of Co-op representatives.

#### J. Housing

Miss Van Dusseldorf, Welfare Head, spoke to the managers in regard to the present housing situation. She thanked the managers for the cooperation extended to them in the past and requested same now with this Jerome movement coming in. Stressed the importance of working together more closely--requested we do our best to make the incoming Jerome people feel at home and make them feel proud that Rohwer is to be their home. Mrs. Stearns also spoke in regard to the same problems of housing these new residents. Questions were answered by the two guests and Mr. Hishiyama also of Housing Division.

Following was set up: Blocks 1, 2, 3, 4	Mrs. Adachi
5, 6, 7, 8	Mr. Date
9, 10, 11, 12	Mr. Oshita
13, 14, 16, 17	Miss Kobayashi
15, 19, 20, 23	Mr. Ikezoe
34, 25, 26, 27	Mr. Hayashino
28, 29, 32, 33	Mr. Shiraishi
24, 38, 39, 40	
41,	Mr. Akimoto

Housing Committee members were assigned to blocks which they are to meet with to settle any problems.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 A.M.

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Respectfully submitted,



## BLOCK MANAGERS MEETING

Date: May 23, 1944  
Time: 8:30 A.M.

Place P.S.H. #28  
Chairman: Shintaro Ito

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Ito, Roll was taken.

### A. Rubber Boots

Chairman reported rubber boots will be furnished as soon as check up is made to see if they are available in the warehouse.

### B. Water Hose

Each block will be furnished with two new hose and the three now in blocks which are not usable will be exchanged as soon as they arrive. Joints and tape are available at Maintenance office for hoses in need of repair. Chairman also reported pipe and faucets will be distributed to blocks to be used to extend the 50 gallon water barrel to the outside of the mess as a convenience to residents to secure water. Those wishing same are advised to requisition them as soon as possible.

### C. Hospital Cooks

The hospital is badly in need of cooks. Managers were urged to notify residents of this opening.

### D. Summer Festival

Dr. Griswold, guest speaker spoke in regard to the summer activities for the young and old people. Requested managers to notify interested residents to report to one of the school blocks for any of these activities.

### E. Scrap Paper Drive

Mr. Beasley, Acting Superintendent of Schools, reported about the coming scrap paper drive. Requested managers to notify residents to contribute all scrap papers in the form of magazines, books, catalogs, etc. to be accumulated at one place to be picked up by the Boy Scouts. Proceeds of this paper sale was suggested to be turned over to the Boy Scouts. Paper will be picked up every Tuesday afternoon at the block offices.

### F. Center CleanUp

It was suggested that three managers be appointed to meet with the Sanitation Committee to work out plan for a center clean-up. Chairman appointed the following: Mr. Izumi, Mr. Ikeda, and Mr. Fujioka.



G. Jerome

Rumors in Jerome that Rohwer is planning to overcrowd them into units. One member of the Housing Unit, one Councilmen, and one block manager will make a trip to Jerome to straighten out this rumor. Chairman was suggested to make the trip from the managers body.

H. Summer Festival Representative

Summer Festival is being planned for July 3-8. Through the request from Dr. Griswold to select a representative from the managers body to meet with the committee for planning this event, Chairman appointed Mr. Shiraishi.

I. Senior Secretary

Through the suggestion of the Chairman to select a senior secretary who will take care of matters at the Administration as Chairman cannot devote full time at the office as he must also take care of his own block affairs, Chairman suggested managers think up some person, preferable not a manager, who can qualify for this position.

J. Drainage Pipes

Request check-up be made occasionally on drainage pipes as many blocks report pipes stuck up causing flood in the blocks.

K. Complaints

Following complaints were reported: coal not delivered when requisitioned; commissary boys handling food roughly; children going into locked units with pass keys; and children handling sling shots.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

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Respectfully submitted,



## BLOCK MANAGERS MEETING

Date: May 30, 1944  
Time: 8:30 A.M.

Place: P.S.H. #28  
Chairman: Shintaro Ito

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Ito.

### A. Center Clean-Up

The Center Cleanu-Up scheduled for June 1-7. Committee appointed last week met with Council Body and decided the days for the clean-up. Blocks were divided into 5 districts; each district on a certain day as follows:

District 1	June 1	District 4	June 6
2	2	5	7
3	5		

Blocks were divided into districts as follows:

District 1	Blocks 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
" 2	8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14
" 3	15, 16, 17, 19, 20, 23, 24
" 4	25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 32
" 5	33, 34, 38, 39, 40, 41

To follow same procedure as volunteer lumberjacking last winter. All able-bodied persons to be excused from work on his block clean up day--exemptions for only key personnels.

Ditches cleaned, yard cleaned and grass cut, chicken coops taken down and burned, small ditches in the blocks cleaned, empty units cleaned, wood accumulated in a pile at one place, and little storage buildings taken down were some of the suggested work.

Every afternoon truck to go around to the blocks cleaning up to pick up all rubbish which cannot be turned.

Tools will be districtued to blocks cleaning up--to be transferred over to next district following day.

Inspection to be made by Sanitation Head, Mr. Langford and committee.

### B. Ditches

Complaints were raised that blocks are being flooded during heavy rain due to inadequate pipe facilities to drain out the excess water. Requested that Mr. Makino work out some plan to overcome this problem.

### C. Foreign Bonds and Properties

Notice was distributed to managers to post within blocks in regard to filing of report at Project Attorney's office if one has any foreign bonds, regardless of value or foreign property with a value of \$10,000 or more.



D. Supplies

One roll of tar paper, 10-15 feet of 32 inch screen wire, and one dozen screen door springs will be distributed to blocks.

E. Mrs. Stearns

Mrs. Stearns reported that the Jerome movement will begin on Tuesday, June 6--earlier than was expected. Arriving June 6 125 persons; June 7-125; June 8-250; and June 9-250--making a total of 750 people. As yet can not report who will be coming. All moves within blocks must be made this week. Notice was read in regard to the lack of cooperation by residents during unloading and unpacking of Jerome baggages in the blocks they move into. Notice was issued by Mr. Johnston requesting cooperation of all residents in extending help to the new residents. Managers requested swamper be assigned to trucks as blocks cannot help as all men are at work therefore unable to help. To see Johnston to work out some way if swamper not available.

F. Requisitions

Request was made to have furnished to the blocks 5-gallons spray as the small amount they now provide is not enough. Replacement of spray guns requested. Housing committee members to take care of this requisition.

G. Appreciation

Mr. Kaneko, Block 38 Manager, expressed block's appreciation to all those who so kindly extended their help in the recovery of Mr. Fukuyama.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 A.M.

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Respectfully submitted,



## BLOCK MANAGERS MEETING

Date: June 12, 1944  
Time: 8:30 A.M.

Place: Mess Hall #19  
Chairman: Shintaro Ito

Special meeting was held today to discuss present Housing situation. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Ito.

### I. HOUSING

#### A. Doctors and the Sick

Chester Fujino, Council Chairman, reported following after meeting with Project Director. Johnston stated he cannot set aside any ruling regarding special cases for the housing of doctors, the sick, etc. However, requested the Manager Body and the Council Body to set up any plan and work them out to the satisfaction of everyone so that trouble will not arise later. Managers agreed special privileges be granted to the doctors and the ministers by setting up ruling that they may secure units one under the former minimum standard. All those requesting special privilege due to illness must be interviewed by Miss Helen K. Shipps, Public Health Nurse who will then together with Housing Committee decide whether or not privilege should be granted.

Complaints in Jerome that Rohwer's system of Housing worst of all the centers. Housing of two small families together in either A or F units must be abolished. Request any idea or plan to do away with this system be turned in to Housing Office.

#### B. Swampers

Trucks from Jerome with baggages do not have swampers assigned. Request block residents help them unload whenever possible.

#### C. Spanish Consul

Request was made to report bad housing conditions to Spanish Consul but managers suggested this be turned over to the Council Body.

#### D. Arrivals

Mr. Oshita, Chairman of Housing Committee, reported the present figures of arrivals. Urged managers to accept these unavoidable situations as best they can as no other way out. Situation terrible but must be handled the best way possible. Using of school blocks was suggested to temporarily house some arrivals. Suggestion was made to move bachelors occupying E or B units into larger units to vacate these much demanded smaller units. Blocks met with committee members to straighten out individual block problems.

#### E. Meeting

Regular Tuesday morning meeting postponed.

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Respectfully submitted,



## BLOCK MANAGERS MEETING

Date: June 20, 1944  
Time: 8:30 A.M.

Place: P.S.H. #28  
Chairman: Shintaro Ito

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Ito who then took roll call.

### A. Jerome Managers

Chairman introduced two former Jerome managers, Mr. Nobuto and Mr. Kamikawa, who were automatically made honorary members of this body.

### B. Drainage

Work underway repairing drainage problem. Request was made not to throw things in the sewer pipes as 1 sack of flour was discovered in one of the pipes. Might result in serious overflow of sewer water.

### C. Mess

Blocks where food supply has not been issued according to additions of Jeromers notify steward of your mess in turn he will report to Mess Division.

### D. Water Hoses

Blocks will be furnished with five new hoses. Three in exchange for old ones and two new ones. Blocks 1-11 will be furnished on the 21st; 12-25 on the 22nd and 26-41 on the 23rd.

### E. Keys

Request was made to have furnished to each unit a key.

### F. Japanese American Citizens League

Saburo Kido, Chairman of the Japanese American Citizens League requested the help of residents by contributing to this League as financial help necessary. It was suggested collection be made through the Red Cross--turned over to Council Body.

### G. Mess Workers

Request was made to secure mess workers. Presently only 28 workers to each mess--not enough with Jerome arrivals.

### H. Spanish Embassy

The Spanish Embassy in Washington request certain information regarding deaths of all Japanese within this center. Forms will be made and distributed to managers to fill out.

### I. Immigration and Naturalization Service

All Jerome aliens must notify above department of the change of



address. Cards will be sent to the block office.

J. Clothes Poles

Request was made to secure uniform clothes poles for the center.

K. Housing Report

Chairman of Housing Committee reported following:

Barracks 7 and 8 in Block 39 will be filled by Jerome arrivals until openings are made to house these people. They cannot stay there as it is for the purpose of the housing of Aged. Suggestion was made to assign widows who occupy one unit to themselves to these partitioned F or A units so that the E and B units can be vacated for 3 member families or couples.

L. Public Assistance Grants

Turn list of names of Jerome residents who are entitled to public assistance grants to the Chairman's desk, immediately.

M. Families

Families who are separated who wish to stay in same block as relatives were requested to be listed and turned in to Chairman's desk.

N. Evening Classes

Adult English classes are now in session throughout the center. Request was made to enroll more residents. Stated purpose is to try to teach isseis something about the English language so that it will be easier for them to relocate and establish themselves on the outside. Need of young girls who are out of school who speak English to act as assistant teachers--later to take over classes next fall.

O. Dieticians

Request was made to secure one dietician to each block as this is very indispensable.

Meeting was adjourned by Chairman at 11:05 A.M.

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Respectfully submitted,



## BLOCK MANAGERS MEETING

Date: June 27, 1944  
Time: 8:30 A.M.

Place: P.S.H. #28  
Chairman: Shintaro Ito

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Ito. The following were discussed:

### A. Jerome Managers

Chairman introduced following Jerome Managers: Mr. Kawaguchi, Mr. Noma, Mr. Mikami, and Mr. Kamikawa, former Chairman.

### B. Block 9 Manager

Mr. Yutaka Ito, new Block 9 manager was introduced by the outgoing manager, Mr. Oshita.

### C. Center Census

Mr. Austin Smith, Reports Officer, reported on the coming monthly census scheduled for June 30. He explained to the managers the forms to be filled in and which is to be turned into Miss Morrow of Ad. Building #2 by 4 p.m., June 29. Census to be taken same procedure as last month beginning at 6:30 p.m.

### D. General workers and Janitor

Messrs. Hayashino, Shiraishi, Date and Chairman met with Johnston to request two general block workers and one additional janitor in the blocks. Director will try and fill request.

### E. Forms

Change of address cards will be sent to individual blocks as soon as they arrive. Forms were distributed to be filled in with requested information regarding deaths of all center residents.

### F. Chigger Medicine

Managers were notified to take empty bottles to hospital for chigger medicine refills.

### G. School Screens

Managers were requested to notify residents that quite a few school building screens are missing. Hope that this will be stopped.

### H. Investigators

Chairman reported J.A.C.L. headquarters reported investigators of the State of California under false pretense are interviewing center residents on the pretense of checking over income tax returns and then prying into real estate dealings. Requested that all persons be on the lookout for these investigators.



I. Dental Service

Residents who must have teeth pulled out and false plates put in due to health were requested to see Miss Baillyess, Medical Welfare Office.

J. Red Cross Messages

Mr. Shingu, Red Cross Chairman, distributed list of names of persons, who have Red Cross letters from Japan which are now held by the Poston Red Cross Office as whereabouts of listed persons unknown, to the managers. Any person whose name appears on lists were asked to notify the Red Cross here of his address so that the message may be forwarded.

K. Spanish Consul

Mr. Muraoka reported that the Imperial Japanese Government will allot certain funds to destitute Japanese who are neither internees, or evacuees. Also reported Spanish Representative will make a visit here in the near future. Managers were requested to turn in the requested information sheet form regarding deaths of Japanese held in camps as these must be turned over to the Spanish Representative.

L. Housing

Mr. Oshita reported that block to block swap can be made if the moves are made within the set standard units and with approval of both the managers and the Housing Office.

M. Welcome Party

The Health Committee in sponsoring a welcome party for the Jerome doctors this Sunday, July 2 in Mess Hall 19. Cooperation of the managers and councilman were requested.

N. Concrete

All blocks requesting concrete for use in the blocks were requested to use their own block workers for the work and requisition for materials.

O. Books

Books which were sent from the Red Cross in Japan to Jerome have been sent to this camp for use here. Council Body and Managers Body will together plan where these books will be available to the residents.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

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Respectfully submitted,



## BLOCK MANAGERS MEETING

Date: July 11, 1944  
Time: 8:30 A.M.

Place: P.S.H. #28  
Chairman: Shintaro Ito

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Ito.

### A. Water Faucets

Blocks who have no faucet extending outside of mess for ice water, turned in their requisition to Chairman.

### B. General Block Worker

Johnston Stated by 15th will be able to put in general block laborers.

### C. Housing

Mr. Hayashino reported that swapping of units are being made without consultation with Housing Office. Request they follow regulations as this causes inconveniences as well as mix-ups. Mr. Hayashino was unanimously elected Chairman of the Housing Committee--appointed Mrs. Adachi, secretary.

### D. Dietician

Miss Turner, Dietician Head at hospital stated she wants to make out master diet sheets to assist those in need. Will do everything to assist everyone reported Turner. To discuss matter with Mr. May and work out some system whereby dieticians can be assigned to blocks.

### E. Old Age Home

Head Nurse Miss Webber stated Mr. Saito and helpers taking care of the Old Age Home in Block 39. Those who need special care were requested to turn in their names to Chairman's desk.

### F. Public Assistance Grants

All persons 65 or over and unemployed were asked to see Miss Cargile, welfare Division. Also those with large families and only one person able to work were requested to be interviewed by Miss Cargile.

### G. Mischievous Boys

Complaints from managers regarding mischievous boys damaging block buildings, residents' clothing on wash lines, etc. Matter to be turned over to I.S.

### H. Spanish Consul

Chairman reported Spanish representative from New Orleans will be in this center Friday, 14th. Suggested blocks hold meetings by the 13th evening and turn in to Chairman's desk any matters which can be brought before consul.

### I. Alien Registration Change of Address Cards

Alien change of address cards may be obtained at center post office.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 A.M.

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Respectfully submitted,



BLOCK MANAGERS' MEETING

DATE: AUGUST 1, 1944  
TIME: 8:30 a.m.

PLACE: P.S. HALL #28  
CHAIRMAN: SHINTARO ITO

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Ito.

A. SENDING TELEGRAMS

It has been stated that people wishing to send telegrams after 5:30 p.m. and Sundays use the telephone in ad. Building #1.

Hours in McGehee

Weekly.....8:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.

Sunday.....5:30 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.

All other hours call nearest station which is in Pine Bluff.

B. SEWER PIPE

Please refrain from throwing garbage in the sewage pipes. It may cause explosions.

C. SEWING MACHINES

For sewing machine parts and repairs please see Mr. Daz Ikebasu at the C. A. Office in Block 32.

D. DAY PASSES

Discussion about improving the schedule going to McGehee for shopping and also a committee is to go see Mr. Johnston about having emergency and special cases beside the 25 daily passes.

E. TELEPHONE AND FAN

It was discussed to see Mr. Johnston about getting a phone at the Block Managers desk to prevent inconveniences for the distant managers. Also a fan.

F. ENGINEERING

Blocks 23, 24, and 25 would like to have some tree stumps removed.

G. HOSPITAL

It was discussed about allowing Block Managers to visit patients without a visitors pass.

H. HOUSING

A discussion on issuing pants, overalls, and gloves to the boiler-man was discussed.



BLOCK MANAGERS' MEETING

DATE: AUGUST 8, 1944  
TIME: 8:30 a.m.

PLACE: P. S. HALL #28  
CHAIRMAN: SHINTARO ITO

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Ito.

- A. New Manager of Block #9 -- Mr. Nojiri 9-6-B introduced.
- B. Reports made of last meeting discussions.
  - 1. Day passes.
    - (a) 30 daily passes given out and believed to be sufficient.
  - 2. Stumps in block 23, 24, 25.
    - (a) Misinterpret the location of the stumps. Not in block itself but outside of it.
  - 3. Issuing of pants, overall, and gloves to boilerman.
    - (a) Requisitions made to maintenance dept.
- C. Shovel available now. 12 to each block, Make report of shortage. Also each block request to make list of hoes, rakes, wheelbarrows, and shovels and bring to block managers office at Ad. Bldg. #2.
- D. Reported by one of the manager that there is plenty of sewing machines, and brooms.
  - 1. Committee formed to see Mr. Johnston, and Mr. Lyons, about the poor mismanagement of the housing dept.
    - (a) Mr. Date
    - Mr. Shiraishi
    - Mr. Izumi
    - Mr. Fujimoto
    - Mr. Asawa
    - Mrs. Adachi
- E. Rumors about cash donations made by soldiers of Camp Savage.
  - 1. All merchandise bought outside and sent in.
- R. Reported by Miss Morrow.
  - 1. Japanese government is requesting through Spanish Consul the nearest relatives names, and address in Japan of the isseis in this camp.
    - (a) Forms forthcoming to each block.
- G. Reported by Masaoka of Maintenance dept. that all chimney of recreation hall, and bathroom will be changed in near future.



H. Mrs. Adachi reported on housing situation.

1. Changes can be now made of four to take A or F and three to C or D.
2. Manager to take care of movements in their own blocks.
3. Persons wanting to move from one block to another must get OK from housing and then be approved by the manager of the block he or she is moving into.
4. Requested that partitions put up in unit recently to accommodate the people from Jersome not to be taken down.
5. Block 39, barrack 9, is for special cases only. Occupation only through hospital. Other barracks through housing dept.
6. Block managers asked to come and help housing dept.
  - (a) Unanimously turned down.

I. Mr. Date reported on answer received regarding 10 questions raised by community council in respect to incident involving two evacuee's arrest recently by local deputy officer.

- (a) Full report being mimeograph and expected to be sent to each block.

J. Hospital.

1. Short of nurses aid. About 32 short. Cooperation of block managers request in furnishing one from each block.
2. Meaning of emergency cases.
  - (a) Hemorrhage, shock, high temperature, continuous pain of stomach.
  - (b) Manager asked to determine cases.
  - (c) Only two hospital trucks available. People asked to cooperate and not ask to be given ride unnecessary.



BLOCK MANAGERS' MEETING

TIME: 8:30 a.m.  
DATE: AUGUST 29, 1944

PLACE: P. S. HALL # 28  
CHAIRMAN: SHINTARO ITO

NEW MANAGER:

Block #17 Kawaguchi, Masao. 17-1-E

TSUITOKAI:

Committee representing the managers.

Mr. Matsui	Block 1
Mr. Shigetomi	" 14
Mr. Ikexoe	" 15
Mr. Endow	" 26

Soldiers who were killed in action.

Shimatsu, Akira	Block 1
Saito, Calvin	" 14
Sugiyama, Togo	" 15
Masuda, Zenichi	26

AUTHORIZED BY MR. RHYNE:

Yard laborers asked to help clean main ditch. Wed. & Thurs.

BAGGAGES:

Many case of lost baggages.

Visitors and relocaters cautioned to make sure of any changes in number of boxes, baggages, in writing. Get written statement from driver or transportation dept. Don't ask strangers to get your baggages from the station and give him the ticket. Ask the Transportation dept. or WRA official.

HOUSING:

Still having difficulty in having orders filled.  
Committee to take this matter up again.

USO (sokokai)

Whenever there is Sokokai, managers asked to attend.

OPPORTUNITY OF WORK. MR. SHIMADA

Offer of employment for about 100. 50 applicants already. Cutting celery. Michigan. 50¢ a hour with room and board furnished. Seasonal - 45 days. Starting about Sept. 10th. Best of housing facilities. Apply at leave office. Transportation furnish both way by the company.

RAINCOAST:

Raincoats needed by block managers for the rainy season.



BLOCK MANAGERS' MEETING

DATE: SEPTEMBER 5, 1944  
TIME: 8:30 a.m.

PLACE: P. S. HALL #28  
CHAIRMAN: SHINTARO ITO

NEW MANAGERS:

Block #2 Sakurai, Munetomo  
Block #19 Kadoya, Toko

PASS: S

Ask people not to abuse the use of pass. Case told of where a person was suspended for 60 days for using other person's pass.

DITCH CLEANING:

Block laborers ask to help this Wed. & Thurs. Meet at Auditorium  
Boots needed to work. Many boots in warehouse.

NURSES AID:

People ask to help serious shortage of nurses aides. At present only 17 regular aides and sixteen part time high school girls. Need 36 nurses aides. Block Managers to hold meeting in their blocks and stress the urgent need for aides. Blocks divided in different district and hold meeting at certain date in said district:

MEETING:

District #1 Blocks 1,2,15,16,17,29 --9/7/44  
2 Blocks 3,4,13,14,20,19,12 --9/10/44  
3 Blocks 5,6,7,8,9,10,11, --9/11/44  
4 Blocks 28,27,32,33,40,41 --9/12/44  
5 Blocks 23,24,25,26,34,38,39 -- 9/13/44

SHOE STAMP:

Everybody asking for shoe stamp. None at office. With school starting need of shoe urgent. Ask administration to get more shoe stamp.

RECEIVED PAMPHLET FROM FRIENDS OF THE AMERICAN WAY:

Pamphlets at block managers office.  
Ask people to write to their American Friends.  
Decided to send 50¢ from each block to Friends of American Way for postage expense.

DITCH CLEANING:

West side of Block 8-24-25 ditches need cleaning. Much fallen tress, roots, brushes, grass, slows the movement of water.

REPORT:

Report any damaged grease trap cover to Maintenance Dept.  
Report any damaged mail wagon to Maintenance Dept.



TO: Mr. Ray D. Johnston

BLOCK MANAGERS' MEETING

TIME: 8:30 a.m.  
DATE: SEPTEMBER 19, 1944

PLACE: P. S. HALL # 28  
CHAIRMAN: SHINTARO ITO

NEW MANAGERS:

Block #2 HIDEJI YANOKAWA  
Block 32 Mr. MIKAMI

NOTICES:

Those needing paint for rest room to order right away.  
Kitchen chimney to be put up as soon as top covering comes.  
Leaky porch of unit. Report to Maintenance.  
Mess, Veg. house roof leaks report to Maintenance.

TSUTOKAI:

September 30th date set. Each block to give \$2.00.  
Managers body to give flowers.

FRIENDS OF AMERICAN WAY.

Sent \$15.00 as postage expense.

DR. HUNTER:

Received letter of appreciation.

STOVES:

No stoves available this winter for divided units so must ask person in such unit to move to other vacant unit in that block or other block where there is plenty of vacant units.

DRAINAGE:

Decided by committee to have workers from the blocks needing drainage work, other than key workers to work under supervision of Mr. Ferry. Exact date to be reported. Following blocks: 5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,19, 20,27, 28, 29.

Each block brought in the number of person other than key workers for lumber jacking and was forwarded to lumber committee.



TO: Mr. Ray D. Johnston

BLOCK MANAGERS' MEETING

TIME: 8:30 a.m.  
DATE: Septmeber 26, 1944

PLACE: S. P. HALL # 28  
CHAIRMAN: SHINTARO ITO

CENSUS:

Mr. Austin Smith attended the meeting to discuss about the coming quarterly census on Friday, evening.

Decided to have the people stay in their respective uni from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Friday evening.

Forms passed out to managers will be to filled in. Forms must be in Miss Morrow's desk by Friday noon.

NOTICES:

People still going into corn field. Managers to warn said party that they will be arrested and the chances of being shot at from farmers who is very serious about it.

On the application for passes, be sure to have the names, division of place of work, taking leave with pay on vacation, or with no pay, or off duty, or unemployed.

Asked to have passes issued on Thursdays. Making this day an open date when anybody can go to Johnston's office and Make an application to go out that day.

LUMBERJACK:

Mr. Hattori brought in additional names of key workers who are exempt from going to lumber work. Discussions were made.

Person not employed and who expects to go to work in lumber work when their respective blocks go could apply for work as lumberjace under emergency crew. See Coleman of Personnel.

It was brought out that compensation for injuries or death is too small which is based through the amount we make in the camp. Ask the Community Council to look into the matter of seeking more adequate and justifiable compensation.

HOUSING:

Mr. Hayashino checked with the block managers of the case on record of their respective blocks.

Committee of Housing: Mrs. Adachi, Mr. Akimoto, Mr. Hayashino, Mr. Mikami, Mr. Kaneko.

TSUTOIKAI:

Committee of arranging flowers selected:

Mr. Asawa, Mrs. Adachi, Mr. Date, Mr. Koro, Mr. Nozawa.



TSUTOUKAI:

Block managers to bring different kinds of fresh flowers picked on Saturday morning to Auditorium, at 8:30 a.m. All managers to be at Auditorium and help.

Mr. Ito, Chairman, selected to represent block managers at the ceremony.

JANITORIAL SUPPLY:

Said that few of the block managers helped deliver the supply.

Brought out by one of the managers that when he went to make an requisition for supply and in his discussion with Mr. Rhyne, it was said that Mr. Rhyne made a very degradatory remark even if he meant as a joke. We, as a managers working in cooperation with the official with best of interest receiving such remarks cannot let the matter go and decide to see the project director about it and also see if more cooperative and efficient deliveries of supply can be made.

LABOR SITUATION:

Due to labor shortage, many division is going to lack the labor to run efficiently its department. We, the managers, think its very necessary that the body representing the people (Community Council) should be vested with some power to ask the transfer of certain person from one division to another if said body thought it would be of best interest to the running of this center more efficiently and smoothly. Of course, this power is to be vested with the cooperation of the project director. As it is now, the official of the division would not release a person althought we the people think thatit can be release and be of best interest for the center. Passed that this matter be brought to the attention of the Community Council and have it investigated and see what can be done.



TO: Mr. Ray D. Johnston

BLOCK MANAGERS' MEETING

DATE: OCT. 10, 1944  
TIME: 8:30 a.m.

PLACE: COMMUNITY COUNCIL OFFICE  
CHAIRMAN: SHINTARO ITO

NOTICES:

Kalsomine for Mess:

Block requesting:

Block. 1, 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, 19, 29, 20, 25, 26, 32, 34.

JAPANESE PRISONER OF WAR

Packages of 4 lbs. can be sent. Direct to camp.

ORDNANCE PLANT IN NEBRASKA:

Report will be made by party who were sent to investigate the plant, at 7:30 p.m. Block #35. Mess Hall tonight.

MR. KOH MURAI:

Reception will held at Block #40, Wednesday, Oct. 11th, 7:30 p.m. Block managers and councilman and any other person interested may attend. 25¢ fee.

Special lectures by Mr. Koh Murai on Thursday, Oct. 12th at Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

Beginning next week, Oct. 16th, Mon. Tuse, and Thurs, classes in Agriculture will be held. Wednesday will be for special lectures, and Friday for ladies.

BOY SCOUT:

Mr. Griswald ask help of Block managers in finding leaders to help Boy Scout.  
managers to bring in two names of person they think will be good leaders.

NEW MANAGERS:

Block #5 Mrs. Grace Nobu Kniishima.

NURSES AID:

Campaign for nurses aid was not very successful. A joint meeting of managers and councilmen will be held this Saturday, Oct. 14th, about 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

COAL:

Shortage reported by Blk. 4, 34, 27, 10.

ELECTION:

Block managers election to be held on Oct. 20th. Present managers to bring to meeting the newly elected managers on 24th. Term for present managers will end Oct. 31st.



TO: Mr. Ray D. Johnston

BLOCK MANAGERS' MEETING

DATE: OCT. 17, 1944  
TIME: 8:30 a.m.

PLACE: COMMUNITY COUNCIL OFFICE  
CHAIRMAN: SHINTARO ITO

NOTICES:

Warn residents to take great care in taking down Asagao, Hiyotan, and other vines from those that are wrapped around electric wires and telephone twires. Cases have been reported where the wires were broken in yanking the vines off.

Wedges, hammer, axes, handles, can be replaced or new ones can be obtained from maintenance Dept.

Stove polish in cake form are available so will be delivered to each block.

Chimneys for mess, laundry room, P. S. hall, shower, are now ready so will be installed soon.

Financial report from Mr. Koh Murai's reception was read by Mr. Ito. There was a balance of about \$2.40 after expenses were paid. Mr. Ito to do what he think best after he has talked with councilman.

OUTSIDE VISITOR:

Managers help were asked in checking up how long the visitor expects to stay longer after stay has expired. Policemen has been doing the checking so far and was embarrassing to the visitors in a way that neighbors ask questions and think something was wrong. Managers all agreed to cooperate and help in this matter.

COUNCILMEN BODY:

New Food Committee said to have been formed from a from different division such as council, managers, steward, warehouse, mess. Mr. Date elected as chairman. Mr. Date who is a block manager and present here at this meeting gave some highlights of their meeting with Mr. Sears, (chief steward of center) and Mr. Harding, Washington representative here on inspection.

- A. Poor Rice. Went to inspect rice at warehouse. Told to send sample to Washington for analysis and found bad will send better supply.
- B. Need for Bread box. Unsanitary condition exist. Too much time and red tape through regular channel so asked to put requisition direct to Project Director.
- C. Fish. Main food of Japanese. Other center like Granada getting fresh fish from Pacific Coast through Tsuchiya formerly of Los Angeles, owner of Santa Monica Fish Co., who contracts with firm in Los Angeles. Mr. Harding going to Granada so will check up on this matter and see Mr. Tsuchiya and see what can be done.



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Committee members: Mr. Matsumot, Mr. Okawa, Mr. Tsohida, Mr. Maramura,  
Mr. Sato, Mr. Date, Mr. Doi, Mr. Miyake, Mr. Yakushiji.

C. B. PRICE:

Mr. Price formerly of Community Activities of this center and later relocation officer of Savannah, Ga. returned to this center as relocation officer to take position left by Mr. Moulton. Introduced by Mr. Fujino and he spoke to us. He said that he came to say "Hello" to us and to meet old friends and to make new friends and that he will strive to give service to the best of his ability and help those who wish to relocate. He stress the point that he does not force nor try to encourage relocation to anybody but that there are opportunities outside to which those who wishes can relocate and he is at our service. He asks the people not to hesitate to call at his department which he says can give valuable information and service.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Mr. Kamiya brought word from his chief that Morning Glory and other vines hanging on the barracks should be taken down as there are about withered now and dry and makes fire hazard. Fire woods to be pile 6 ft. away from unit. In inside units, don't have anything within cement block. Hanging laundry near the stove is dangerous. Put fire extinguisher inside the unit, either in C or D. It's getting cold outside and the water inside will freeze, making extinguisher useless. Suggestion brought up that having a fire extinguisher here will be most beneficial.

HOUSING DEPT.

Managers to bring weekly housing report every Tuesday instead of Friday.

WOOD:

Mr. Hattori came to the meeting and stated that at present there are 4 power saws working and that within this week 6 to 9 will be ready. Mr. Naketomi of 27-4-E has charge of it and in case of any trouble to the saw, call the Motor Pool Dept. where arrangement has been made to contact Mr. Naketomi every hour or so. Mr. Hattori states that there are two Bull dogger machines but that one machine is broken and that other is being rented out and is being used for outside work. The Bulldogger machine is needed to build road through the woods where last year woods are located. Most of the woods nearby has all been hauled in and there is none to haul. It might be necessary to start cutting again from next week and haul said wood. Mr. Hattori will go to the office and see if some kind of arrangement can be made to borrow the Bulldogger machine for a day.

PICTURE:

Collection of picture taken of Block Managers. 25¢ each. \$6.00 collected. Following blocks have not paid: Blocks 2, 5, 11, 13, 16, 27, 29, 34, 38.



TO: Ray D. Johnston

BLOCK MANAGERS' MEETING

DATE: OCT. 24, 1944  
TIME: 8:30 a.m.

PLACE: COMMUNITY COUNCIL OFFICE  
CHAIRMAN: SHENTARO ITO

NEW MANAGERS:

Newly elected managers of Block #4, RUICHI MURAKAMI 4-7-A, Block #7, EDDIE OMORI 7-8-D, Block #17, MASAO MATSUOKA, 17-6-B, Block #28, SAICHI OGATA 28-6-D, Block #34, YOSHIO ARAKAWA 34-8-C, were introduced. Few of the other blocks have had no election as yet. Many former managers reelected.

NOTICES:

SOKOKAI: Council body decided to revise plans of Sokokai and the following plans adopted:

1. \$1.00 fee from each block.
  2. Through USO Give and to the family of inductee a service flag and service pin.
    - (a) Number of blue star designat number of son in service.
    - (b) Gold star will take place in case of death of son.
    - (c) Let USO know the number of sons in service.
  3. Parties for inductee to be held in block the family reside.
- Question brought up as to the fairness of just giving flag and service pin to the late inductees only.
1. 1. Flag will be given to all inductees family but at present, service pin will be given to lat inductess only. Eventually, service pin will be given to all inductees family through some kind of planning.

Mrs. Adachi of Block #4, new coordinator of USO.

FIELD EVENT:

November 9th, center wide field event.  
C.A. will sen out bulletin of events. Wishes managers to get names of parties signing up for different events and turn it in to C. A.

Going to ask project director for a holiday for whole Center.

SPEED LAW:

Administration of enforce speed law and safety driving. Let people know to that effect.

FOOD COMMITTEE:

Mr. Date spoke about rice which he states that the last shipment was good and that no complains have gone to quartermaster before on this matter and he believe they may be sending without knowing the good and bad. Data on the dates of poor rice shipments and the good rice shipment to be sent to quartermaster.



Miso and Tofu to start again.  
Ice Cream plant ready now and Mr. Date ask the opinion of the managers whether they think the people would like to have ice cream during winter season. Opinions of stewards and others are also being asked. Managers all unanimously favor making it.

WOOD:

Mr. Hattori spoke about some changes in plan.

1. No need to call Motor Pool for service of Mr. Taketomi as he makes the round of blocks where power saw is in operation.
2. District head has charge of schedule for use of power saw so if any change is needed to see him.
3. Do not move power saw else where then scheduled. Next place is waiting as per schedule.
4. Do not keep power saw more than its scheduled for.

NURSES AID:

After much campaigning and planning for recruiting of nurse aid and its poor result, council body decided to let matter go for a while. Managers held a lengthy discussion for a some kind of solution to this grave problem.

Following suggestion to be brought to the attention of council body.

1. Mr. Omori suggested to have nisei girl serve at Irokai and at the same time ask them if any kind of solution to the problem can be brought up. It's awfully hard to get any kind of gathering without some kind of interest.
2. Mr. Hayashino suggested to have some kind of health program in each block and have doctor state the grave situation and ask the help of the people.
3. Mr. Ito suggest getting a committee made up from Council, manager, health body and follow up the result of campaign where some gave answers to promise.

TRANSPORTATION OF BAGGAGES  
OF RELOCATED PERSON.

Many evacuees relocating had to pay transportation charges from station to their new home. That is nearest destination station. Bill of such charges were shown to Evacuee officer and this matter checked up. Letter received from him read that certain section of regulation states that WRA pays for freight to nearest destination station. This means that evacuee has to pay cartage from station to his resident.

1. This matter to be brought up to the Council body and see if something can be done about it.



TO: Ray D. Johnston

# BLOCK MANAGERS MEETING

DATE: OCT. 31, 1944

TIME: 8:30 a.m.

PLACE: COMMUNITY COUNCIL OFFICE

CHAIRMAN: SHINTARO ITO

Meeting was called to order by Chairman, Mr. Ito.

Roll call was made to see who were the new managers for the coming term.

## BLOCK MANAGERS:

There were two blocks that haven't elected their managers. Many of the former managers were re-elected. The blocks that have new managers are: Blocks 4, 7, 13, 15, 17, 19, 28, and 34.

New managers are requested to register their names with the Post Office and the Co-op.

## CHAIRMAN OF BLOCK MANAGERS:

The election of chairman of block managers has been postponed until the next meeting because of the fact that Blocks 40 and 13 haven't as yet decided upon their managers.

Much discussion, pro and con, was had as to whether the election for the chairman should be held today or not. Mr. Ito, who is the present chairman and also the manager of Block 40, thought it best to have the election for chairman at this meeting but other managers, hoping to see Mr. Ito back as chairman of the managers, took a vote as to whether the election should be held today or not. The body was unanimously in favor of holding the election at the next meeting.

## DRAINAGE DITCHING:

Mr. Ferry did not give a definite answer as to when the ditching will ever begin. He stated that there was a change of plans. A committee was chosen to see Mr. Johnston, Wednesday morning at 8:30 about this matter. The committee is as follows: Mr. Koro, Mr. Asawa, Mr. Fujiwara, Mr. Omori, Mr. Nozawa and Mr. Shigesomi.

## FIELD EVENT, NOV. 9:

A change of plans has been made regarding the events to be held on that day. The block managers are to get the names of participants for the following three events, 3 mile marathon, 880 yards, and 100 yards, only. There will also be a Baso parade.



TO: Ray D. Johnston

### BLOCK MANAGERS' MEETING

TIME: 8:30 a.m.  
DATE: NOV. 7, 1944

PLACE: COMMUNITY COUNCIL OFFICE  
CHAIRMAN: SHINTARO ITO

Meeting was called to order by Chairman, Mr. Shintaro Ito.

#### NEW MANAGERS:

Mr. Setsuji Fujimoto, Block 13, and Mr. Shintaro Ito, Block 40, were introduced.

#### DRAINAGE DITCHING:

The committee went to see Mr. Johnston, Wednesday morning, Nov. 1, at 8:30 a.m. Due to other urgent business, Mr. Johnston could not see the committee at that time. The committee, therefore, went to see Mr. Rhyne. Mr. Rhyne was very rude in his conversation with us regarding this drainage ditching. He stated that there was no use for this ditching as we will be moving out of this center soon. There was not need for further discussion with him on this matter so they left him. The committee met with Mr. Johnston next morning at which time Mr. Ferry was there also. Mr. Johnston wished to discuss the matter with Mr. Ferry before meeting with the committee. He stated that he was sorry the committee had to see Mr. Rhyne before they had a chance to speak to him. The plan which was the same as the one planned several months ago, was discussed. There seems to be a shortage of material right now so Mr. Johnston advised Mr. Ferry to start in as soon as possible with the work with the material on hand. Mr. Ferry is to let Mr. Ito know the day they are ready to begin work.

#### FIELD DAY EVENT:

The day for this Field Event has been changed to next Tuesday, Nov. 14th.

#### FOOD COMMITTEE:

Mr. Date quoted from the answer he received from Mr. Harding and Mr. Tsuchiya. Due to the bad transportation facilities, such great quantities of fish for the Center need reicing several times before it reaches the Center from the Coast. Due to the said causes, other Centers have discontinued the receiving of fish; not due to the shortage of fish, but due to the shortage of labor in taking care of the reicing that is necessary. The only step left is to procure fish through the quartermaster here in Arkansas in contact with the Los Angeles quartermaster and have a mixed car of fish sent.

Cocoa is not on hand but will be coming in shortly. It will be posted under the menu once or twice a week.

The making of ice cream is not definite. The matter of sugar consumption for making ice cream has to be investigated more thoroughly.

#### FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Mr. Kamiya, representing the Fire Department, brought word from the chief that quite a few of the residents are still piling wood close to the building or on the porch. The wood should be piled 6 feet away from the building. Coal, Kindling wood, and papers kept in the boiler room should be removed to outside.



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Mess Hall stoves are burning out due to the excessive heat and these can be repaired by requesting to Mr. Rains.

Mess hall fire extinguishers have been removed and it is wished that these be replaced to their proper places.

USO:

It is requested that the USO be notified of persons inducted from outside the center with parents residing inside the center.

Many telegrams of casualties and deaths are coming in. Please have the parent notify the USO right away.

#### ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN:

Candidates for the chairmanship were nominated as follows: Mr. Frank Date, Mr. Tamotsu Nozawa, Mr. Tomejiro Shigetome, Mr. Eddie Omori, Mr. Gunji Asawa, and Mr. Shintaro Ito. Thirty-one managers voted and two were absent. The final count of the votes for chairman was as follows:

Ito -- 22, Date -- 5, Shigetomi -- 1, Omori -- 2, No count--1.  
Mr. Shintaro Ito received the greatest number of votes and therefore was re-elected as Chairman.

The floor was opened again for nomination for Co-vice Chairman. Mr. Date and Mr. Omori were elected into office as the result of this election. The votes were casted 26 for Mr. Date and 16 for Mr. Omori.

#### MAINTENANCE AND SUPPLY COMMITTEE:

Mr. Ito suggested that it may be a good idea to have a committee to investigate the supplies and keep the managers posted on this matter.

The following managers were chosen to be on the Maintenance and Supply Committee: Mr. Arakawa, Mr. Asawa, Mr. Hayshi, Mr. Shigetome, and Mr. Murakami.

#### HOUSING COMMITTEE:

A new committee was chosen. The following are the names of the managers chosen: Mr. Yada, Mr. Yamaguchi, Mr. Akimoto, Mr. Nojiri, and Mr. Mikami.



## BLOCK MANAGERS' MEETING

DATE: NOVEMBER 21, 1944  
TIME: 8:30 p.m.

PLACE: COMMUNITY COUNCIL OFFICE  
CHAIRMAN: SHINTARO ITO

### NOTICES:

Pfc. Thomas Higa, slated to speak at Auditorium two evenings. Wednesday and Thursday, 11/22-23, at 7:30 p.m. Reception in his honor is sponsored by Council, Block Managers, and USO. Thursday afternoon, 2:00 p.m. at USO Hall.

### BLOCK DANCING:

Sponsor to get O.K. of C.A. and Internal security and also of Block Manager if for use of P. S. Hall and Steward for Mess Hall.

### LUMBERJACKING:

Change in system. District scheduled to go, if rained out, do not go next day but postpone till its next scheduled day.

### INDUCTION:

Family to let USO representative in block know of induction of son right away whether it be from Center or outside.

Mr. Moulton wishes the managers to get list of soldiers from their respective block and the soldiers name, center address, number in his family, date of induction or enlistment; specify from where; center, after relocation, or before evacuation.

### HOUSING:

Family overcrowded in unit with minimum or over in number and wishes to change or have another unit report to manager.

### MANAGERS MEETING:

Time changed to afternoon of every tuesday at 1:30 p.m. at the same place.



BLOCK MANAGERS' MEETING

DATE: November 27, 1944  
TIME: 1:30 p.m.

PLACE: COMMUNITY COUNCIL OFFICE  
CHAIRMAN: SHINTARO ITO

Meeting called to order by Mr. Shintaro Ito, chairman

Mr. Price of the relocation office here if this center was introduced, who in turn introduced Mr. Hill, relocation Officer of Dallas, Texas. Mr. Hill said that there are opportunities in the southern district that northern district haven't and anytime anybody wishes information he will welcome the opportunity of serving us.

Mr. Inouye from the Fire Dept. was next introduced. He brought word from his chief that many more of the residents are not complying with the regulation about wood piling 6 ft. from the barrack. Ask managers to see that these people do so. Case of smoke coming out from underneath the cement block in unit brought to our attention. Cause by defect in making of chimney flue. expect to cover the bottom of the chimney to the level of the cement block with sand to overcome this hazard. Sand to be delivered to each block in the near future. Managers to arrange about putting in these sand into the chimney. Mrs. Hall fire extinguisher usually on floor, wishes it hanged on wall. Sign designating where fire extinguisher are in unit are about ready so will be delivered soon.

A notice has come from Mr. Zeigler that plans for Christmas for children are made. There are many presents but no budget for candies has been made. Block must make some arrangements themselves. Chairmand and vice chairman selected to find some means of getting candies. There will be Santa Claus as last year and blocks wishing to have the Santa call send in name. Christmas tree and papers will be delivered soon.

Notice has come from Mr. Johnston that many people have gone to pick peacock nuts from nearby farms. Warnings have come from these farmers and we are afraid of what may be the consequence if it keeps up so advise people to stop this trespassing on private property. There are some on the west side in the property of the WRA.

People wishing to go out to McGahee on days other than their respective block's schedule must ask managers of other district and see if there is a vacancy and have their name put on the said blocks application. People have been coming to Ad. 1, Johnston's secretary's desk for this information and hereafter no such information and service will be given at said desk.

Anybody wishing to sell washing machine or piano contact red Cross.

Managers report death of Issei to managers desk. Bring name of deceased, birth place, date of birth, civil status, place of resident, date of death, place of death, cause of death, and name of deceased's closest relative. This report is forwarded to Spanish Consul.



Mr. Asawa chairman of Maintenance and Supply. Reported they have had no chance to see Mr. Martin.

Mr. Date who is a chairman of Food committee reported that possibility of getting fish from the coast through the quartermaster is promising. Mochigome for New Years is sure. Nuca is expected about the 15th of this month.

Mr. Stearns new maintenance man. Reports from him that he expects to get sands to be put in chimney flue. Ask cooperation of managers in this matter. He feels the need of gravel in many blocks and will see what he can do about getting it. Wooded area especially needs it immediately.

A request has been submitted from Education Dept. asking the managers to take the matter regarding getting boards for basket ball goal to be put up in the Auditorium immediately.

It was approved.

A request for getting sand for the playground also has been submitted. This also has been approved.

Mrs. Ewing from the Housing Division came with several of her staff and with a picture map gave us a interesting outline of the situation at the time of our entering this center and to the present time. With the aid of the map we were able to see the conditions existing in units and the need for remedy. Mrs. Ewing seems to be very cooperative and wishes to be of service to the best interest for the people. Miss Nino was introduced and she is to be a contact person between the managers and Mrs. Ewing in getting information.



## BLOCK MANAGERS' MEETING

DATE: DECEMBER 5, 1944  
TIME: 1:30 p.m.

PLACE: COMMUNITY COUNCIL OFFICE  
CHAIRMAN: SHINTARO ITO

Meeting was called to order by Mr. Shintaro Ito, chairma.

### NOTICES:

There will be a Tsutokai of the center on Dec. 16th.

Community Council and Block Managers to make 20 Rose Flowers. Papers for this will be sent to the blocks. Other materials needed for making the flowers must be furnished by the blocks. The flowers should be left at the mess halls on Dec. 14th when they will be picked up.

Blocks are also asked to make flowers for the hospital; one wreath and on bunch of flowers for the table.

Tractors and machineries left at the lumberjacking areas are being tampered with and also moved around. Please have parents advise their boys not to touch these machineries or they will be arrested and subject to punishment.

Funds to buy candies for the children this Christmas have been donated by the Co-op. We are going to ask the Co-op to buy this candy for us.

Let the USO know of all soldiers death since last centerwide Tsutokai. Please notify the USO by the 16th.

### DRAINAGE DITCHING:

Nothing has been done by the administration to this day after promises were made that the work on the drainage ditching will begin right away. Notices have been received from people in affected blocks that they will take matters into their own hands.

Committee on this has met with Mr. Johnston and Mr. Ferry so many times, and received promises that have not been fulfilled, that the committee cannot be responsible any further. Therefore, it has been decided to send a last letter to said responsible persons to that effect and ask for a written statement as to what they are going to do about it.

### HOUSING:

The difficult cases confronting the committee were discussed with the managers of said blocks and it has been decided that the cases will be turned over to Mr. Johnston.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL: Phone number --19, three rings.



ROHWER RELOCATION CENTER  
McGehee, Arkansas

December 6, 1944

M E M O R A N D U M

To: Mr. Ray D. Johnston

From: Committee on Drainage Ditching  
Block Managers

Subject: Drainage Ditching

We have had several meetings with you in regards to the urgent need of drainage ditching in and around the Bocks 20, 11, 12, 13, 14, and other sections and have received promises that it will begin tomorrow, next week, etc., but to this day nothing has been done. We have been conveying your promises to the people time and time again and now the people are mad and do not trust us nor you and have given us a notice that unless we have a definite word or the drainage ditching started by next Monday, the people will take the matter into their own hand. We, the committee cannot be responsible for the consequence and wishes from you a written statement on what you are going to do about your promises on this matter within this week.

We are hoping that your promises will be fullfilled immediately and the work started.

Mr. Koro  
Mr. Asawa  
Mr. Fujiwara  
Mr. Omori  
Mr. Nozawa  
Mr. Shigetomi  
COMMITTEE ON DRAINAGE DITCHING

Copies to: Mr. Ferry  
Mr. Rhyne



## BLOCK MANAGERS' MEETING

DATE: DECEMBER 12, 1944  
TIME: 1:30 p.m.

PLACE: COMMUNITY COUNCIL OFFICE  
CHAIRMAN: SHINTARO ITO

### DRAINAGE DITCHING:

Mr. Ferry was on hand to discuss the drainage ditching. He stated that work has begun on north West corner of Block 25 and Block 9. He thought best to have men start to work from Block 25 section till everything is more organized. The committee on this matter will meet with Mr. Ferry 8:30 a.m. tomorrow morning on the corner of Block 25 to see what its started right and make out some kind of schedule for labors. Committee members are as follows: Mr. Asawa, Mr. Omori, Mr. Nozawa, Mr. Koro, Mr. Fujimura, Mr. Fujimoto, Mr. Shigetomi, Mr. Yamaguchi.

### NOTICES:

From Councilmen meeting: Let council office know of any soldiers death. Decided that Council, Block Managers, USO, Red Cross committee to go to family of soldier and extend their sympathy.

Dec. 16th Tsutokai--Flowers to be left at Mess Hall by 14th Block 6 will help put flowers together and on stands.

Managers to bring number of family without service flag or service pin at next meeting. How many for one, two, or three stars?

Mr. Finch and the soldiers of 171 Battalion at Camp Shelby has donated candles and gum for children. Mr. Finch will be here in this camp to pass out and meet the children this Sunday afternoon. A schedule for the meeting at each blocks was passed out.

Mr. Earl Finch address: 22 W. Pine St., Hattiesburg, Miss.  
171 Battalion Camp Shelby, Miss.

### HOSPITAL:

Closing of Ward 8 on account of shortage of nurses.

### RED CROSS:

Notify Red Cross of your 2 block representatives.

### SANTA CLAUS:

Notify C.A. By coming Saturday, blocks wishing to call Bring to 20-9-F by Saturday (three) large empty carton boxes to put Christmad gift. Be sure to have your block number in said boxes.

Miss Humburger of Stockton wish to know of names of inductees, soldiers killed in action who are formerly from Stockton District.



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HOUSING:

Committee on housing stated that difficult cases has been handed over to Miss Ewing, and Mrs. Van Dusseldorg to settle.

TSUITOKAI:

Dec. 16th. Bring (Lireki) of the soldiers to Council office.

Following are the soldiers killed in action for whom Tsutokai will be held:

Block 14	Tajima	Block 2	Masaoka
Block 17	Sakai	Block 6	Tahara
Block 23	Nakamura	Block 4	Okura
	Nishikawa	34	Kaneichi
Block 28	Nakamoto	17	Yasuda
	Nishimoto	9	Otsubo
Block 19	Tanaka	14	Saito
34	Yoshida	4	Kamioka

JAPANESE PRISONERS OF WAR:

Camp McCoy, Wisconsin. Shogi and Go needed for these prisoners. Those wishing to sell or donate please contact Red Cross.

FOOD COMMITTEE:

Mochigome 6600lbs. said to have been shipped about Dec. 8th.

Coop will handle the purchase of fish for New Years with the following condition. Buri or Sea Bass. Party ordering must be responsible for the kind of fish, less than ordered, time of arrival. Order must be in by 15th.

RAILWAY EXPRESS:

Baggages and parcels coming in by railway express and brought in by center trucks are being delivered carelessly. It is left on the road and any place without even notifying the person to whom it is addressed.

Baggages at McGehee station is being tampered and many are opened and things taken. Ask that proper action be taken in this matter.



# BLOCK MANAGERS' MEETING

DATE: DECEMBER 19, 1944

TIME: 1:30 p.m.

PLACE: BLOCK 42-5-F

CHAIRMAN: SHINTARO ITO

Major English from the West Coast defense Command was introduced by Chester Fujino of the Community Council.

Major English is here to interview the group of individuals whose cases have not yet been determined since the mass exclusion has been changed to individual exclusion. He stressed that if a person is called for an interview, it does not mean that he will be secluded; that many cases will be cleared; and also in order that no injustice will be done to any person, the confidence of said persons be given to him. The military authorities have classified Japanese-Americans into three groups:

1. A group of those who are free to move or reside in any part of the United States.
2. A group of those who have definitely indicated that they are not loyal and will continue to be excluded.
3. A group of individuals whose cases have not yet been determined.

Parents with sons or daughters in the Army or Navy will be given special privileges.

Mr. Mori -- Christmas committee chairman:

Mr. Mori stated that Christmas gifts have come from many different organizations on the outside. Friends Church, Reform Church, Nisei's of Milwaukee, and New York.

The committee wishes the receiver of gifts to write and thank the party who sent it and thus create friendship with the children and make it possible for a better understanding of our people.

The committee members were picked from all different organizations in this center. They worked diligently and hard to give each party a fair and equal chance to the best gifts.

Ronwer Red Cross donated \$250.00. Peacan nuts were purchased. Will be delivered on or about the morning of the 23rd.

Santa Claus will call Sunday night, December 24th.

A complete set of Basket Ball was received in the gift and the committee decided to give the set to the block which will decorate their Mess Hall the best at minimum cost. Judges will be around to see and pick the winner.

On Dec. 29th, 9:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M. the left over gifts from Christmas will be passed out to blocks so be at 20-9-F.



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Saturday, 23rd, a Christmas program will be held at the Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. Seats have been reserved for managers.

Census will be taken by managers on Dec. 28th between the hours of 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Make two copies and bring one copy to Miss Morrow's desk on Jan. 2 and before 5:00 p.m.

Go and Shogi for Japanese Prisoners of war will be picked up this week so keep in block office.

Bring to the next meeting, the name of one representative to be in on advisory council of Spanish consul.

On behalf of the managers, Mr. Ito thanked Mr. Date and his block residents for their kind help in making flowers for the recent Tsutokai.

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday instead of Tuesday.



BLOCK MANAGERS' MEETING

DATE: DECEMBER 27, 1944  
TIME: 1:30 p.m.

PLACE: 42-5-F  
CHAIRMAN: SHINTARO ITO

One hundred seventy five books were received from Japan through Red Cross. Will be put in library for public about next week.

Census on 28th. 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Notice from Community Council meeting: Tajukenkuin committee proposed that there is a need for a group to go to the coast and investigate things before matters can be considered regarding the opening of California. It was proposed that about 5 persons be elected to be in said group. The expense for the trip to be brought up to WRA in coordination with other nine centers.

Notice from Community Council meeting: Food committee proposed that an Erokai be given to Center Mess Operator for their untiring effort in serving the people of this center by during extra hours of work, and helping with work other than their duty.

Block managers to call at 9-6-F for figts on Friday 29th, between hours of 4 to 5 o'clock.

Baggage and parcel still left in road way without owner's being notified. This matter will be brought up to the attention of project director again.

Baggage coming in from outside being tampered with and goods stolen. Two policement to go with truck calling for said baggage. If the baggage are found tampered at the depot, said baggage will be left there and owner of said baggage taken to depot and make necessary claim.

Service men having difficulty getting transportation to station when no relocating transportation is had. There is a need for transportation to and from station to camp every day when train arrives. Connection with train schedule needed. This matter will be brought up to the attention of project director.