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Mr. M. M. Tozier
Chief, Reports Division
War Relocation Authority
910 - 17th Street
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Tozier:

You will find enclosed ^{one copy} ~~three~~ copies of
a diary of the Rohwer Center for the period Octo-
ber, 1942 - January 1944.

There are also enclosed ^{one copy} ~~three~~ copies of
a portion of a diary of an evacuee girl who lived
for a short time at this center. It gives some
idea how center life impressed a well educated and
cultured evacuee. The writer is Miss Yoshiye Ogata.

At the suggestion of Miss Hogan of the Office
Service Section of the Washington office, I am send-
ing copies of both diaries to the University of
California.

Sincerely,

Austin Smith, Jr.
Reports Officer

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DIARY

Rohwer Center

October 1942 - January 1944

October 24, 1942

Rohwer OUTPOST, official organ of the Rohwer Relocation center, made its debut under the co-editorships of Bean Takeda and Barry Saiki. Included in its orange and yellow pages were the welcome messages of Project Director; Ray D. Johnston; C.B. Price, Community Activities head; J.A. Trice, Superintendent of schools; and E. B. Moulton, Employment and Housing head. Other features were a map and brief history of the Center and a cartoon.

Personnel Division is making a comprehensive survey of people eligible for work. Personal history, education and training, employment history, and work preferences are cataloged by the division.

October 25, 1942

Six firemen fought forest blaze for 6½ hours before successfully subduing it.

Six Camp Robinson soldiers were feted at party by center resident friends.

Nucleus for a center Young Buddhist Association was formed at a Sunday religious service.

October 28, 1945

Official warning issued to center residents against lumber stealing from contractor's lumberyard in north end of camp. Two youths were shot by guard (employed by contractor) while attempting to take lumber.

Transfers to other centers, permits for leaves, and methods to expedite approval of applications for clearance were discussed at a meeting of administration heads.

October 28, 1942

Dr. Nat R. Griswold, director of Adult and Continuation Education, was appointed head of student relocation.

Names of 24 block leaders and 4 district directors were released by the Community Activities Division.

Activities directors under the Community Activities Division are: Directors Paul Shimada, Clubs and Organizations; Adelene Lee, Arts and Crafts; Ty Saito, Social Activities; Gray Nagai, Adults Activities; George Suxuki, Men and Women's Athletics; Thomas Uyeda, Maintenance; Shoichi Yamada, Signs and Posters; Ken Hasegawa, Library.

October 29, 1942

Initial election election for block managers was held throughout the center. All residents 18 years or over were declared eligible to vote for candidates who were nominated at mass meetings held on preceding nights. Balloting procedures were left up to the individual blocks. 30 block managers were selected to serve from November 1, 1942 for the ensuing six months.

Fire department received first of three new fire trucks, completely equipped and built for five-man capacity.

October 30, 1942

Approximately 200 more evacuees arrived from the Santa Anita Assembly Center just before midnight. (the last group) They were inducted and assigned to quarters at mess hall 38 after midnight. All arrivals were assigned to quarters at Block 38 or with relatives and friends in some other block by 4:30 a.m. The population count was swelled to 8,261 by the coming of this contingent.

October 31, 1942

Hospital opened. A general medical ward, outpatient clinic, and another section to handle minor cases was declared ready for use. Temporarily headed by Dr. L. M. Neher, the staff consists of five evacuee doctors. The Hospital, a huge 17-barrack affair, is considered the largest among those of the 10 communities under the War Relocation Authority.

October 31, 1942

Urgency of need for lumberjacks, policemen, and janitors stressed by responsible heads.

Legal aid department opened in the administration building under Project Attorney Jack Curtis.....will handle any legal difficulties of center people.

November 4, 1942

Paper shortage-----center publication halted.

Rohwer high, jr. high, and elementary school teachers conference was opened yesterday (November 3 - Tuesday) in P.S. Hall 31, under the leadership of Superintendent of schools, J.A. Trice. 43 evacuee and 40 Caucasian American teachers attended. Speakers appearing before group were T. M. Stinnett, Willie Lawson, and Dr. Roy Roberts of the Arkansas State Education Fields; Ray D. Johnston, Dr. J.B. Hunter, E. B. Moulton, Dr. Nat R. Griswold, and C. B. Price of the local administration offices.

Sewing Room open from 8 - 5 every day except Sunday.

November 7, 1942

Why not an RSO (USO)? asks an Outpost editorial, viewing the large numbers of soldiers visiting the Rohwer center.

Dental clinic now open in hospital ---only emergency extraction cases handled.

Firemen go on 24 hour duty hereafter -- 2 shifts of 12 hours

November 8, 1942

Yoriko Watanable, first student leaving center entrained for Spring Arbor Seminar Junior College, Spring Arbor, Michigan.

National Red Cross certificates for first aid awarded to 12 young people.

November 8, 1942

Center subjected to several unofficial blackouts--sent residents scurrying into baggage for candles, or cursing in the darkness. Two women wood or tree choppers responsible for at least one blackout----tree felled against power lines.

November 9, 1942

Judo classes started tonite

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Schools opened for registration in Blocks 31 and 35 --
registration for one week.

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School supplies and rice being sold in canteen -- not much else.

November 10, 1942

Night classes in Introductory Psychology offered to resident teachers and high school grads.

November 11, 1942

Montgomery Ward opens for service in Block 42 on cooperative basis. 10% profit at end of each month to be placed in Center co-op fund.

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Urgent call for lumberjacks issued--lack of tools cited--may borrow from blocks.

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Election for 33 councilmen today. 100 candidates. Initial step toward the establishment of the Center self government body.

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Several volunteers to the MIS at Camp Savage Left camp after passing the entrance exams.

November 14, 1942

1900 pupils registered during week for school-----614 in High School, 470 in Junior High, and 8,425 in the elementary.

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A "Classical Hour" featuring selection from George Gershwin, Johann Straus, and the singing of Paul Robeson was instituted--to be a weekly event.

November 14, 1945

Cooking school being considered by the mess division---instructors needed.

November 15, 1945

The long anticipated, much publicized Santa Anita vs Stockton grid classic was played off today. The still faction conscious residents numbering some 4,000 fans whooped and yelled as the Santa Anita team walked off 7-0 victors over Stockton.

Cold windy, dusty, seatless playing field was locale for the first outdoor talent show to be held in the center. It began at 7 p.m. on an improvised stage with a speech from both Project Director Johnston, and Community Activities head, C. B. Price. The huge audience was patient despite poor lighting, ineffective P. A. system, long intermissions, interruptions, physical discomforts, and inadequate master of ceremonies. The classic dances of Kansuma and her pupils highlighted the show.

November 18, 1942

Assembly center paychecks being distributed -- also Government Issue clothing from both the Santa Anita and Stockton assembly centers.

Steps taken by center council to organize canteen co-op

Dr. William Carstarphen, newly appointed head of Rohwer Center hospital, arrived releasing temporary acting head, Dr. L.M. Neher of the Minidoka Project.

November 19, 1942

Many sign up for classes in adult English division--first evening of adult classes

November 21, 1942

Internee family survey to be made with possibilities of families being reunited with members in internment camps in mind.

November 21, 1942

Army inspection board visit center----hospital facilities, housing, equipment, sanitation, etc. probed

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Community Council met and appointed committees to draft a tentative self government charter and to make a study of cooperative enterprises.

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Wall boards are being delivered to the blocks, but completion of units held up until the arrival of nails. Residents required to put own up.

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Residents warned of poison oak and ivermectin----about 100 victims

November 25, 1942

Rohwer vs. Jerome Thanksgiving football game postponed indefinitely by latest ward received from Washington, D. C.

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Thanksgiving dinners and parties held throughout camp today (26)
Menus included turkey, yams, peas, carrots, and apple pie.

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Current events course by Mr. C. Sumida under the division of adult education was received with much interest by the Issei.

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Center landscaping plan under supervision Lee and Tad Yoshimine-----hospital and administration area to be given first consideration.

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Government Issue clothing allowances to be on cash basis it was announced.

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Construction begun on school buildings--temporarily housed in blocks 31 and 35, the classrooms are without desks, textbooks, or blackboards.

November 28, 1942

Telephones are located on poles in the middle of every four-block area for use in cases of emergency or official business.

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Each block was to be availed of four sewing machines.

November 28, 1942

An advisory council consisting of eight Issei was formed for the community Activities division.

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Some 75 Japanese repatriates have been transferred from the Jerome Center to the Rohwer Center. The group composed of Issei, Nisei, and Kibei; men women and children; are housed in block 38.

December 2, 1942

Driver's licences were being issued to evacuee drivers who have proved their ability to handle a car.

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Distribution and hauling of firewood is the major issue of the day in the center. Shortage of loggers, choppers, trucks, implements, etc. hamper organization---another new system to be tried.

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Emergency clothing allowances will be granted to those who are in desperate need of clothing.

December 5, 1942

Rehabilitation on the outside to be the next and fourth step of evacuation, announced Dillion Sl Myer to the Center leaders at recent meeting.

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Unemployment compensation will be granted to those qualifying under the WRA regulations.

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John Ando and Jack Kiba were guest speakers at the club meeting of the Monticello Rotary club.

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Nine scouts were presented with special scout awards by C.B. Price recently.

December 7, 1942

Center library at P.S. Hall 19 opened its doors to the public today with a total of some 2,124 books on its shelves.

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Lumber pilfering still a problem.

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Locales of central shipping points announced--application blanks are available to those wishing the transfer of their household and other effect to this center.

December 10, 1942

90 members of Rotar and Lions Clubs of Monticello guest of Rohwer center. Under sponsorship of Community Activities Division, they toured camp and were honored at a special dinner at Mess 31. Jack Kiba, master of ceremonies----speakers were leaders of the clubs and of the center.

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First evacuee to leave center on indefinite work leave was Henry Masahiko Kubokawa, 29, The home of L. M. Hammon, businessman of Libertyville, Illinois was his destination (RFD #1)

December 11, 1942

Registration of all 18 year old youth for selective was begun at 31-1-F. J. A. Trice, superintendent of schools, is the registrar. Those having birthdays on or after January 1, 1943, must report for registration on those days, it was stressed.

December 14, 1942

The usual 8-hour work schedule which began at 8 a.m. was shifted so that working hours began at 8:30 a.m. to effect the conservation of electricity. Meal hours were also subject to the one half hour shift to conform with the workers hours.

December 16, 1942

Use of cameras permitted to citizens within center---alien use, however, prohibited in conformance with federal ruling.

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Because of the abundance of firewood in nearby areas, it was announced coal will not be provided for residents' use. Plans for hauling firwood for center use were submitted at the block managers meeting by Project Director Johnston.

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Approximately 700 acres of farm land adjoining the center are being prepared for spring plantings. Plans include production of such vegetables as tomatoes, celery, daikon, beans and cabbages and grains and potatoes next year.

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Subsistence rates to be charged visiting soldiers were announced (WRA)ruling)-----20¢ per meal served; 20¢ per night if special soldiers' units are used (there are none yet in the center); and no charge for rooming with friends or family living in center.

December 17, 1942

McGehee and Dermott Rotarians and their wives were honored at the center. After a tour of the center with Boy Scouts as guides, they were guests at a dinner and talent show at Mess 31.

December 18, 1942

Distribution of navy blue mackinaws began today. \$3.08 for new and \$2.50 for the used ones will be deducted from the regular clothing allowances for those obtaining them.

December 19, 1942

Persons eligible for transliteration work sought by a Federal Government Agency. Thorough knowledge of both Japanese and English required and some special training-----citizenship status will be disregarded. Translation of characters on Japanese maps into ro maji, etc. included in work.

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Gala Christmas program including a pageant, "The Nativity", and choral presentations; christmas trees, santa claus, and gifts in the blocks was planned by the Holiday Committee.

December 23, 1942

Rohwer Hi-Lites made its initial appearance-----it is the official center high school newspaper. A mimeograph sheet edited by Harri Suxukawa.

December 24, 1945

Santa Clause toured the camp and delivered a sack of gifts to each block. In an after-dinner program mid varied Christmas atmospheres of the 33 blocks, 33 different santa Clauses distributed gifts to the frightened, happy or bewildered children under the age of 12. Thousands of gifts were the donations of friends and groups through the efforts of the American Friends Service Committee, the Washington JACL, and other groups and private citizens.

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Junior Red Cross recorded a sale of \$36 worth of Christmas Seals as a result of their successful December project.

December 25, 1942

Christmas dinners as nearly as could be made traditional under the circumstances were served with special care and ingenuity at various hours in the block mess halls. Special holiday services were held by the several church groups. An All-Hawaii versus District II football game attracted the sports enthusiasts in the afternoon.

December 27, 1942

Minor floods in the lower sections of camp as a result of heavy rains----inadequate and clogged draining systems were the cause.

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December 28, 1942

Ester Briesemeister, National Secretary of YWCA here to organize the Rohwer YWCA and to offer a leadership training course to those interested. She was accompanied by other representatives of the YM and YWCA.

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Construction of buildings of 3 and 4 apartment capacities is under way, in the north end of the center between the administration buildings and the hospital. These apartments which contain a living room, bathroom, kitchen with breakfast nook and bedrooms will house the Caucasian American personnel now occupying block 42 and the dormitories.

December 30, 1942

The much waited for and almost despaired of omochi-gome arrived in the center----two 100# sacks were immediately delivered to each block. Happily the Issei residents went about preparing the rice and the equipment necessary for the "omochi Tsuki" (rice pounding). "This will see the new year through," they said as they worked far into the night.

December 31, 1942

There were dances and programs for the young folks-----private gatherings. The traditional New Year Eve partaking of "osoba" (buckwheat vermicelli) was observed in many of the blocks---programs followed. The young and the old, the tipsy and the teetotaler sang and laughed and so ended the new year.

January 1, 1943

The customary "ozoni" greeted all evacuee residents for breakfast whether he ate at home or in the mess hall. (ozoni is a dish of omochi cooked with fish and vegetables in this instance----it would be much more elaborate and tasty under normal circumstances). New Year dinners were held at different hours in mess halls in some instances while in other blocks families ate at home. A Sumo tournament was held in the afternoon on the playing field.

January 2, 1943

Community Activities sponsored lengthy benefit variety show began its three day run. Program included Japanese plays and individual talents.

January 4, 1943

Registration for Adult Education classes begun. Courses offered in creative arts, language and literature, science and mathematics, and social studies. (1700 enrolled during the week)

Physical examination for all the 2000 school children was scheduled by the medical and education departments.

January 8, 1943

The Premiere movie night for the Rohwer center was held. Showings were at public service halls 5, 10, 15, and 33. Admission was 10¢ for adults and 5¢ for children----no seats provided.

January 9. Initial clothing allowance memoranda slips were issued to block offices. Only those working 15 days in October were eligible for the current allowances.

At 2:30 a.m. a bucket brigade of about 100 block 2 residents swung into action to extinguish a mess hall blaze believed to have started from a match thrown into a sawdust pile.

Movie project to be transferred from Community Activities division to Community Co-op.

January 9, 1943

Hospital Sanitation Corps and Health Division now conducting a general inspection tour of center which will take them into mess halls, latrines, showers, washrooms, and etc.

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The much publicized and postponed Christmas pageant and choral presentation was held at public service hall 12. A troupe of 15 actors and singers comprised the cast of the lovely religious show.

January 13, 1943

Four of the six stolen machkinaws were returned to Pl S. hall 42 as requested.

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The awarding of an efficiency pennant to the mess hall winning the most points in cleanliness and beauty throughout the mess hall and kitchen was instituted by the mess division.

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Sewing machines were distributed to every block for residents' use. The sewing room was also open to residents so desiring.

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Speaker John Ando and a talent show group traveled to Pine Bluff at the invitation of the Rotarians of that city. Program under the auspices of C. A. division.

January 14, 1943

A center-wide handicraft exhibit was under way at P.S. hall 26, under director Adelene Lee of the Arts and Crafts division. The show consisted of needlework, furniture, paintings, drawings, modeling, wood carving, flower arranging and a vast knot collection.

January 16, 1943

Canteen made a 20% on total sales, it was revealed by Rohwer Cooperative Enterprises.

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Dr. A. G. DeLoach appointed permanent school physician. He will also assume hospital care of all Caucasian employees and the 334th Military Police Detachment.

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Materials and plans for construction of wooden bathtubs in mens section ready for delivery.

January 17, 1943

Hays Miller, fire protection chief, sang at Sunday morning service.

January 20, 1943

Seizo Imada, 60, a block worker, was killed by a falling tree while working in the woods. First fatality in the line of duty.

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M. M. Tozier, Acting Chief of Reports Office in Washington, D. C., visited center on inspection tour of all WRA center and their publications.

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Cash clothing allowances of \$3.50, 3.00 and 2.00 distributed to those presented memorandums from fiscal office.

January 23, 1943

Joshe M. Garay, Spanish Consul at New Orleans, Louisiana, representing the Spanish Ambassador in charge of Japanese interests, appeared before block managers meeting at P. S. Hall 12. He was accompanied by P. W. Herrick of the State Department. He answered questions regarding evacuee-alien status, etc. Another meeting was scheduled.

January 27, 1943

Shoe department of Community Enterprises opened shop with 1500 pairs of shoes at P.S. Hall 42 with manager Tomio Gohata in charge. Prices range from 75¢ to \$3.00, from infant sizes to adult.

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Block managers approve March of Dimes campaign for center.

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Physical examination for all mess workers begun by health department.

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Two center residents arrested and fined \$10 for fishing without licenses and for using artificial bait.

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Eleven out of 16 aspirants passed FBI tests for Japanese language interpreters of Foreign Broadcast Intelligence Service of Federal Communications Commission.

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Residents of Block 3 suffered mild attacks of food poisoning--few were hospitalized and others were treated at home.

January 28, 1943

Seeds, wagons, mules and fertilizer were purchased by the farm project for center use.

January 30, 1943

Secretary of War, Stimson's announcement of the formation of a all Nisei Voluntary Combat Unit was published by the Outpost.

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Colored badges were issued to all section and division workers--- colors differing according to the divisions----ID numbers stamped in center.

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Disuke Koike proclaimed winner of four-day "Go" tournament and presented with bedspread. Some 300, mostly oldsters, participated.

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Legal department reminded residents that income tax returns were due by the 15th of march.

February 3, 1943

March of Dimes campaign showed returns amounting to over \$600--- from all residents, appointed and evacuee personnel, and the military police.

February 6, 1943

Army team composed of Captain Holbrook, Staff Sergeant Richard H. Willie, Jr. Sergeant George H. Buxton, Jr., and Technician Fourth Grade Isamu Adachi arrived in the Center to aid in the registration of the Army volunteers.

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Application for Public Assistance grants may be made by families or individuals unable to work. First grants will apply for the month of February.

February 6, 1943

Rohwer Center took first place in the county of Desha in the March of Dimes campaign. Drive netted \$647.20.

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Community Activities Division announced that it now owned two Public Address Systems which would be available for loan for public affairs. An operator will accompany each set.

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February 10, 1943

Registration for leave clearance and for voluntary enlistment began today at Block 16 mess hall. Meetings will be held in each block on the night preceding registration with the army team on hand to clarify any questions in regard to the forms purposes, policies, and methods of the registration.

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Show and food rationing hit the center. Provision will be made for those without ration books.

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Two resident representatives and an agricultural superintendent of the Utah-Idaho Beet Sugar Company left on an inspection tour of farm conditions and facilities of the Black Hills area in South Dakota.

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Nursery schools in Blocks 31 and 35 opened with 103 four-year old youngsters registered.

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February 13, 1943

Coupon books at values of \$2.50 and \$5.00 went on sale today. These will be used exclusively for purchases at the center cooperatives. Empty books must be retained and turned in at designated dates, it was announced.

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Shoe sales were suspended pending arrival of state ration board representative to work out some satisfactory substitute for coupon No. 17, for those without ration books.

February 17, 1943

Under a new plan, the center was divided into six districts with a district engineer in charge, of all work within his zone. Block workers were limited to six men per block--these workers not to be confined to work in their respective block only. Must help blocks with insufficient workers.

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Registration system revised. Three blocks covered in a day---interviewers divided into three groups---all beginning simultaneously at 8:30 and continuing until the completion of registration in block.

February 20, 1943

Center water supply still contaminated---residents warned to drink only boiled water.

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Spring farm program under way -- onions in ground already. Present plans are for production to meet the immediate needs of the center only.

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Scout week observed by local scouts with field day events and a rally. 175 scouts participated.

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Center Rationing Board consisting of J. R. Raines, J. S. Curtix, project attorney, and J. L. Parker, county rationing board member, formed to solve shoe rationing problem.

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School Janitors are being taught the proper way of sweeping stairs, making fires, cleaning blackboards, etc, (a ten-week course.)

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Payment of November clothing allowances began today to continue until March 2 (Tuesday)

February 24, 1943

Dr. Lester Ade, head of education under the WRA and member of the U.S. Department of Education addressed all teachers, evacuees and appointed, in the Block 31 study hall.

Highlights of Address:

- Importance of teaching job stressed, need of cooperation of all concerned.
- Two large programs to be instituted soon (vocational)
 - (1. Rural war production program
 - (2. Trade and Industrial vocational training program
- For -- the out-of-school youth and as an adult program
- Funds to be available soon
- Retraining program under Dr. Sandler to work with the employment division also under serious consideration.
- "Positive Views of Dualism in American Schools", topic of Dr. Ade's main address.

February 25, 1943

Fellowship for Reconciliation sent internationally known lecturer and pacifist, Dr. Kirby Page to the Rohwer camp. He spoke on "Peace After the War" at P.S. Hall 20 before a mixed group of over 300 people.

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A center rationing board was formed to solve the shoe rationing problem of the residents. Applications for War Ration Books 1 and 2 were also being accepted from those who had applied for leave clearances.

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February 26, 1943

Terrific dust storms caused by winds.

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February 27, 1943

Announcement of compulsory registration came from Project Director Ray D. Jonaston. Voluntary registration was a failure, it was stated. All those 17 years of age or over are required to sign up. (Except those applying for repatriation or expatriation)

February 27, 1943

Season's and Center's social highlight: Queen contest climaxed by the Coronation Ball saw Miss Shigeko Nakano crowned Queen of Rohwer by Project Director Johnston. Runnerup attendants were Kimi Yamada and Rosie Matsumoto. Over 600 evacuee and Caucasian American Personnel attended the affair, which was held in Warehouse No. 15 -- the largest single available. The whole thing was sponsored by the Royal Dukes (men's organization). Crepe paper streamers and huge club plaques adorned the walls and the ceiling. A rough concrete floor, Hawaiian orchestra, refreshments, cloakroom facilities, gracious hosts and correctly attired guest were the features of the evening. A total gross income of \$1,027 was realized-----\$350 went to the Community Activities Division, \$75 to each of the Center's churches and to the Outpost. Queen and attendants were also recipients of elaborate gifts.

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Mess Hall 34 was awarded the blue pennant of efficiency for the month of February. Mess halls 26, 32, 25, and 33 followed respectively in order in this event which was held for the first time.

February 28, 1943

Rev. John Nevin Sayre, Chairman of the International Fellowship of Reconciliation, was guest speaker on peace before the Fellowship hour at P. S. Hall 20.

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The woodcarving class under Genji Koizumi held open house at P.S. Hall 14. Works of the students as well as "artists in action" were featured throughout the day.

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March 1, 1943

Compulsory registration of all residents 17 years of age and over began at 8:30 a. m. in Blocks 31 and 35. A strict schedule of hours arranged alphabetically was announced and residents were notified as to the exact hour of their interviews. Schools were dismissed for the week and the teaching staff interviewed the people

March 3, 1943

An investigation of the Saturday morning collision of an ambulance and a stake truck revealed that five ambulance drivers were without licences.

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March 5, 1943

Center Young Buddhists Association Oratorical was held with three junior speakers vieing for honors. Problems besetting youth in relocation centers were brought out -- democracy, delinquency, place in war effort, peace and a means of a more enduring peace. Senior speakers spoke more maturely on same problems. Small corwd -- stormy night.

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Colenl W. P. Schobey, executive officer for the Assistant secretary of War John J. McCloy, spoke to a degeation of block managers on March 2 (evening). He stressed the kinship of loyalty and voluntary enlistment.

March 6, 1943

Arrival of many new books of all types announced by Librarian Sarah Large.

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March 8, 1943

32 repatriators arrived from the Central Utah Relocation Project Housing Division had difficulty finding living quarters.

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Center movie houses inspected by sanitation inspector from Little Rock. Smoking to be prohibited and a recommendation to put benches in was made.

March 10, 1943

Dr. W. W. Lessing, Relocation officer form the WRA Field employment office in Chigago, Illinois, here on one-week visit----- to study procedures and workings of the employment office in the Center in order to speed up relocation.

March 13, 1943

Senator A. B. Chandler of Kentucky, chrm. of sub-committee under Military Affairs Committee; Senator Murray of Montana; and George E. Malone, special consultant of committee visited Center officially on inspection tour.

March 14, 1943

Baccalaureate Services for 53 graduating seniors of Rohwer High School.

Y. Peoples Fellowship concerned with "Marriages in Camp".
Still an individual problem -- attitude favorable.

March 17, 1943

Rohwer Red Cross Chapter began membership drive with Dr. Masaki Yayoshi and Merrill Ziegler as co-chairman. Drive will include Caucasian American personnel as well as the local military police detachment.

March 18, 1943

Senator Murray's statement as published in Arkansas Gazette and Memphis Commercial Appeal (no sympathy with complaints of citizen elements, lack of loyalty, etc,) fired many of the residents.

Schools' Visitation day a huge success -- response good.
Efforts made to organize body comparable to parents - teachers ass'n.

WRA relocation and resettlement personnel arrive in center with reports and possibilities of employment on outside of centers. E. G. Kennedy of St. Louis, Missouri; Harold S. Pistere, personnel supervisor of the Ohio-Michigan area; and E. L. Dakan of Columbus, Ohio; here for 3-day stay.

March 20, 1943

High School graduation with Dr. Matt D. Ellis, President of Hendersn State Teachers College as speaker. Mildred Ikezoe gave the salutary address as the highest ranking scholastic student. Eight of the 53 graduates were elected into the national honor society. High school auditorium filled to capacity.

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Photograph studio set up at 35-4-B. Fred Yamaguchi in chagge.

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Shoe ration certificates being issued to residents.

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Buddhists and Christians hold get-together social. Games fold dancing, entertainments, and refreshments offered.

March 22, 1943

Trend toward resettlement. Many interested in job offerings. George E. Rundquist, Executive Secretary for Committe on Resettlement of Japanese Americans, spoke to center residents at Mess Hall 16. Purpose of the committee, he stated, is to work with various governmental agencies in finding outside employment at standard wages, obtaining proper housing, assuring acceptance, of Japanese Americans, acceptance into unions, seeing that there is no conflict with other racial minorites.

March 22, 1943

An Evacuee Property Office was sep up in center to aid or advise evacuee's in matters regardin their property -- real or otherwise.

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Rohwer Club Council established to promote education and recreational activities for center clubs; it is a body of a president and a delegate from each organization.

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Volunteers being honored at many parties -- anxious to get away now. Date still unannounced. Many privileges extended to them---going outside to visit frends and relatives, etc.

March 22, 1943

Call issued by the Belle Fourche, South Dakota area, for sugar beet workers. Both share croppers and workers wanted. Wage rates announced are: blocking and thinning - \$13 per acre; 1st hoeing - \$3.50; 2nd hoeing - \$2.50; pulling, piling, and topping - \$1.25 for each ton up to and including 12 tons per acre plus, \$1.15 per ton per acre above 12 tons.

March 24, 1943

Shoe repair shop opens at P. S. Hall 42. Payments by coupons.

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Project Director given power to issue indefinite leaves if applicant has definite job and a leave clearance from Washington.

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Group leaves for other than agricultural workers will be granted upon application, it was announced.

March 27, 1943

Volunteers given first (after period of prolonged indecision) definite word regarding induction. WRA Chief Myer announced April 10 as a probable date as time will be required to transfer papers from California draft boards to the various centers. (volunteers had been at loose ends having quit their jobs and made preparations for departure. Some had put off visiting parents and families in other centers or on the the outside thing-ing induction too immediate for visits)

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Woolen yarn and some Japanese foods (fu-nyu, Aji-nomoto, shoyu, goma, ebi, miso, etx.) can now be ordered through the co-op mail order section at 42-7-e of center.

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Movements out of camp slowly picking up momentum--mostly students and young men into unskilled types of work. Scattering throughout inter-mountain and mid-western states. Rapid personnel turnovers in many division within center.

March 27, 1943

Ten members of Jerome Community Activities Division visiting local division to compare notes on activities.

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An Inter-Faith Ministerial association was formed to coordinate welfare work. Body composed of ministers of all religions within center.

March 29, 1943

Registration for second period of adult education began today. Some 23 classes offered -- some of them college credit courses. Some of the other are Reviewing Books, Woodcarving, Chinese, Living In Families, Organization Leadership, Pottery, Creative writing, Trigonometry, Pre-School Child, etc.

March 29, 1943

Haller Gearhart, Manager of Utah & Idaho Sugar Company of Montana arrived to hire workers for beet labor. He will interview all interested people in Dorm N. 2. Offer is for year round work --- employment in beets interspersed by railroad work. Family groups preferred and transportation to be provided.

March 31, 1943

"Blocked Nationals" (aliens whose capital has been frozen since outbreak of war) were asked to turn in their co-op membership certificates for cash refunds. The violation of the trading with enemy act and subsequent freezing of co-op funds in the event that a "block national" were elected in an official capacity, were reasons give for the announcement.

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Soda pop on sale in canteen. Inconveniently sold by the 24-bottle cases only.

April 1, 1943

OUTPOST extra announced WRA financial aid to resettlers. Provision for train fare and initial living expenses up to \$50 for the wage earner, plus \$25 each for not more than 2 dependents, would be made to persons proving their need for this type of aid.

April 1, 1943

Rumors of possible return of all property holders to California.

April 3, 1943

Center water declared sanitary by Public Health department. All disconnected drinking fountains to be made ready for use soon.

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Mess No. 34 again winner of efficiency pennant.

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American Friends Service Committee announced opening of their Relocation Hostel at 350 West Beldon Street, Chicago, Illinois. Evacuees may stay there for a \$1 a day (room and board) until suitable employment is found. After job is found the fee is \$12 a week until housing is found.

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Graduation exercises and a fashion show climaxed the 18 months sewing course of the adult division. Special guest and speaker was Jan Adams, personal shopper for Prieffer's department store in Little Rock, who spoke on Fashions in Wartime.

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Center residents are taking to gardening in a big way. Older men and women and little children busy with hoes, shovels and rakes--bulbs, wood viloets, various kinds of shrubs, trees, and vines are brought out of the woods and transplanted in barrack gardens. The more ambitious are attempting ponds and rockeries. An especially good one in block 34. Crayfishing is another diversion--kept in glass jars.

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Area around blocks being discked for victory gardens--block workers to do the work
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April 4, 1943

Buddhists held elaborate "Hana Matsuri" services in honor of Buddha's birthday. With special guest and speakers from the Jerome Center. The calendar of activities, with Mess Hall 31 as the locale, included Sunday School at 9 A.M. Young Buddhist services at 10:15 a.m., Japanese Service at 2 p.m. and an entertainment program at 7 p.m.

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Fishing for black perch and digging mud clams newest leisure time activity discovered by residents. Clams and fish are edible.

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Spaghetti, stews, not-too-palatable fish twice a day, and a battery of dried beans--kidney beans, lima beans, navy beans, black eye beans. People are asked to eat at home mess---food rationing.

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Kite flying contest held yesterday afternoon -- winds favorable. Under sponsorship of the Community Activities Division, participants included the very young as well as the very old. Awards were won for varying merits.

April 7, 1943

Red Cross membership drive netted a total contribution of \$ 3,284.53 of which \$2,064.54 will be retained in the center-- the remaining portion to go to headquarters in St. Louis, Mo. Contributors included the Caucasian American appointed personnel, the local Military Police Detachment as well as the evacuees in the camp.

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Evacuees on leave from War Relocation centers and who for some reason may require emergency financial aid may apply for public assistance under an agreement between WRA and the social security board, stated an announcement by Project Director Johnston.

April 9, 1943

Beauty shop in charge of evacuee beauty operators opened in the washroom of Block 42. It is another branch of community cooperative. Rates published were \$1.50 and up for machine

permanents, \$2.50 and up for machineless permanents, \$.35 for oil shampoo and fingerwave, \$.15 for plain shampoo, \$.25 for shampoo and fingervace dried, \$1 for plain facials, \$1.50 and up for scalp treatme , and \$.35 for a manicure.

April 10, 1943

Facilities for identification photos set up at Block 35-6-B. Residents leaving center on leave are required to have identification cards with photos attached.

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Work absence procedure changed by WRA: evacuees on sick leave (certificate from doctor) only will be paid for absence from work hereafter. Sick leaves will be limited to 15 days after that, he will be terminated and will be eligible for unemployment compensation. All hours over the 44 hours per week will be credited to the employee as accrued compensatory leave (may be taken at the employee's convenience.)

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Working hours were changed to 8 to 12 in the morning and 1 to 5 in the afternoon---meal hours changed to correspond to the new working hours.

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Messages to Japan by letter or cable will be handled by the locale Red Cross in Administration Bldg. 2. Other project to be sponsored by the chapter will be home service, home hygiene, first aid, Jr. Red Cross and civilian staff relief.

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The Chicago YWCA has opened its facilities to aid any evacuee girl in search of a job or a place to live in that city. The interpretation of the evacuee problem to employers, housekeepers, church and club groups is another goodwill endeavor of the organization.

April 13, 1943-

A special bulletin further clarifying WRA rulings on leave clearances, especially regarding question 28 of Form 304-A or Form WRA-128. An applicant giving a negative answer or an answer qualified in any way must, not only change it to an affirmative, but must be cleared through the WRA in Washington.

April 13, 1943

Application for relocation withing the Eastern Defense Command is also subject to approval by War Department in Washington, D. C.

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More volunteers wanted for Army Military Intelligence training at Camp Savage, Minnesota. An army team will be sent down to recruit eligible men. Applicants must have a thorough knowledge of Japanese and English languages. Induction date will not be later than July 1, 1943.

April 14, 1943

Michigan Fruit Growers representative, Everell R. Bristol, and a U. S. employment office official are in the center to recruit 120 workers for farming of various types of fruits and vegetables. Films and slides of fields were shown to interested parties.

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100 Rohwer girls were invited to be weekend guests of the Japanese combat unit in Camp Shelby, Mississippi, on May 1 and 2. They will be accompanied by Caucasian American women as chaperones.

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Various high school buildings begun. Auditorium frames up. The library building is partially completed--to be used for housing construction tools for the present.

April 15, 1943

Hawaiian youths vs. block 27 mess workers in brawl last night. Boys request for food denied by steward. Steward hurt and several Hawaiians severely bludgeoned with an axe. Taken to hospital. Internal Security Officers and men on a bork barbecue outing. (Hawaiians youths are in the majority seamen who were stranded in San Francisco immediately after Pearl Harbor. They had gone to Stockton area in search of work---there, they were caught in the evacuation and sent to the Stockton Assembly Center. Others were caught in Los Angeles and sent to the Santo Anita Center. For various reasons, real and imagined, they were not readily accepted or, in some cases, entirely ostracized by the closely knit and provincial community groups. The Hawaiians did not, ont the other hand, help themselves very much--making little effort to integrate themselves, they kept together and maintained a defensive attitude)

April 15, 1943

FBI on manhunt for the rioters -- 9 arrested (rumor)

April 16, 1943

16 arrested - and all Hawaiians. WRA turning every stone in effort to speed up relocation. Job lists passed out to block managers for contacts.

April 17, 1943

Announcement of hours worked in excess of normal schedule are credited to workers made by Project Director Ray D. Johnston. Accrued hours may be used as compensatory time.

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General DeWitt opposes return of California "Japs". "A Japa a Jap and it makes no difference whether he is an American citizen", said Lt. General John L. DeWitt in opposing the bringing back of the Japanese to the West Coast.

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Evacuees can file claims for unemployment against state of California-- announcement from the U. S. Employment Service.

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Army sewing hits presented to men leaving for the armed forces as climax to the "Volunteer's Farewell" dance.

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Col Kai Rasumussen of Camp Savage, Minn. came to center to seek instructors in Japanese for Military intelligence. Little response.

April 18, 1943

Inter-squad game post-poned.

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Palm Sunday observed by Rohwer Federated Christian Church. Miss Mather, Baptist Young People's Leader spoke to college age, and Miss Margaret Hutchison, Young People's secretary of the Woman's Missionary Union to the Friendship Circle.

April 19, 1943

Grand opening of the dry goods department at P. S. Hall 13. On sale were towels yard goods, straw hats, boy's overalls, and pillows, and shoes. Halls decorated with pink, white and blue crepe papers.

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Friend's hostel system explained by Friend's representative, Walther Godfrey. Living conditions neat and clean with special dietitian to prepare meals. Cost -- \$1 a day until work is obtained after which \$1.50 a day is charged.

April 20, 1943

First regular meeting of West Side elementary school PTA. Election of permanent officers to be held.

April 21, 1943

Jerome lawyer comes to pinch hit for Jack Curtis, Project attorney, who left for Washington, D. C. to confer on center Co-op.

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Five day Engei-Kai comes to successful close tonight. Admission 25¢. Japanese plays and odoris by Uyematsu and Kansuma groups.

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Co-op announces the use of coupons only for purchases made in dry good store.

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New from Michigan Nursery that 17 relocated nisei are successes. Michigan contemplating more recruits.

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First appearance of series of letters from relocated center residents, telling of conditions "outside".

April 22, 1943

First of the series of panel discussions to acquaint evacuees with conditions outside and types of employment available held at mess hall 31. Speakers on "Relocation Opportunities" ---E. B. Moulton, relocation chief, Herschel Abbot, leave Officer; Dr. Nat Griswold, adult education supervisor:

April 22, 1943

and Wilma Van Dusseldrop, social Welfare head.

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Crippled children's clinic held today with doctors from the department of Public Health in Little Rock.

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National office of Maritime Union, CIO, announces opening of jobs for 200 former Nisei seamen.

April 23, 1943

Eighteen of Rohwer's top judo, weightliftin and kendo stars put on exhibition for Little Rock Junior College and High School and Little Rock Y. M. C.A.

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Hawaiian youth released from Arkansas City Jail without charge. Going out to Kansas City to Santa Fe Railway work and then to the Great Lakes.

April 24, 1943

Boy Scouts' Court of Honor is held in Mess Hall 27.

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Judoists under Karl Kawasaki give special demonstration to the Little Rock Y. M. C. A. instructors.

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Eighteen year old youths reminded to register for Selective Service at 31-1-A-

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M. M. Rens to head Library after Sarah Large. Formerly of Iowa, City, Iowa.

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Project's first farm crop harvested with 19 bushels of red radishes. To be distributed to the mess halls.

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Fifty of the fifty-three graduates now employed in canter or relocated, announces guidance director, Ipal Albright, of the Senior High.

April 25, 1943

Rohwer high school baseball plays host to the McGehee, high school Horehiders on grammar school field.

Easter Service at 5:45 a.m. by the wooden cross erected on high school, athletic field. Two baptismal services held at mess 31 and 39. 72 baptisms, 3 dedication of babies and 3 confirmations.

April 26, 1943

Rohwer Toyland opened to children from 6 to 15 at 1:30 p.m. in P. S. Hall 12. Following library system, toys may be checked out.

Branch of Ward Mail Order Housed opened in block 10. 200% increase in sales in month of March.

Rohwer Toyland in P. S. Hall 12 officially opened today to children 6 to 15 years. Toyland has over 1,065 toys and games. Dedicated to the Royal Dukes, American Friends Serives Committee and to other contributors. Speakers at open ceremony were---Ray D. Johnston, Wilma van Dusseldrop, Dr. Nat Griswold, Mrs. Josephine Lawrence, Jack Kiba, and Kenji Muraoks. Regular hours daily 1:30 - 5 p.m., Sat. 9-11:30 -- 1:30-5 p.m., Sunday, 2 - 4 p.m.

April 28, 1943

First carload of evacuee personal property from Los Angles arrived, announced C. V. Updegraff, head of Transportation and Supply. Second load expected soon.

Residents reminded to file for show certificates or War Ration Book No. I

American soldiers of Japanese ancestry may visit evacuated area on West Coast annouced General DeWitt. News from New York Times.

Lanor contact group headed by Kanzo Izumi, to work to solve all difficulties and present the laboring group progl ms to WRA Officials. Resulted from the troubl in the agricultural field.

April 29, 1943

January and February clothing allowance begins today at mess hall 8.

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Second of series of discussion of relocation held in Mess Hall 28 from 8 P.M.. Main speakers are Nisei who have relocated and are now visiting the Center.

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Rohwer Hi holds election. First installation services--Tets Kojima-----pres. Shinya Honda--vice pres; and Ruth Kambara--secretary.

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1943 Girls's basketball season came to close on high school field with Stockton Busy Bee know as the Spinners, winning over Block 5 sextette 51-4.

April 30, 1943

All co-o stores closed for inventory. During three days after opening, total sales in shoe and clothing department was approximately \$4,000.

May 1, 1943

Cub Scouts of Pack 90 first group to go overnight camping on high school field.

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100 girls leave for Camp Shelby with 6 chaperons. Issei frowns upon them. Majority of the girls from Santa Anita.

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Civil Aeronautics announced that within a short time cases of evacuee pilots and aircrafts mechanics certificates that have been cancelled will be considered.

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26 out of 33 blocks gave complete returns of Center's second election for block managers. Newly elected managers to hold office for six month term.

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Mess 34 wins award again for the third time. Pennant permanent property of Mess 34.

May 3, 1943

New schedule of the center's toyland released. New hours are daily 3 - 5:15 p.m. Saturday 9 - 11:30 a.m. and 1:30-5p.m. Sunday 2 - 4 p.m. New evening hours are children's nights, Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 6:30 -8 p.m. Senior nights for those 16 years and up, Thursday and Sunday 7 - 9 p.m.

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Lucky Strike Tobacco Company sends representatives to show movies of plant and to pass out samples to every mess from Tuesday through Friday.

May 4, 1943

N.Y. A. Vocational Training to WRA Youths. Young men and women between the ages of 16 and 25 are eligible for 6 weeks to 4 months training plus 15.90 a month. Large turn out (about 300) for mess gathering, but registration very low. Slightly over 40 boys and only 5 girls signed up for clerical pool. Camp quota 23 girls and 23 boys.

May 5, 1943

Relocated persons may get medical assistance from local boards, states Project Leave Officer, Herschel Abbot.

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Examination for Federal Civil Service given by J. N. Suggs , U. S. Civil Service Examiner, today and tomorrow. Results very good only on five previous occasions in 16 years did Suggs, see anyone who could type as fast as one applicant.

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Repatriation groups may change answers states Project Director Ray. D. Johnston.

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Shooting range being set up for military police -- area lies west of the sewage disposal works and north of the ditch. Evacuee warned to keep clear of this territory.

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Dr. Norman Kobayashi, M. D. Called by the U. S. Medical Reserve Corps.

May 5, 1943

Flag raised by scouts daily at 6:30 a.m. in front of the administration building #1. Flag lowered at 5 o'clock as "Retreat" is blown.

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Block 8 scene of minor mess fire at 9:15 p.m. Damage slight.

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Dr. Wayne S. Ramsay arrived from Gila River to be Rohwer Chief Medical Officer. Dr. A. G. DeLoach, acting Medical Officer leaves for Minidoka.

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Wives and children of soldiers in the U. S. Army leaving Rohwer may receive cash grants to meet early living and transportation expenses.

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Carps honor Boys' holiday. Larger ones in blocks 7, 23. Block 25 leads in banners and streamers with a 30 x 3' banner of samurai battle scene.

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The third all-center sumo tournament held on the newly erected sumo pit in block 41.

May 6, 1943

Third of relocation meetings with John Ando and Tad Yoshimine speaking on conditions outside. Ando returned from St. Louis, Chicago, and Cleveland, while Yoshimine from St. Louis.

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Mary Frances Lacey, Y.W. C. A. teen-age group specialist of Jackson, Miss. to conduct a three day leadership training course.

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Jimmie Woodward, regional secretary of the Student Christian Association, St. Louis, Missouri, arrived this morning for few days visit.

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Concert held in Mess Hall 35 as part of the celebration of Music Week. Administrative quartet included J. A. Trice, Sturgis Suggs, Ira Holland, and Hays Miller, Rohwer orchestra under the direction of Akira Umemoto and Richard Doi, vocalist, very good.

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May 8, 1943

Stanley A. Harris, national director of interracial activities returns to continue scouts courses.

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Amendment to Administrative Instructions No. 34 allows Issei to hold elective offices in the evacuee community government.

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Chief counselor of the social welfare department now compiling a list of Rohwer families in which a son is in the U. S. Armed forces and a parent in an internment camp.

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N. Y. A. training for girls offer has poor showing. Only five girls applicants.

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Project Director, Ray D. Johnston, suffered slight knee injury when he fell on the concrete floor in the administration building #1.

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Ironing boards set up in the laundry rooms in the various blocks.

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Hospital wards get awnings to relieve patients of heat.

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New Civil Service test to be given again because of the shortage of examination forms.

May 10, 1943

First class session in mechanics held in garage with Harry Naff instructing. First class organized under the Rural War Prod. Training. Complete enrollment, 20 students.

May 12, 1943

Lt. Col. Karl T. Gould and his assistant, Staff Sgt. Churo Sakata arrived to interview applicants for the Army Intelligence school in Camp Savage, Minn.

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Block office pass out poisonous insecticide to control pest that harm victory gardens.

May 12, 1943

State Library Commission puts Rohwer on the loan list.

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Work done by Public Works division to control malaria fever.
Men asked to join in this work.

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Outdoor sing held in P. S. hall 27. Songs flashed on screens.

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Improvements made in coupon system. (1) Specified coupons of different color for change. (2) One dollar coupon books to be issued soon. (3) Positively no cash sales.

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300 extra feet of rubber hose delivered to each block to water victory gardens. Heretofore water ran along the streams--breeds malaria.

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The Center working girls organized under the M.W.C.A. during Jimmie Woodward's visit.

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Reports Division sending out questionnaires to relocated residents. About 189 questionnaires sent out-----returns slow in coming.

May 14, 1943

All Nisei Talent Show held in the high school field under the sponsorship of Block 28 Diamond Heads. Jerome sends Talents for show.

May 15, 1943

Government employees injured in the line of duty may draw workmen's compensation.

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Ray D. Johnston back to work after resting at the hospital with a bruised knee.

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Arkansas River overflows: Many center residents worried, but floods doubtful.

May 15, 1943

Post Office releases reports. 2,704 money orders for April amounted to \$32,528.20 at the cost of \$351.86. C.O.D. packages received were 1,357.

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"Campus Coed" ---- Marian Yamamoto -- crowned tonight at the Camp Coed Dance sponsored by the Exclusive Knights, members of the Rohwer high service club.

May 16, 1943

Christian Cofag week starts today with Dr. Harold W. Tribble as main speaker.

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May 17, 1943

Seminars held daily from today with the following people as speakers. Mrs. L.N.D. Wells, Dr. Tribble, Dr. Jess M. Bader, and Stanley Jones.

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Community Activities show visual education film.

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Photo Studio comes under the center co-op. Studio located at 35-6-B with Fred Yamaguchi and Yoshitaro Sakai as photographers.

May 18, 1943

West Side Elementary school holds meeting at mess hall 35. On the program will be Margaret Soronson singing Japanese numbers.

May 19, 1943

Jerome doctors to come to relieve the acute doctor shortage in hospital at present Drs. Wilfred Gotanda and Junji Hasegawa are the only two since Dr. Uchida is ill.

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W.R.A. permits leaves in advance of job offers -- another step to speedy relocation.

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Fire-Chief warns against too many false alarms turned in.

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Red Cross help send 17 cablegrams and 300 letters to the Orient with 15 answers received here.

May 19, 1943

Two Bussei leaders leave for Y.B. A. Conferen e in Salt Lake City, Utah.

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Speakers of Rohwer Christian Mission, Dr. Jesse Bader, Dr. Hohn Smith, Dr. Harold W. Tribble, and Mrs. L.N.D. Wells, honored at tea.

May 20, 1943

Special election in blocks to vote on ratification of the revised constitution.

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C. B. Price, Director of Community Activities leaves for St. Louis, Missouri to be Boys's work secretary at the downtown Y.M.C.A.

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77 high school boys and girls of the music department visited McGehee, High School. Two speakers from Rohwer High.

May 21, 1943

Dr. Stanley Jones speaks to la ge crowd inBlock 20 as climax to Christian Mission in the center.

May 22, 1943

Center constitutån ratified. Adoption of new plan lauded by Johnston, Project Director.

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M. P. physician dies in crash. Two other in the accident con- valescing, in the center hospital.

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Head of the Red Cross, Mrs. Nell B. Bails, visits center.

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E.B. Whitaker, Ass't Field Director speaks to teachers on education.

May 23, 1943

Rohwer Y.M.C.A. now making a collection of craft exhibits to sent to St. Louis, Y.M.C.A. exhibit.

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Observance of St. Shinran's birth held at Buddhist Church. Guest speakers from Jerone.

May 24, 1943

New hours for coop. stores released

1. Beginning today doors will close at noon until 7 to 9 p.m.
2. On rainy days old schedule to be used.

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Relocation decreases center population. 584 residents have left center making population 7,938

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Nineteen Rohwer Boy Scouts attend Monticello Boy Scouts camporee held May 14--15 at the A & M. College stadium.

May 25, 1943

The Arkansas Gazette came out this morning with the news that Rohwer is more likely to be affected by the flood waters than Jerome. This news, plus the information that an army Major (Jaj Olav Rusvold, executive Officer of the Fourth District) is now investigating the area occupied by Rohwer and Jerome, caused concern among many of the residents.

They overlooked that fact that following the first item in the Gazette, there was another which said that there would be no danger on the lower Mississippi. Most of the people did not realize that Rohwe is in the lower Mississippi Valley.

To quiet the fears of the people the Ass't Project Director took 3 or 4 of the older people to the nearby Arkansas River so they could see the 15 or 20 feet of levee still above the water level. He also explained that when the flood crest reached that point it would mean the rise of only another foot or two. This did much to restore the confidence of the people.

May 26, 1943

The center was notified today that the Delta Transportation Company has revised its schedule to accommodate residents coming and going to McGehee. Many residents expressed the hope that the bus company may be allowed to carry shoppers to McGehee without escorts as is done in some of the other centers.

May 27, 1943

As the flood in the North subsided, the center breathed a sigh of relief. However, local residents who visited Jerome brought back the amusing story that a rumor was circulating among the Jerome populace that every family in Rohwer had a suitcase packed and was ready for immediate evacuation.

May 28, 1943

The weather is balmy; the sky is blue; and all should be well in Rohwer, but it is not. Picnickers, agricultural workers and the people living in the wooded sections began to break out with red, itchy swellings. The affected are not surprised since they have adopted the philosophy that anything can happen in Arkansas, but they are curious to know what is the cause.

May 29, 1943

Some of those returned from leave brought back the interesting information that the outside is good and not so good. "It's good to be outside and free", they say, "but you always have to remember that the outside still considers you a Jap". "Seriously, it is good to be on the outside and free. The people are, as a whole, nice to you, at least polite, but according to the type of jobs they give us, we are not trusted too much. Even if one is a trained mechanic or welder, it is tough to crash a defense factory. There have been cases where even in an ordinary shop, Nisei were refused employment because the Caucasian workers threatened to quit if 'Japs' were employed'. If you're single and want to have a good time fooling around, it's okay to go out, but a married man who has a family to support hasn't got much of a chance".

Others on leave report that the public attitude and conditions in general are favorable.

May 30, 1943

Rain, rain, and more rain.

Sunday is always a good day in Rohwer, and it will be as long as we continue to have roast pork and ice cream for dinner.

A few months ago the younger set used to dress up on Sunday just to be in their good clothes once in a while, but lately the practice seems to have been discarded. The reason is probably the lack of dry cleaning facilities within this center. It is a pity that the Co-op executives cannot see that the public would appreciate and need dry cleaning services more than olives at 35¢ a can.

May 31, 1943

Picnics will soon be discarded. Mr. Ray D. Jonaston, the Army, or DeWitt himself, hasn't given the order---nature herself is teaching the Californians that Arkansas is no place to have a picnic in the late spring and summer. The epidermal swelling which has been affecting outdoor workers and picknickers was finally traced to Arkansas' own prodigy-----chiggers. These are little red papasites, which occur in great numbers in grass and bushes and attack the exposed parts of the body, usually the legs, and cause intense itching for a few days.

May

June 1, 1943

Politics grip the Center this morning as ballots for councilmen were distributed to the voters. The Canteen failed to open tonight as the Co-op had decided to discontinue evening services. Evidently the policy was put into effect a bit too early, since the people seemed reluctant to trek to the canteen in the evening.

June 2, 1943

In a very interesting letter to the OUTPOST, Toshio Tomishige, co-op Publicity Manager, gave his answer to the public's demand for, "cheaper merchandis and to hell with the patronage refunds." Tomishige's statement that the amateurs' simple logic to cut down prices and services dees without patronage refunds is erroneous and unreasonable and no cooperative can accept it or put it into effect. The people, however, still beleve that their logic has some merit.

June 3, 1943

While politicians at Jerome wisely told its medical staff (still intact) "We like you; we appreciate your work; and we hope that you will stay", local block managers and councilmen harangued for hours at Mess Hall 28 agrusing whether they should send an apology to two doctors who were unjustly condemned on false information! The local bigwigs jumped to conclusions upon receiving rumors gathered by their own committeemen that the doctors had taken a short term leave to look for jobs and had condemned the medics. It later turned out that the doctors were merely taking a "vacation" and when they returned to offer their services to the people, they found that politics had fired them.

A bystander would say, "Well if that's the case, why don't the block managers and the council apologize?" a straight Japanese politician might have committed "hara-kiri" but localites, having lived in the U.S. A for the past 30 or 40 years and being thoroughly injured with the American political custom of "passing the Buck", attempted to do the same. As a result, when one straight-forward block manager said, "if we're men, we should apologize," another popped up with, "No, why should we? We made the right decision according to the facts presented. What more can the people expect?"

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To make a long story short, some how, someone (the public is still wondering) soothed the feelings of the medics.

June 4, 1943

The Japanese people and their descendents, American or otherwise, ordinarily like fish. But just ask a Center resident if he enjoys fish on Friday; and if he isn't too ill from gastronomical disturbances, he'll attempt to do violence. There is no rationing of fish.

June 5, 1943

Better late than never. Evidently the Rohwer Cooperative Enterprises is a strict adherent of this principal. Today, it finally released the April Financial figures. Exclusive of the mail order department, the gross sale of the coop enterprises for that month amounted to \$29,684.95

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The annual poppy sale was conducted in this center. Residents and the appointed personnel contributed \$45.00 to the cause.

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With the arrival of Dr. M. R. Owens, June 1, the Rohwer educational system underwent a thorough examination. Everything must have been satisfactory for the school is now trying for an Arkansas "A" rating.

June 6, 1943

A slight deviation for deviation for the usual Sunday dinner of pork and ice cream, as Centerites got their fill of New Orleans shrimp.

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Spinach workers, who were caught in the recent Missouri flood came back bright and cheerful last week with the information that seasonal work is "the thing". "Never before, since relocation, did we have as much fun shopping and seeing movies in St. Louis with the money we made cutting spinach", they said. Although most of them only worked several days, they made enough money to have a good time and come back with a great deal of new clothes which immediately caught the attention of the public. "Me for the next seasonal", is now the song of the younger set.

June 7, 1943

Larry Tajiri, editor of the JACL, Pacific Citizen, paid a visit to this center. Evidently he has kept himself pretty quiet because no one has yet mentioned him except the OUTPOST which heralded his coming.

June 8, 1943

The continuous sultry weather threw the residents of the Center for a loss as spirits lagged and tempers flared. To top things off, the mess halls were always out of ice; therefore, very little or not ice water.

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The event of the day was a fistie rumpus in Ad Building One by the usually sedate and peaceful administrator, Walls and McCullum of the fiscal section. Fortunately it was merely an impromptu outburst nurtured by the damp heat and work.

June 9, 1943

Rumors have been plentiful that segregation of the loyal and disloyal, the repatriates and the non-repatriates, is to begin soon. Some "well informed" went so far as to say that June 25, is "der Tag". Meanwhile, Ray D. Johnston, Project Director, denied that a date had been set, although he confirmed reports that some form of segregation will eventually take place.

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Barry Saiki, the poet writing editor of the OUTPOST, answered, in his most effective manner, the attack made (via Commercial Appeal) by a local resident upon the Center. It was alleged that there was too much farm equipment and that rucks were being used improperly. The editorial was entitled "Rapp Raps Japs".

June 10, 1943

As the agricultural project began to pay dividends, the Center went on a vegetarian's diet. String beans, lettuce, peas, cucumbers, radishes and summer squash came in by the bushels to the Mess Halls.

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The squish of a knife and fork on roast beef is now ancient history.

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Shojo Kabuki, a Japanese high class drama, which starts tonight, will draw the interest of the Issei for the next four days. Featuring an all girl cast, the Kabuki, although beautiful and picturesque, is something beyond the average Americanized Nisei mind. Although some may be opposed to events strictly Japanese, it should be noted that while the English speaking group has its magazines, papers, radio and movies, the Issei have little form of entertainment.

June 12, 1943

Nisei took another one on the chin as the NYA cancelled its training center agreement with the WRA. Unfounded allegations made by the Congressional Committee are probably the reason for NYA's action. None of the prospective trainees had left the center.

Ironically resting just under the glaring OUTPOST headline, "NYA TRAINING PROGRAM SHELVED" appeared the executive order No. 9346 which is supposed to "eliminate discrimination in regard to hire, tenure, terms or conditions of employment or union membership because of race, creed, color, or national origin."

June 13, 1943

Another Japanese speaking Caucasian missionary has stopped to visit here. But what this Center needs more than a missionary or an evangelist are a few good psychologist to iron out mental difficulties.

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Sunday is getting to be more and more a hopeless day. There is so very little for one to look forward to. Somehow and sometime if the dormant athletic department should reorganize itself so that a few sizzling ball games can be offered, the residents will certainly appreciate it.

June 14

The WRA property officer from Washington D. C. is here taking inventory of Center property, checking on the Center's needs and surplus items.

In a report on malaria control, the chief medical officer, stressed three important points that should be observed: (1) Drain the water in ditches and fill in shallow pools, (2) clean out the vegetation in and around ditches, (3) inspect and repair all screens in quarters.

John Steinbeck's "Moon is Down," Pearl Buck's "Dragon Seed," "One World" by Wendell Wilkie, "Look to the Mountain" by Lee Grand Cannon and "Victory Through Air Power" by Major Alexander P. de Seversky are a few of the newest books which can now be found in the Center library. "Most of the outstanding books of 1942 have been obtained through gifts or by purchase," stated the center librarian.

June 15

The Superintendent of Education outlined the activity Program for the summer vacation period at the Westside Elementary PTA meeting.

Rev. Harper K. Sakanye departs for Denver, Colorado on a 5-week leave through invitation of the American Baptist Home Mission Society. His trip will include visits to various WRA offices and the Granada center.

June 16

Latest developments on legislation affecting idle evacuee farm machinery in California are being released. Under the new program of the USDA, idle farm machinery may be requisitioned through the state and county war boards and sold to an eligible purchaser at a disposal price to be determined by the county farm rationing committee.

In conjunction with this announcement, the acting Evacuee Property office is still available to those who have stored property they wish to sell.

The long-awaited typewriters have arrived for the Senior High School, 30 of them, assorted styles. The tables are being built in the High School shop.

June 17

The executive board of the Council has been chosen as follows: Shiemori Tamaki, chairman; Ted Mirikitani, vice-chairman; Akiye Yasuda, secretary-treasurer; and Jerry Uchiyama chairman of Block managers.

Former chief nurse, Geraldine Bl. Quinn takes leave of absence from WRA to enter the army Nurse Corps.

Some of the work of the Rohwer Center High School students, through the efforts of the art teacher, will be on display at a 3-day art exhibit at the annual convention of the Ozark Writers and Artists Guild in Eureka Springs, Arkansas.

June 18

Rohwer High School receives an "A" rating from the Arkansas State High School supervisor.

June 19

The Rohwer Boy Scouts joined with Jerome troops in holiday, a 1943

Camporee on Center grounds. Troops from neighboring towns also participated. The Co-op offers new Kodak-film developing services through facilities of the Fausette Studio in Chicago.

100 nisei girls from Jerome and Rohwer Centers leave for Camp Shelby to entertain enlisted men of the Japanese American combat team.

June 20

Driving in a caravan stretching nearly two miles, the new additions to the Center Motor Pool arrived tonight at 7:30 p.m. Listed in the latest arrivals are 6 command cars, 2 ambulances, 12, 1942 Ford Stake trucks and 6 bicycles. The vehicles are from the Arlington Downs Army Depot, near Ft. Worth, Texas. C.V. Updegraff, Transportation and Supply head, headed the contingent, and with him on the trip were James C. Moody, Procurement officer and 18 Rohwer drivers, 3 mechanics and a similar number from Jerome.

June 21

Ex-cent man, Masamori Kojima, receives mention in today's issue of Time magazine. The articles are devoted to nisei in schools and the work of the Japanese American student Relocation Council of Philadelphia. Kojima left the center in February for Haverfor College in Pennsylvania.

June 22

The WRA Assistant Chief of Employment from Washington is visiting the center in his capacity of aiding in the relocation of agricultural workers.

June 23

G. A. announces new staff heads with Margaret Sorenson as acting director.

Possession of short wave radios in the center by all persons including citizens, is now prohibited, and all short-wave radios are required to be turned in to the Chief of Internal Security, not later than June 30.

Co-op's financial statement for the month of May first released indicates a net profit on sales of \$4,761.18.

June 25

Outpost receives wire of regrets regarding Supreme Court decision upholding constitutionality of evacuation policy, through Amy Smith, chairman of Seattle Fellowship of Reconciliation.

June 28

During the month of June, Center residents sent 3109 money orders amounting to \$28,492.41, bought \$1,651.08 worth of stamps, and received 1049 C. O. D. packages, the post office reports revealed today.

June 30

Rohwer Co-operative Enterprises, heretofore organized as a benevolent corporation by the District of Columbia, has been granted a permit

to operate in the State of Arkansas.

It will be open house for press men today and tomorrow. With a view toward offsetting some of the unfavorable newspaper comments of recent weeks, representatives of newspapers, radio stations, associated press, International News Service, and Office of War Information have been invited to visit the Center and gather at first hand, every-day facts of Center life and the WRA program. It is the hope of the project director that the residents will be cooperative and whenever possible assist the visitors in gaining a true account of Center life and its problems.

The Public Works crew is now busily engaged in cutting ventilation holes in all the class rooms in the school blocks.

July 1

The mail order department of the Co-op will accept payments in coupons only, after today. However, cash will still be accepted for Montgomery Ward orders.

July 2

Because of the hot weather, Saturday matinees at all movie houses will be shown in the mornings during the summer.

Elementary Schools of Rohwer also received "A" rating from the Arkansas Department of Education.

Hays Miller, fire chief, has a new assistant, Don W. Jones.

July 3

More data on seasonal leaves: Evacuees on seasonal leave, desiring financial assistance in order to go to another locality on indefinite leave, should apply at the nearest relocation office instead of returning to apply at the Center.

July 5

The Center's 3-day 4th of July Jamboree high-lighted all Center Talent Show was fittingly concluded with an Independence Day program tonight at 8 p.m. on the High School grounds with Lamar Williamson, attorney and Rotarian of Monticello, the main speaker. The Rohwer Schools also participated with flag raising ceremonies this morning in school, blocks 31 and 35.

July 6

Spanish Consul, Jose Garay, arrived one day ahead of schedule. Representatives of all the blocks assembled in Block 28 to meet with Consul Garay and to discuss with him issei problems. Consul Garay was accompanied by a representative of the State Department from Washington.

July 7

Temporary stoppage of travel and assistance grants is clarified by E. B. Moulton, Employment Division head. "The administrative instruction covering such grants has not been changed, and therefore, it is anticipated that the grants will be resumed in the near future."

Preliminary instructions for reducing project employment to approximately 2800 employees by Sept 30, have been received from Washington.

St. Louis Dispatch devotes a page of rotogravure to relocated evacuees from Rohwer.

July 8

Daniel B. Langford, entomologist from Washington arrives to direct malaria control for both Jerome and Rohwer Centers. Langford has spent much of his time in the study and control of malaria prior to his coming here. He will be in charge of the water and sewage sanitation.

July 9

Rohwer Schools hold open house to an estimated crowd of 4500 including outside guests. A number of superintendents of adjoining community schools visited, on invitation of Supt. J. A. Trice, and all enthusiastically praised the teachers and pupils for the large amount of excellent work produced under conditions of less than normal supplies, equipment and buildings.

July 11

Explanation of food cost for the next fiscal year is given by Mess Management Director, L. A. May.

July 13

Bob Arakawa of block 34 was seriously injured at the carpenter shop in warehouse 19. While cutting a piece of lumber, Arakawa's fingers caught in the blades of the power saw.

July 14

Lieutenant Col. Gould, recruiting officer for the M.I.S. Language School, Camp Savage, Minnesota is here with Sergeant Shinoda to sign up any one interested in enrolling in the school.

Internal Security chief repeats warning against failure to turn in short wave radios: "After July 24, short wave attachments will be confiscated and the owners will be subject to severe penalties."

July 15

Compensatory leaves defined in new WRA ruling: Any worker absent more than three days must secure a doctor's certificate, and sick leave is limited to fifteen days for any one illness.

July 16

A USES representative is again here to review unemployment compensation claims. All those who received replies from California regarding their claims were advised to bring them.

Helen K. Shipps, medical social consultant from Washington D. C. stopped at Rohwer to discuss plans with the Project's hospital and social

staffs. On tour of all the WRA projects, Miss Shipps was impressed with the endless row of victory and flower gardens and commented that this Center seemed like a "veritable garden."

Dental clinic announces new time schedule. Extractions from 10 to 11:30 in the morning and 2 to 4 in the afternoons, with Saturdays reserved for school children.

Vaccination of hogs, and separation of different grades of hogs are now in progress at the hog farm. The Center farm now has 440 hogs.

July 17

Segregation of loyal and disloyal Japanese on the basis of national loyalty or sympathy will be undertaken by the WRA early in September, it was revealed in a statement released by Dillon S. Myer. One center (yet unknown) will be designated to accommodate all persons not eligible for leave or considered disloyal.

A 9'x15' mural painted by two Rohwer students, Sam Ichiba and Kik Toyofuku has been accepted by a national YWA magazine for a cover design on its September issue.

Payment of travel and assistance grants for those relocating will be resumed immediately. The receipt of the approved appropriations has made this possible, it was revealed today.

July 19

Construction of the high school auditorium in the High School athletic field is under way. And if plans of the Public Works Division go well the foundation forming will be finished this week.

July 20

A tin can Salvage drive is on. All mess halls are requested to cooperate.

July 21

Tule Lake Relocation Center has been designated as the Segregation Center.

\$1 coupon books are now being sold by the Co-op along with \$2.50 and \$5.00 books.

July 22

Mess 26 wins permanent possession of the Blue first place banner, in the last of the army "E" pennant races for mess halls.

July 23

Karl Kawasaki is named new evacuee police captain with the resignation of Lt. Al Kawasaki who left for Rocky Ford, Colorado.

July 24

100 girls from Rohwer and Jerome again invited to Camp Shelby.

In hope of inaugurating a Little Theatre Movement in the Center, the C. A. requests all persons interested in drama to sign up at PS hall 32.

July 25

Open-air baccalaureate service at Block 35 at 7:45 tonight. With J. A. Trice, superintendent, the main speaker was Rev. Travis White, pastor of the First Christian Church at Little Rock.

Rohwer Toyland situated at PS Hall 12 is proving a popular haven for children. Toyland's selection of toys games, and books is being enlarged from time to time through donations of various outside organizations.

July 26

Resettlement in the Denver area is halted for about six months. Due to the rapid influx of evacuees into the Denver and northern Colorado regions Relocation Supervisor, Harold S. Choate requests all indefinite leaves to that section be discouraged.

July 28

Public Works Division plans many improvements on school buildings and grounds to be made during vacation.

July 29

Children's Book Exhibit opens at Center Library in Block 19. Fifty modern books by some of the most outstanding and widely known authors and illustrators are being shown.

July 30

High School Commencement Exercises tonight! In a twilight ceremony at the western end of Block 35, 152 seniors, attired in blue and white caps and gowns, passed another milestone as they received their diplomas. Carrying out the theme, "Cross Roads" six graduates spoke in the Past, Present and Future.

Rohwer Co-op cancels Montgomery Ward contract. All future Montgomery Ward orders must be made individually.

Project Director, Ray D. Johnston, returns from conference of WRA officials held in Denver, Colorado. Three other Rohwer officials who also attended are expected back tomorrow.

July 31

Authority to impose fines on violators of community ordinances or WRA regulations has been approved.

Dr. Katsuto Takei, optometrist, announces that no further appointments will be taken, and those with appointments are requested to wait until notices are sent to them.

With the exception of persons eligible for aid through the social welfare, all glasses ordered through the hospital must be paid for in full.

Climaxing their first high school year at the local center school, the annual staff has published its first year book, the "Delta Round Up" for the 1943 July graduates.

August 1

Rohwer farm's first watermelons made their spectacular entrance

into the mess halls this noon. Though slightly on the green side, their appearance on the tables was hailed and cheered by young and old alike. 1270 "Stone Mountain" melons weighing approximately 19,050 pounds were served to the residents.

August 3

"Relocation Program," a pamphlet printed by the WRA and edited in both English and Japanese, was distributed for circulation among the block residents. Its primary purpose is to serve as a guidebook to relocation and acquaint the evacuees with the WRA program.

August 4

All outgoing male evacuees were reminded to carry their classification cards on their person at all times, and to notify their selective service boards of their whereabouts and new addresses.

Aliens leaving the center must have alien registration cards with them at all times.

August 5

Sixteen Senior High School boys and four supervisors left for Belleville, Illinois, by truck to work on the Eckert Farm for the summer. These boys will be doing their part in helping out the nation's war effort by relieving the critical farm labor shortage.

As a result of recent precautionary measures taken against rabies in the Center, 19 dogs were vaccinated and five dogs impounded. Orders from the police department emphasized that dog owners should put collars and identification tags on their vaccinated pets to distinguish them from unvaccinated strays. It was further warned that all stray dogs would be picked up and impounded.

Depending upon the availability of transportation, Sept. 21 has been set as the date for the first trainload of evacuees to leave for Tule Lake.

August 7

Congressman M. W. Norrel of this district and Congressman Oren Harris who represents the Jerome district, were visitors at the center. They came to get first hand information concerning the project, and not for investigation purposes.

August 8

Charles Wisdom, formerly with the US Census Bureau is here from Pisbee, Arizona to become Rohwer's first community analyst. His chief duty will be to analyze local social conditions.

August 9

Reports officer chief from Washington D. C., John C. Baker, arrived to take a survey of the activities of the Reports Section.

Segregation interviews for those who answered question 28 in the

negative have been completed, and the records of the hearings will be sent to Washington D. C. This completes hearings on group 2.

Aug. 10

The elementary Chinese class formerly taught by Hikokuma Mine will be continued by Michimasa Inouye.

Aug. 11

High school boys over the age of 16 who desire part time work for the summer are urged to sign up at the Block manager's office in Ad. 2. The senior PTA is sponsoring part time work for the students in the center since outside farm work for the boys has been cancelled. Physical examinations are required. 19 more Red Cross messages have been received.

Aug. 14

Rohwer's first two-day "O-Bon" celebration began at 6:30 tonight with Buddhist services on the High School grounds with the Rev. Gyodo Kono of Jerome delivering the inspirational sermon. Following which kimono-clad young girls and young men took part in the "Bon-Odori," a gala dance affair witnessed by an estimated crowd of 3500 centerites and guests.

Aug. 16

As part of the regular scout training program 93 Rohwer Boy Scouts, headed by Scout masters John Shimakawa, Mas Kitada and Jun Nishimoto embarked this morning on their 5-day camping trip on the sandy banks of the Mississippi River near Arkansas City. Colonel Snyder will serve as camp advisor, and members of the appointed personnel will take turns in staying with the boys each day. The trip was made possible through the general arrangements made by Director Ray D. Johnston and Community Services Director Dr. J. B. Hunter. Cooperation in the matters of transportation and food was obtained from Transportation and Supply chief, C. V. Updegraff, and Project Steward, L. A. May.

Aug. 19

Appearing on the front page of today's McGehee Times was an editorial decrying the "rowdy mannerisms" and the "obnoxious behavior" of some of the evacuees who have visited McGehee on shopping trips.

With the construction of the ice storage plant located in the warehouse area completed except for some minor details, efforts are being made to get carload quantities of ice through the combined supply of two ice companies. At present ice is obtainable only for one day's use at a time.

Aug. 20

As a center-wide gesture of farewell to all those leaving for Tule Lake, Rohwer young Men's Association presents tonight and tomorrow night a nearly 5-hour show from 7:30 p.m. in Block 20, outdoors.

Aug. 21

"Private enterprises for the sale at retail of consumer goods or services to center residents shall not be permitted" is the provision contained in WRA administrative instruction number 26. Continuous reports are received by Mr. Johnston that private business is being conducted in the center on a wholly unjustified scale, and an appeal has been made for the cooperation of the Community Council, Block Managers, and Board of Directors of Rohwer Co-op in the correcting of this situation. It is Mr. Johnston's hope that all private business will cease immediately, and that no special action will be necessary in bringing this about.

Dubious residents were given assurance by WRA Director, Dillon S. Myer in a teletype to Rohwer to the effect that relocation centers will not be closed. "I am anxious to correct an impression which has been created in some places that some or all the relocation centers are to be closed in the near future. As relocation takes place and more people move outside, we expect to close some centers but this will not take place in the near future."

Aug. 23

Mr. Johnston corrects some errors in the recent WRA pamphlets in segregation. One of them: "In some places it is stated or the impression is left that decisions on leave clearance hearings be conducted at the center. This is not so. The hearings are conducted at the Center but the final decisions are made by the Director in Washington.

Aug. 24.

Again L. A. May, head of mess division, cautions all kitchen workers to keep screen doors tightly closed as this is the time of year that flies transmitting typhoid fever are in greatest abundance.

Aug. 25

With the exchange ship, Gripsholm slated to sail Sept. 1, the 63 repatriates from Rohwer were given detailed instructions on baggage limitations and physical examinations.

Aug. 27-28

E. A. sponsors huge County Fair on high schools grounds, with more than 30 clubs participating. A carnival with gay refreshment and game booths, a talent show, a raffle, a garden exhibit of individual entries, flower arrangement exhibit, and a dance were the featured attractions. On both nights, an overflowing

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crowd attended. So quickly were the refreshment stands sold out, and so over-crowded were the various games, throngs of people were turned away unserved.

Aug. 28

Baggage Check and inspection for all repatriates leaving on Gripsholm.

Aug. 29

After a body search for contraband articles such as excess funds, rationed foodstuffs, unnecessary household goods, the repatriation group was isolated in Block 31 mess hall until time of departure.

Five trucks laden with 107 repatriates from Rohwer and Jerome left tonight for McGehee to board a train for Jersey City.

Influx into northern Utah is discouraged by WRA ruling, with resettlement in that section reaching a new high.

Aug. 31

125 Rohwer girl scouts picked approximately 500 pounds of cotton at Mr. Smith's cotton plantation in Rohwer, as a part of a war service program.

Sept. 1

A new amendment affecting Japan-educated evacuees is now in effect. The directors are no longer authorized to grant indefinite leaves to citizens who have returned to the U. S. since 1935, or have lived 10 years or more in Japan after the age of 6, or have received all or most of their formal education in Japan, or who have had formal education in Japan after the age of 15.

Persons affected will be given clearance hearings.

Sept. 2

Lt. Elizabeth Ellis of the Pine Bluff recruiting station will be in the center all day to interview all girls interested in the WACs.

Sept. 3

The National Red Cross will take messages to be sent to Japan via the Gripsholm, it was revealed in a teletype message from Washington D. C. Message must be of personal nature, written in English and limited to 25 words. They should reach the local chapter's desk before 4 p.m. tomorrow, it was announced.

Sept. 4

Graduation exercises for 149 sewing students and 27 tailoring students were held in Block 31. Presentation of

diplomas was made by Dr. Griswold, and Mrs. Hunter was guest speaker. After the ceremonies refreshments were served. An exhibit of the works of the above pupils and of the millinery class was held all day today and will continue through tomorrow in Mess Hall 31.

The financial report for the County Fair sponsored by the C. A. revealed to a net profit of \$1,259.41.

Sept. 6

97 repatriates, unable to board the Gripsholm which is scheduled to pick up more passengers in South America, were sent back from Jersey City to various centers. Of these, 55 evacuees were brought here for temporary housing until Sept. 14 at which time they will leave for Tule Lake.

Included were 17 of the 63 Rohwer repatriates, baggage had already been placed on board ship; so the repatriates returned with no clothing or change articles except the bags they carried. The Red Cross and the social welfare assisted in these cases.

Sept. 8

Ira Holland, Rohwer Schools health of physical education adviser, leaves for Chicago where he will go into foreign war relief training.

Sept. 11

The local Red Cross Chapter working at a feverish pace to offset the one day notice, successfully completed and forwarded more than 1000 copies of letters to the Washington D. C. office. Contact with the exchange ship already bound for the Orient will be established by plane.

Sept. 12

An outdoor variety program is presented in high school grounds as a farewell to segregees departing soon for Tule Lake.

Sept. 14

First group departs for Tule Lake at 10 a.m. Francis Mangham, assistant project director is selected to accompany the segregees.

Transportation supervisor, R. A. Walling, arrived here today to confer with Project Director, Johnston and C. V. Updegraff, transportation and supply officer, in an effort to coordinate the actions of the evacuee property division in the WRA centers with those of the southern and northern California headquarters.

Sept. 15

Any and all contributions from the residents--evacuee or appointed personnel-- will be heartily accepted by the local Red Cross Chapter, it was announced. Items such as old clothes and shoes as well as financial aid will be appreciated.

Over \$500 was spent by the chapter to supply the baggageless Gripsholm group with necessary clothing and miscellaneous items.

Sept. 16

Clothing allowance checks now being distributed thru the mails are printed on regular sized cards which will be filed later through the use of electrical machines; so recipients should avoid folding or creasing them. Creased checks will not be accepted by the banks.

"Since my last visit in May, Rohwer Center has begun a hog farm, improved its irrigation program and started a cannery--the progress on the whole is very good," commented William M. Case of the Agriculture Division in Washington, WRA, who is here today and tomorrow to look over the Center farms.

Sept. 18

A teletyped message on the safe arrival of the segregees in Tule Lake has been received.

Sept. 20

Beginning today all Co-op stores and service departments will operate on a strictly coupon basis.

Sept. 22

In a letter from the Desha County war fund, Rohwer residents were invited to participate in the current war bond drive.

Sept. 23

All those desiring to send Christmas packages for soldiers, sweethearts or brothers overseas must mail them before October 15 to be reached in time for the holidays.

Sept. 25

"Foods in War Time" is the new course offered adults by Virginia Turner, hospital dietician.

It's that time again! Block managers discuss ways and means of wood distribution for the winter months ahead. It is hoped the acute shortage of lumberjacks will be relieved by the return of seasonal workers.

Sept. 28

57 Tule Lake residents transfer here via Jerome Center. The community population now totals 6703 inhabitants.

Rohwer Fire Department observes Fire Prevention Week together with other localities throughout the nation.

Sept. 29

Electric lathes and drill presses, having been secured last week for the Rohwer Center garage, the Motor Repair Section is now equipped to handle major overhauls of all equipment on

the project, including tractors, farm machinery and motor vehicles.

Oct. 2

Margaret Sorenson, acting supervisor of A. C. volunteers for Red Cross Foreign Service. She leaves today for a fortnight's stay at Kansas City, Kansas prior to her reporting Washington D. C. by October 18 for overseas duty. With a period of great activity recorded during her supervision, Miss Sorenson leaves behind a host of admiring friends.

Oct. 4

Opal Albright, vocational adviser at the Center High School, will hereafter assume charge of student relocation formerly handled by the office of the night school director. Since more and more high school students will seek to go to college, it will be of greater convenience for the office to be centered at the high school.

Oct. 5

If, in the replacing of General DeWitt by General Delos C. Emmons in charge of western Defense Command, a percentage of Center residents were still hopeful of a change in policy and the possibility of an early return to California, today's Pacific Citizen quotes Gen. Emmons as follows: "The Japanese fleet and air force still constitute a serious threat. While this threat persists, no persons of Japanese ancestry will be permitted to return to evacuated areas except with and the expressed approval of the war Department."

Oct. 7

375 Rohwer and 40 Jerome segees composed the second group bound for Tule Lake, at 2 p.m. today. A holiday was declared for the schools so that pupils might join in the last farewells with their friends.

Oct. 8

Another Court of Honor and presentation of badges to Rohwer Boy Scouts took place in the High School field tonight. Special awards were given George Akimoto and George Shimada. Jerome scouts were also represented.

The local drama group, the so-called "Engei kai stars," motored to Jerome to present two lively comedy hits.

Oct. 9

To inform the residents of the opportunities open in the midwest with a view especially toward the inspiring of family groups into the Tri-County Irrigation District in Nebraska, Relocation Supervisors, Vernon R. Kennedy of Kansas City and Walter N. Parmeter and Leo T. Simmons of the Omaha,

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Nebraska and St. Louis offices are here to hold conferences and individual interviews. Movies of the locality will be shown. The major problem of the relocation offices has been the lack of knowledge of what the evacuee wants; so the principal hope of the relocation supervisors is to get first hand information of the general feeling of the people regarding resettlement.

H. S. Miller of the Ball Brothers Glass Company is also here to recruit workers for straw baling and truck driving near Mitchell, South Dakota.

Oct. 9

The Community Council, headed by S. Muraoka, is making a comprehensive survey of life on the "outside." 2000 questionnaires have been sent to various residents. Employee sentiments, social contacts, personal opinions and suggestions are among the basic points covered.

230 students in adult English classes, having successfully completed their required period of study for 1942-1943 school year tonight received their WRA "diplomas" at a special assembly in Block 31. Wilma Van Dusseldorp was the main speaker of the evening. "Language and Culture" was her topic.

Three internees recently paroled from Santa Fe Internment camp, have arrived to rejoin their families.

Oct. 10

Mushroom hunting seems to be the latest pastime. Seishin Motoyoshi 61 of Block 13, certainly spent a full day at the sport much to the alarm of his friends. He started off early Sunday morning in the direction of the woods, leaving word he would return by noon. When he was not back by 7 p.m. a searching party made up of 350 residents for Blocks 13, 12 and 20 and the Internal Security and Fire Department combed the area outside the Center building fires along the canal banks and blowing series of sirens and then about 11 p.m. Motoyoshi, escorted by a Rohwer citizen was seen coming thru the last fence. Apparently in the best of health and completely unaware of the commotion caused in his behalf, he was back to camp.

Oct. 11

Due to the many vacancies in apartments since the departure of people to Tule Lake, the Housing Unit outlines procedures for changing apartments. All approvals for moves will be issued by the Housing Unit through the block managers.

Dr. Frank J. Erdlitz joins hospital staff as senior medical officer.

Oct. 12

Eastside Elementary PTA holds its first meeting. Plans

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for better teacher-parent relations were discussed. Newly-elected officers: Mrs. Ruth Niiya, president; Y. Yasuda, vice-president; Lily Takeda, secretary; and H. Futamachi, treasurer.

Oct. 13

Mike Miyake and Harry Itaya, who recently returned from a tour of the Tri-County Irrigation Project in Nebraska spoke of their observations at a Relocation Meeting in Block 35. Movies of the project and on "The Science of Straw-baling in South Dakota" were shown.

First slaughtering of center hogs for the mess halls takes place.

Oct. 14

Lumber was distributed to all Blocks for roofs over the entrances of latrines and mess halls. The roofs are to be constructed by the individual blocks.

A brick sterilizer, a steel tank about 8 feet long and 4 feet square, and capable of withstanding a pressure of 200 lbs. per square inch is being installed at the hospital. It will be used to sterilize hospital supplies.

Plans are being made for the building of a memorial at the center cemetery.

Oct. 15

Recent additions to the night school were released by Dr. N. R. Griswold, night school director. Lloyd Shingu was named assistant night school director. Instructors and their courses; Dr. Mildred Silver, Advance English; Joe Coleman, typing; Mrs. Alfred Gotanda, Stenography; Mrs. Kimiko Hoshiyi, sewing; and Miss T. Katayama, Adult English.

Oct. 16

Addition to the adult Education staff is Mrs. Kimiko Hiroshige, sewing.

Oct. 17

Two paroled internees arrive from Santa Fe to join families.

Oct. 18

To keep in line with the recent President's order that federal agencies reduce the consumption of gasoline and mileage by at least 40%, Rohwer project must reduce trips to McGehee, Jerome, and other outside points to a bare minimum, reports C. V. Updegraff, Transportation and Supply Officer.

Since federal regulations provide that government-owned vehicles be used for official business only, effective October 7, all persons having official business outside the

Center must register their request for transportation as far in advance as possible. This will allow opportunity for combining two or more requests with the use of only one vehicle.

Oct. 19

Newest members to join the administration is Evacuee Officer, Irving B. Connor, who will assume the work formerly handled by C. V. Upedgraff, Supply Chief. Mr. Connor will be available for consultation on any property matters that any evacuee may have, according to Ray D. Johnston, project director.

Oct. 20

Harvested in Rohwer farms, today, were the following first crops: 125-50 pound crates of lettuce; 70 lug boxes of white icicle radishes; 95 lug boxes Porto Rico sweet potatoes; 105-15 pound baskets Giant Noble spinach, and 20-100 pounds of sa-sa daikon.

Oct. 21

James F. Rains who accompanied the second group of segees to Tule Lake on October 7 has returned to his desk.

Oct. 23

Tonight on the high school field, the curtains were raised on Rohwer's First Anniversary Engei-kai--a three-hour variety show. In order that the show might begin as early as possible, the mess halls served dinner at 5 p.m.

Alteration of Mess Hall 42 into a Tofu factory is in progress with the installation of stoves with special vats, grinder, large sink, tables and special apparatus necessary in manufacture

Oct. 24

30 members of the Social Welfare Staff enjoyed a picnic and weenie bake at the Center Campsite tonight. They started out about 4 p.m. and returned about 9:30 p.m. hiking both ways.

Oct. 25

A Relocation Library is now open at 35-6-A. Many catalogues on universities and colleges and relocation literature are now made available, and students and residents are invited to come in and browse through them. There are also many pictures of relocated members happily at work. A member of the High School staff is in charge. The library is open during all school hours and Saturdays upon request.

Oct. 26

Efforts are being made to recruit an additional crew of lumberjacks through the Employment Division. To meet this year's necessary fuel supply, a total of 350 lumberjacks will be needed.

Identification photos must be taken at the Rohwer Photo Studio by all those going out on leaves, including indefinite, short-term, and seasonal, states leave officer.

Five of the outgoing block managers and the newly-elected block managers were honored at a Block managers' get-together in Block 9 this evening.

Oct. 27

The project steward left for Memphis, Tenn. to confer with the various quarter master officers in hope of securing necessary equipment to outfit the mess halls.

Evergreen shrubs donated by Center residents will be planted soon at the Center Cemetery. Each block contributed \$1 toward this program to further beautify the grounds.

Oct. 28

The Chief of Community Services leaves for Kansas City, Mo. to take part in the 1943 International Institute sponsored by over 50 clubs and churches of greater Kansas City. He will present the various phases of evacuation and relocation in his schedule of 13 addresses to be made between Oct. 31 to Nov. 7. On Nov. 5, he will speak over Station KCKN at 9:30 p.m.

An inventory of Center Mess Halls is being taken by the Mess Management Division to show what each mess hall has in the way of necessary equipment, and also to give a comparison of mess halls with each other in respect to mess equipment.

Inventories will be taken also at the Personnel mess hospital mess and mess hall 42.

Oct. 29

The Christmas Committee starts preparations for a big Christmas. At its first meeting at the Community Activities office a sub-committees were chosen to handle the various activities and plans were discussed.

Oct. 30

The Rohwer Beauty Shop now has its plaster boards up and stove installed; and is open again for appointments. Patrons may bask in warmth there this winter, as they are being made beautiful.

Nov. 1

Frank Date of Block 6 and Tom Iwahashi of Block 9 were elected chairman and assistant chairman respectively, of the Block managers group at the first meeting of the newly-elected Block managers with Ray D. Johnston, Project Director acting as temporary chairman.

Nov. 2

Three new doctors have been added to the local hospital staff. "On the basis of the present population, Rohwer Center is entitled to five doctors," said, the chief medical officer.

Nov. 3

Mrs. Gracia D. Booth who has volunteered her services as associate relocation officer at Cincinnati, Ohio will be here until Friday to discuss relocation in the Midwestern area. She and her husband were both with the American Friends Service Committee in Pasadena, California during the evacuation period.

Nov. 4

The Reverends Joseph K. Fukushima, Shokichi Hata, K. Harper Sakauye, and Kiyoshi T. Shiraishi have journeyed to Jerome to take part in the anniversary meetings sponsored by the Jerome Christian Church.

Nov. 5

"No one should experience difficulty in securing employment in his special field," reported Joseph Coleman of the Placement Dept. A few employment vacancies are now opened in all divisions and sections of the center.

Nov. 6

The anniversary issues of the "Pen" were delivered to the individual blocks last night and early today.

Nov. 7

26 nurses' aides received their caps and certificates of achievement at a "Capping" ceremony in the hospital mess at 2 p.m. Special invitations were extended to relatives and friends of the nurses' aides. These girls have completed a course in attendant nursing and have worked at the hospital for more than 3 months.

Nov. 8

A new Buddhist organization was formed recently for those

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who are 25 or older. Those desiring to join are asked to be present at a special election of officers meeting.

Joining with the Nation's Schools, Rohwer Center schools will observe American Education Week. With "Education for Victory" as the general theme, all class rooms will be open to parents. Regular class schedules will be maintained so that parents may view the schools in actual, normal operation.

Rohwer High School, however, has planned an active program for its "Education for Victory" week with special guest speakers for each day.

Nov. 9

Election of councilman in all blocks.

W. J. Kitchen, emergency program secretary for the National Student YMCA, N. Y. came into the center to make arrangements and pave the way for a three day Leadership Institute which will be held here Nov. 19-21.

Joseph L. Gidwitz, vice-president, and L. H. Goldberger, personal manager of the Lanzit Corrugated Box Co., Chicago, Illinois, are in the center recruiting 25 workers for the Box factory.

Nov. 11

A special Armistice Day Program was held at the High School field this morning with Dr. W. W. Garrott of McGehee, guest speaker.

Editor, Barry Saiki leaves Outpost staff for Chicago on a short-term.

Nov. 12

RFCC celebrates its first anniversary with guest ministers from Jerome leading in Issei and Nisei anniversary Mission meetings.

Nov. 13

Subsistence allowances for evacuee families relocating hereafter will be calculated on family size and needs, according to word received last week by Project Director, Ray Johnston. In addition to the same transportation allowances this new plan, based on need, and effective Nov. 4, permits a 5 day subsistence allowance of \$25 for each person making the trip, regardless of the number in the family.

The guard station in front of the Police Department is finally completed.

Nov. 15

Beginning today, the center's milk supply will be reduced to comply with OPA orders, of 1/2 pt. per person per day. "Fresh milk shall be provided only to infants, nursing mothers and pregnant women and other persons who by medical attention require a special diet."

That a jeep bearing the name "Rohwer Center High School" will be sent to the 100th Infantry composed entirely of Jap. American in Italy is the determination of the National Honor

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Society in a center wide Bond and Stamp Drive starting today and continuing through Dec. 5. The goal calls for \$1165 invested in bonds.

Nov. 16

The first meeting of the new Community Council was held this morning. Shigemori Tamaki was re-elected chairman. Takekuma Takei, vice-chairman; Mrs. Misao Moriya, secretary-treasure.

Nov. 17

Approximately 200 parents attended the Jr. PTA social gathering at mess hall 19. The evening's program include speeches given by former chairman K. Sakakura; Mrs. S. Komuro, new chairman; Dr. Nat R. Griswold and J. T. Bledsoe. Dr. Griswold's lecture was translated by Lloyd Shingu. Chairman for the evening was Mrs. Ito, newly elected vice-chairman. A movie was shown.

Nov. 19

A three-day Leadership Institute beginning this morning, and presenting three principal speakers, Dr. George Corwin director of Boys' work of the National YMCA, N. Y.; Arno J. Haack, Director of Relocation and Social Activities of Washington University in St. Louis, Mo.; and Dr. J. B. Thompson, pastor of Presbyterian Church of Norman, Oklahoma will be held through Sunday. A series of individual interviews, meetings, discussions, and panels with high school groups, church groups, and representatives from the various organizations is scheduled for each day.

Nov. 20

In an attempt to ward off some of the rumors that have been circulating against the Co-op management, a "message from Co-op was published in today's Outpost upholding General Manager, Hideo Muto, as a 'very faithful, fair and honest worker, and that he was the very person fitted for the general management.'

(1) Failure of WRA to provide for the safe-guard of evacuees' lives after relocation; (2) the lack of provisions for group relocation, especially for farmers--are the contributing factors responsible for the failure of evacuee residents to render whole-hearted support to the relocation program were the two points submitted for study and reference to Dillon S. Myer, Director of WRA, Washington D.C. The committee for the Study of Relocation problems issued this statement of findings after an intense research, and a joint meeting of councilmen and block managers.

Nov. 21

"Know Thyself" is the theme of Rev. Gyodo Kono's sermon today at the Bussei Sunday School. The visiting pastor from

Jerome is meeting with great popularity and demand.

The Leadership Institute was climaxed tonight by an interfaith Buddhist and Christian Young People's gathering at RFCC with Arno J. Haack, speaker for the evening.

Nov. 23

The Westside Elementary PTA held an informal social in Mess 35, 7 p.m. Though 25¢ had been previously collected from each parent planning to attend, it seemed that a larger crowd than anticipated had assembled, and there was slight shortage of refreshments for the latest arrivals.

The speakers for the evening were Mrs. T. Kataoka, Mr. M. Ziegler and Mr. J. A. Trice. Mrs. Frank Nakamura was chairman.

Nov. 24

Two Co-o- barber shops located in the south half of the laundry room in block 40, and in 27-1-F opened officially to the public.

Rohwer Center's first major traffic accident involving evacuees occurred yesterday at 2:10 p.m. on Highway 1, five miles south of the center. Mrs. Teruko Usui was fatally injured when she was thrown out of the car.

L.A. May, Project Steward and driver of the government pick-up truck, and his passengers, Mrs. Fude Yamaguchi, wife of foreman of the Rohwer Tofu factory; Mrs. Teruko Usui, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Yamaguchi; Mrs. Sumiko Yamaguchi; Harry Usui; Tsugio Fujimoto; and Eddie Nagayama were returning from McGehee after having shopped for materials needed for the tofu factory.

Others injured were Mrs. F. Yamaguchi of block 34, mother of the deceased, with a broken shoulder bone; Mrs. S. Yamaguchi with a lacerated face; and Nagayama with minor cuts and bruises. Others escaped unharmed.

Nov. 25

Residents enjoyed a traditional Thanksgiving Day treat of turkey and cranberry sauce and pumpkin pie. Schools were closed. However, it was not a holiday for workers and employees worked as usual.

Nov. 26

As an aftermath of Thanksgiving Day feasting, blocks 27 and 33 reported an almost unanimous outbreak of stomach upsets. No serious cases developed, however, and the matter was laughed off good-naturedly.

Nov. 25

Issei and Nisei Thanksgiving Day Services were observed at the RFCC. Dr. J. B. Hunter spoke on "Reasons for Thanksgiving" at the latter service.

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Nov. 28

General Manger, Hideo Muto and the Board of Directors submitted their resignations at today's heated meeting of Delegates of Rohwer Co-op enterprises in block 28. But the resignations were refused on the grounds that the manager and directors were fired by the delegates. A temporary board of directors to complete the present term until Dec. 7 was elected.

Nov. 30

All persons wishing information on old age and survivor's Insurance were given an opportunity to see Norman H. Walker, manager of the Social Security Board of Pine Bluff, Arkansas, at Ad. 2 this afternoon.

Dec. 1

E. B. Whitaker, field WRA assistant director of Little Rock, takes over directorship of Jerome Relocation Center, replacing Paul A Taylor who has resigned to accept a post with the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture.

With the admittance of two persons as apprentices in the Rohwer garage, apprentice training became officially inaugurated today. Today, additional apprentices will be assigned on Dec. 8 and two more on Dec. 5. It is hoped, as time goes on, other fields will become open to this training.

Dec. 2

The WRA Relocation team made up of Harold Fistere (Cleveland area Relocation Supervisor); Elmer Shirrell (Chicago region Relocation Supervisor); Dr. P. A. Webber (Jap. language expert from the Salt Lake City Office); Miss Gretchan Van Tassel (of the Reports Division in Washington) and Philip Barber (of the Washington Relocation Division) arrived early this morning to conduct a series of meetings daily through Dec. 11. Inasmuch as seasonal workers are now returning to camp for the winter, and there is little farm employment on the outside, project officials were skeptical about the success of any relocation meetings at this time.

Dec. 3

Leadership training meetings opened under the direction of Ester Briesmeister and Mrs. Winona H. Chambers, Nat'l. YWCA secretaries from N. Y. with a general meeting on "How Plans are Actualized." These sessions are open to all and will be held on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 7-9 p.m. at 35-11-B.

The Engineering, Agricultural, and Motor Transportation and Maintenance Section employees will receive their November pay by checks mailed them directly from the Treasury Disbursing Office at Kansas City, Mo. in the same manner as clothing allowance checks, according to Francis R. Mangham because of reduction in center agent cashier authority. Others will receive their cash payments in the usual manner.

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Dec 4

Christmas will be made bright if present plans of the Rohwer Christmas Committee materialize. The Christmas Committee (of the CA) this year merged with the RFCCa and re-organized into a Rohwer Community Christmas Committee. The newly-elected officers are: K. Ikebasu, chairman; Rev. J. Fukushima, vice-chairman; H. Uyehara, secretary; Miss Van Dusseldorp, treasurer; gift distributor, Mas Kitada, J. A. Trice and Frank Date, candies and cookies and also nuts. Christmas gifts from outside donors have been coming in since November, and are continuing to arrive.

YWCA sponsored a bazaar in its club rooms. All day eager buyers crowded around the tables and quickly brought out novelty lapel pins, corsages, embroidered and crocheted baby things etc.

Francis R. Mangham assistant project director and Ralph Estes, cost accountant, entrained for Denver, Colorado to attend the conference on WRA budget and appropriation problems to be held from Dec. 6-11.

Dec. 5

The Sunday School in block 20 was given a treat today. As each member walked out the door, Dr. Ehrlitz handed him a lollipop.

Three jeeps instead of just one will be contributed to the US army as the High School Bond and Stamp selling campaign closed this week, more than tripling its original goal of \$1165.

Dec. 6

The grounds surrounding the administration buildings are a very pleasant sight these days with the appearance of fresh green lawn.

With the opening of two new nurseries planned soon in blocks 6 and 4, registration for 3 and 4 year old children is being taken in blocks 31, 35 and 15.

In order to cut and have in as much wood as possible before bad weather sets in, all block workers (except mess cooks and "key" workers) will be called upon to report as lumberjacks instead of their regular jobs on their designated wood-cutting days.

Dec. 7

First distribution of "tofu" began in some of the blocks.

The new Congress of Delegates of the Rohwer Co-operative Enterprises Inc. held its first meeting, and a new Board of Directors was formed.

Dec. 8

Daily relocation meetings are still being held. Private morning conferences, occupational group meetings in

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afternoons and general night meetings. Tonight's general meeting in block 35 went on record as having the largest attendance to date. Two movie shorts "The Way Ahead" and "Go for Broke" are being shown. Dr. Webber's knowledge of psychology of the Japanese people and his perfect use of the Japanese language have so impressed the Issei; some men and women have been seen appearing nightly at the meetings just to hear him speak.

Dec. 9

The Office of Defense Transportation has requested all civilians to refrain from traveling through the period from Dec. 17 to Jan. 10 as a courtesy to soldiers.

Dec. 10

Apprentice training is now available in the following fields: 10 clerk-typists, 4 cabinet makers, 7 carpenters' assistants, and 4 concrete workers. Applications may be made at the night school office.

Dec. 11

The Relocation meetings with Harold Fistere, Elmer Shirrell, Dr. P. A. Webber and Miss Gretchan Van Tassel were brought to a close with this morning's session. Disappointment, even the evident lack of interest on the part of the evacuees was expressed, and relocation officials agreed with personnel members that this definitely was not the time to hold the meetings.

Dec. 12

The secretary to the Spanish Consul, Alfonso Sabadie, substituting for the Spanish Consul visited the center for a few hours accompanied by H. M. Benninghoff of the State Dept. to get latest information on repatriation, as at the present time a third exchange of nationals is being negotiated in Washington.

As the secretary's visit was very brief and rather sudden, it was not possible to call a general meeting. A committee of seven men was hurriedly assembled to represent the Issei in conferring with Sabadie.

Dec. 13

The center's coal shortage has reached a critical stage. Showers in a number of blocks have been reduced to every other night. "The shortage of coal was brought about by the coal mine strikes in the eastern section of the country," said James F. Hains.

Miss Wilma Van Dusseldorp, social welfare head, left for Tule Lake by plane for a 30-day stay. She will aid in the organizing of the welfare staff at the Segregation Center.

Dr. J. B. Hunter, assistant project director, leaves

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for Denver, Colorado, to represent the WRA at the National Conference of Japanese Christian leaders to be held Dec. 16-17. The future of the Issei church and the welfare of its leaders will be discussed.

Representing the Rohwer Federated Christian Church will be Rev. J. K. Fukushima, Rev. K. T. Shiraishi and Rev. K. Harper Sakaye. They will also leave by train.

Through the cooperation of merchants and business men at McGehee, arrangements have been made for special bus transportation from the center to McGehee for Christmas shopping. Two trips per day, one in the afternoon will be made beginning today and on through Dec. 20. The bus will accommodate 33 persons per trip, thus making it possible for 12 persons per block to go shopping this year. Bus fare will be 55¢ round trip. All Christmas shopping must be done as this time since no other shopping passes will be issued. No liquor will be allowed in the center, it was stated.

Dec. 14

The center's coal shortage was temporarily ended by the arrival of three carloads of coal this morning.

Cold! Center residents saw tiny snow flakes fall for a couple of hours this morning!

Evacuees of draft age who are subject to Selective Service laws were reminded of their responsibility for keeping in touch with their draft boards, according to special instructions from Washington. Male residents are being warned that failure to comply with draft regulations will automatically make them draft delinquents and subject them to possible criminal prosecution. The regulation with respect to change of address applies especially to evacuees who relocate and settle elsewhere.

Dec. 15

The importance of abiding by all Dept. of Justice travel regulations was forcibly brought home to alien residents here by news of the recent arrest of four seasonal workers from Heart Mountain. The alien evacuees apprehended were taken into custody in Spokane, Wash. for travelling without the required permits. Project Director, Ray D. Johnston warned alien evacuees planning to leave the center on seasonal or indefinite leaves to be absolutely certain they understand and comply with all Dept. of Justice regulations governing enemy aliens. Aliens must apply to the US Dist. Attorney in the state in which they are living at the time for permission to travel from one city or town to another. Application for permission must be made at least 7 days before any trips can be made.

Dec. 16

With the Christmas season soon upon us, and many Christmas trees and decorations in the house, the Fire Dept-

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ment issues a warning for the removal of all trash, papers, and inflammables from around the stoves.

Dec. 17

Though all blocks are reporting more and more cases of "flu" Dr. Wayne Ramsey, chief medical officer, assured center residents that no influenza epidemic exists here as yet, but warned all residents to take precautionary steps to prevent its spreading.

"Lil Dan'l" magazine, depicting in cartoon form one year's life in a relocation camp, went on circulation today. George Akimoto, editor and artist, received many favorable comments on his work and the manner in which he had grasped the spirit and atmosphere of the camp.

Dec. 18

Representatives of various organizations such as Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Community Council, Block Managers, Church, C. A., YWCA are going to the HFCC office these days and nights to help in the wrapping of Christmas gifts.

More and more seasonal workers are returning; college students and family heads on indefinite leaves are arriving to spend the holidays with their families these days with exchange of greetings going on here and there. Soldiers on furlough are a familiar sight, too.

Dec. 19

The first Red Cross Home Nursing class having completed its course, formed the Home Nursing Auxiliary and elected officers.

Through the efforts of the Boy Scouts, Christmas trees have been cut and distributed to all mess halls, hospital, schools, churches, personnel mess and personnel recreation hall.

Dec. 20

A telephone was installed in the Outpost office.

The Camp Savage recruiting team is here again to sign up volunteers for the Intelligence School--Captain Paul F. Rusch and Technical Sergeants Ronald T. Chagami and Morio Nishita.

Dec. 21

At the Conference on Budget and WRA appropriations in Denver, recently, it was estimated that for the fiscal year 1944, which is from July 1, 1943-June 30, 1944, the total expenditure for all 10 WRA centers and the Washington office will be \$48,000,000, according to Francis R. Mangham, assistant project director.

Dec. 22

The Outpost was not published. Because of the holiday, today and Saturdays will be combined into a single edition and delivered Friday.

Schools closed for the holidays after today's Christ-

mas programs which were planned by most classes, and candy was distributed through the PTA.

The crowning of Miss Campus Co-ed took place in Mess 35. Ruth Kambara, the new queen, and her two attendants, Lillian Hananouchi and Lillian Uyeda will add sparkle to the gala "Co-ed Ball" to be held Christmas night under the sponsorship of the Knights.

Dec. 23

The center's Christmas holiday officially began tonight with the center's annual program at the High School auditorium in Block 35. Though, a program packed with the center's best talents was offered, rainy weather and the prevailing colds prevented a large attendance.

Dec. 24

It was a slippery day in camp. Rain and sleet soon made the sidewalks unwalkable. Crossing of narrow bridges was practically impossible. Women and children and men were seen falling and slipping. There was not too much pedestrian traffic this afternoon!

Block parties for children were held in most of the blocks tonight, and Santa Claus arrived to distribute gifts to children up to 17 years of age. The love and goodwill of multitudes of people on the outside made this Christmas season a joyful one for the children of this center.

Dec. 25

Inclement weather prevented an outdoor Christmas celebration, but the three Sunday Schools in blocks 6, 20 and 2 presented programs.

Dec. 26

Because so many pupils and teachers are down with the "flu," Sunday Schools were cancelled for today at RFCC.

Dec. 27

In order that Saturday, New Year's Day may be observed as a holiday, notices were sent to all workers to report back to work after a 45 minute lunch period each day this week.

William H. Robins of Knoxville, Tenn. joined the center hospital staff as hospital administrator.

Dec. 28

The shortage of wood is being felt by all blocks. The rainy weather has delayed delivery and the cutting of wood.

Until further notice, the center library in block 19 will be closed evenings.

Dec. 29

The relocation meeting in block 35 was attended by

about 30 interested people. Henry Ford's Plantation in Georgia was the subject of the meeting. Paul Sato and Nobi Matsumoto were elected to represent the center on a trip to the plantation to look over the situation and land; and to report back on the results of the observations and contacts.

Dec. 30

Official clean-up day was declared by the Community Council. All residents were requested to cooperate and clean up the grounds.

Dec. 31

Preparations for New Years went on in great style throughout the center. Women took advantage of the sunshine and brought out all the old year's washing. Apartments were given their last good scrubbing. Mess workers, with the aid of the block people prepared the New Year's feast. Young people planned dances.

At the stroke of midnight, fire engine sirens sounded, mess hall gongs were struck and another old year gave way to a new Happy New Year!

Jan. 1, 1944

Rohwer Center observed a quiet New Years. Breakfast was served at 9 or 10 in most of the blocks. In some blocks prepared lunches were taken home, and the messes closed for the rest of the day. Other blocks enjoyed a New Year's dinner at 4 in the afternoon. One block did not go to the mess hall at all--all the food had been distributed to each unit yesterday uncooked and was prepared according to the individual's taste. The mess hall stoves were available all day yesterday to those who had no means of cooking at home.

But whatever time, the meals were served--they were partaken in banquet style and for once, leisurely.

A football game in the afternoon, and a "Shibai," program made up of the Center's best dramatic talents given in block 35, were the highlights of the New Year's celebration.

Jan. 2

Many people expressed relief at being able to resume normal living and regular meals in the mess after having spent one day of eating cold food at home. More Christmas presents were passed out to the children. These were gifts which arrived after Christmas.

Jan. 3

The "Ad" buildings are busy with people working on "budgets" these days.

Co-op begins transaction of business under cash basis, effective today.

Present coupons will still be accepted; however, no more coupons will be sold. Co-op members are asked to keep the cash register receipts and paste them on a piece of paper. When 25 sales slips have been accumulated, they are asked to be turned in with names and a dresses attached, and clerks at the Coupon Booth will issue receipts for the sales slips.

Beginning this afternoon, all workers with the exception of mess workers and special men, were drafted into lumberjack work for the whole week. "The holiday woodcutting will continue next week if the weather permits. The major problem is the hauling of the wood, since the cutting down of the trees is progressing favorably," declared James F. Rains.

Jan. 5

The call to lumberjack duties of the Press manpower this week has curtailed the publishing of the Outpost.

Jan. 6

A national conference of evacuee delegates from the nine centers and representatives from the relocation fields areas is being planned for the early part of February with Dillon S. Myer to consider problems related to the future of evacuees and others of Japanese ancestry in the United States, and for the purpose of bringing up questions and suggestions for this meeting, block meetings were held tonight in all blocks. Two local delegates were also chosen.

Jan. 7

The stacks of wood in front of the barracks have been dwindling. In many blocks the wood supply has run out completely and small amounts of coal are being distributed. It began to snow about 9:30 tonight.

Jan. 8

Thomas Bodine, field director of student relocation, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania has been in the center for a week holding conferences and personal interviews with students wishing to enter colleges or universities. A wide choice of colleges and state universities as well as private institutions is now open to Nisei, including Harvard, Yale, Princeton, Cornell, Columbia and University of Chicago. Many scholarships are offered by church groups.

Plans are being made for Rohwer to have a USO.

Jan. 9

The senior graduating class held its Baccalaureate Service at 7:30 p.m. in PS Hall 20, with Dr. Marion A. Boggs, pastor of Second Presbyterian Church at Little Rock, the guest speaker.

Dr. Thomas B. Cracroft assumes charge of the Center's

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Health program, as acting chief medical officer, with Dr. Wayne Ramsey's transfer to the U.S. Public Health Service.

Jan. 10

The first Co-op dividends are being given out this week for the fiscal year of Sept. 24, 1942 to Sept. 30, 1943. For every \$100 worth of purchases \$3.12 will be refunded at this time. The net profit for each \$100 worth of sales was \$15.60. This will be distributed as follows: 20% or \$3.12, immediate rebates; 66% or \$10.30 gradual rebate to be paid back within the second fiscal year.

The following will be retained: 10% or \$1.56, General Reserve Fund; 2% or 31¢, welfare fund.

The chief of the Operations Division in the Washington WRA office is here on a routine check-up visit. He is meeting with agricultural and engineering section heads with a view to working out a program for next year.

Jan. 11

The holiday lumberjacking continues. In many blocks it is truly an "all out" effort to go out and cut as much wood as possible. In one particular block all the male mess workers with the exception of the two chief cooks have been into the woods; and the women of the block volunteered their services in the kitchen. One certain young widow, who felt she had hitherto been doing all the receiving from the block, felt this a good opportunity to repay with her services. She quit her work with the Education Department and is helping in the kitchen.

Jan. 12

A four-day conference of evacuee property officers and project attorneys from all the relocation centers will be held from Jan. 17-20 in San Francisco. Property problems of the evacuees, and ways and means for the betterment of the services are to be discussed.

Irving B. Conner, evacuee property officer here, and Jack Curtis, project attorney, leave today for California.

Jan. 13

Relocation Officer, Laverne Madigan from New York is here to stay for 3 weeks for the benefit of those interested in relocating in the New York area.

Jan. 14

After long weeks of meetings, and pros and cons, the positions of general manager and head buyer for the Rohwer Co-op have been filled. Y. Umezuka becomes the new general

and head buryer. T. Kita is the new head cashier.

It has been slippery many times this season because of the freezing ground after rains, or because of sleet; however, today was by far the most slippery on record. People who felt it necessary to go out, tied pieces of rope or sacks around their shoes as "skid chains," and many women wore socks over their shoes. Women were seen crossing narrow bridges on hands and knees. Others found it safer to go down the ditch, rather than take a bridge.

In spite of rain, the mess hall in 35 was filled to capacity to witness another commencement. 40 high school students received diplomas. This third group to graduate from Rohwer High, made a pretty procession as the boys appeared attired in dark blue and the girls in white caps and gowns. "To Strive, to Seek, to Find, and Not to Yield," taken from Tennyson's "Ulysses" was the theme, and student speakers addressed the audience on each phase of the quotation.

Jan. 15

Paul Sato and Noboru Matsumot accompanied Mr. C. B. Price relocation officer of the southern region, on a 10-day tour of Henry Ford's Plantation in Richmond Hill, Ga. and other points nearby. Two representatives from Jerome also accompanied them.

Residents woke up to find the center covered with several inches of snow. The sun shone brightly all day and made snow ball throwing and snow playing ideal. Men, women and children enjoyed the sport.

86 awards were made at a Boy Scout Court of Honor in PS hall 2.

Rohwer Relocation Center
McGehee, Arkansas

EXCERPTS FROM DIARY OF EVACUEE - Yoshiye Ogata

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OCTOBER 31-42. We hit McGehee (11 miles from Rohwer) at 9 p.m. Unhitching the Jerome cars and other "necessary details" took 2½ hours--we were given a good rocking back and forth til our stomachs were churning. Assembled luggage and other junk to facilitate alighting. 11:45 or 12 we had arrived at our destination--could see the points of the barbed wire fences with droplets of rain stuck on them. Camp looked like some regimented metropolis--orderly rows of lights, quite a sprawling village. We all chipped in 10¢ as a token of appreciation to George Koneto for his services as car monitor.

It must have been after 1:30 when they finally decided to let us off the train--we wanted to sleep in the car--most of the children were asleep or grouchy for the need of it. We were herded off the cars--MP's grabbed our arms as we slipped into the soft mud. Our arms were creaking at the joints as we embraced blankets, basket, purse and overnight bags as we tried to maintain our equilibrium on an open truck over a bumpy road and what seemed like hairpin turns. Had to stand all the way!

We were brought to a brightly lighted mess hall--ah, food, we thought!--Nothin' doin'. Registration and induction at 2:30 a.m. Went forward to desk as "head" of the family (of two). Received assignment to quarters.

"Our home"--38-1-E. Fujinos to the right and the block office to the left. Ought to be quiet--unit looks good--and empty, also. An ugly black stove and a suggestion of a clothes closet--shelves and rod very low. They must think we are midgets.

Well, we were led into our quarters wading through mud. We initiated our new home by spattering mud all over it. We struggled with cots only to discover that one was torn and terribly underslung. Sneaked into next unit and did a quick exchange job. Had to wait for blankets.

Collected hand baggage and visited wash room while waiting. Washing room not adequate--possibilities not too remote, though. Facilities much better than SAAC. (Santa Anita Assembly Center).

Blankets came about 3 a.m.--heck, just rolled up in coat and blanket, Indian fashion, and fell asleep from sheer fatigue. Morning came all too soon--would have slept through the day--but

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gabblings of people meeting again after parting at Santa Anita, trucks and what all, were just too much.

People started peering through the glass door--so we gave up even feigning sleep. Packed bathing stuff in bag to take in a shower or bath. Water did not heat til 3 p.m. So with clean teeth and faces, went to block across the way for a breakfast of prunes, coffee and toast. Of course, we sat across from ubiquitous Mrs. T. She glares at people when they're not looking and smiles when they are looking.

Mess hall seems almost miniature after those 2,000 capacity affairs of SAAC. Tables very low--everything scaled for mid-gets.

Can't do much about cleaning room of mud--no broom, no mop--suit and coat which we slept in covered with cakes of mud.

NOVEMBER 1. Meeting of block residents called. George Kaneko has assumed managership and a Mr. Fukuzawa, assistant. Our block is small, so everyone must work in mess. They want volunteers. Naturally, Mr. F. would be steward--and the whole white mess crowd is with us. They needed waitresses--but no one would step forward--so, like suckers, we did.

Train baggage came into mess hall. Chivalry is dead! We had to carry most of our stuff--that is, until Mr. M came along to rescue us. We may be moved out of block--this is reserved for the chronically ill. No use in putting up the fixin's.

NOVEMBER 2. Did the unorthodox--washed on Sunday. No sun but wind alone ought to dry it--its that strong.

Volunteering waitress' are not reliable--we missed breakfast. Went for walk into woods--kept on going on and on. MP's whistled at us but we paid not heed--gave us satisfaction. Forest is lovely. Interesting berries, vines, ferns, insects, animals, nuts, etc. We're going to attempt baskets and things.

I've made a tray-scape with rocks, ferns and grass. Food not too good here--no meat. Menu--creamed onions, spinach, grapes and rice at dinner. Luncheon menu--radishes, celery, fried rice, scalloped potatoes, bread and jam. (Starch, starch, and starch).

Block residents are trying to get friends to move in and fill up empty units so that we won't be asked to move out.

NOVEMBER 11. Armistice day, radio said. We quit our "volunteer" jobs--threatening to become permanent. Besides hours are fierce--at work at 6:30 a.m.

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Terrific storm last night, accompanied by thunder and flashes of blue lightning. The mud is really something to contend with. Mornings and evenings very cold--we burn wood "borrowed" from mess hall pile.

We went job hunting again--Tamaki to officious looking head nurse for dietetic job and I to Dr. Hunter, who seems favorably inclined--but its just at the inclination stage.

They've stated putting in fixtures in wash room. Mrs. N. is now wash room monitor. Wish mess hall would get some forks and knives. Eating with spoons and drinking all liquids out of soup bowls isn't exactly exquisite.

NOVEMBER 13. Still waiting for lumber to do some banging together. C. Brought over her ironing but lights went out after she had ironed about half her shirt. Didn't go on again. Went to her unti to eat and chat in the dark.

Saw R. H.--he is leaving for Camp Savage MI school--shook hands and wished him well. Met MI of hometown--he's stationed at Camp Robinson--still a private after 14 or 17 months. He delivers flowers.

Schools have started. Quite a few evacuee teachers, Caucasians supervising. Children having a grand time imitating the southern drawl.

NOVEMBER 17. Mess hall ran out of food this noon. The last ones were given only a dabble of beans and rice. There is rice and stuff at the canteen to buy though. We were given some of the newly chopped wood that the loggers brought in. It certainly has a putrid odor. The child next door is a nerve wracking source of noise--bawling, coughing and jumping up and down.

Hear from K. Y. in a Nebraska potato patch. Cold, lack of bathing and decent toilet facilities one of the principal hardships. His boss o.k. but Scottsbluff merchants none too cordial. Plans to stay on til February, though, might be hard to get out, if you go back into camp.

Neighbors banging together furniture 14 hours a day. Nerve wracking, if you're occupied with less noisy pursuits like reading or writing.

NOVEMBER 20. Mail order things (of SAAC) have arrived--what junk! 2 slips--same size--one fits, the other can't get into. Socks are a brilliant blue. And the slacks--thick like a horse blanket and very itchy--bags at knees and at the seat--legs draped like funnels.

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Went dancing with D. Met CH and Mrs. (home-towners) who were chaperoning. Too many stags. Feel quite popular changing partners continuously but at the same time, rather common. Some of the fellows were drunk, too. Also attended a "talent" show. Crowded and all very amateurish and too Japanesey and too cold and windy. Stage props, curtains, etc., threatened to fly away. Heart Mountain Sentinel came today. Tam was miserable--Wyoming must have seemed better to her.

We had bean Zenzai tonight--novel but hardly a thing to rave about. And with fried rice oozing with pork fat.

DECEMBER 14. Back in mess hall--obliged to get back in harness if we're not working at something else. And yet, they say, if one is working he will not be appointed for another job.

People's table manners have ceased to exist. When older people grab and reach all over the table, children can't be expected to retain fine manners. It's a case of grab or starve. Milk for children only and, yet, certain older people demand it. Menus are predominantly starch. Pork is the only kind of meat and it gives us hives.

DECEMBER 18. Mud, mud--just can't keep units clean. The wood slate for walks are very dangerous--slippery when wet. Wood shortage--block managers headache. Some volunteers go out to get it and now they've started kicking because others don't cooperate.

The repatriates in our block are not cooperative at all--don't know how soon they're leaving but they're a morose bunch. Rather like the impersonal quality of strangers among whom we are living. Some old women are very nosey, but--

Hiri has passed her state board and is now awaiting clearance from camp to go to St. Mary's in Rochester, Minn. Liz had a show down with the head nurse at hospital and quit. She feels quite justified in flying off the handle. Someday she will regret her temper.

Went to another of those silly district dances. A bunch those Yogores came in--and swung into jitterbugging. Only a handful are really good at it. Block 38 is trying to organize club with Block 39.

DECEMBER 21. Went to gather twigs for kindling in the woods. Fun to get out in forest. Several men from block out there--they helped us. C. sneaked the truck and brought it home for us. He brought some wood home for Mr. F. Boy, did he get a call down

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for it. Received Xmas gift from Mom and Dad. Also \$30 for Xmas presents for others. We're going to save it, though. We're going to make our own cards this year--spatter work.

Joined creative writing class. Rather disappointed--they're all so very young looking. Maybe interesting, despite. Mrs. R. seems enthusiastic, which may help some. Need to see DDS--no fillings yet, though, I'm told. Dick finally put our plaster board in for us.

JANUARY 3-1943. New Year's and Xmas celebrations, camp version, was different, if not anything else. Mess hall decorated with crepe paper, etc. Xmas tree was nice, considering decorations were all homemade. Crepe paper, strung popcorn and colored lights. Xmas dinner was no more than we expected--we had to serve, so--. The talent show scheduled after dinner fell through as no one wanted to perform. Xmas Eve was amusing. Mr. O. with his crepe paper suit and strange putty like mask. Some of the children started crying--but on the whole they were round-eyed with excitement and so happy about the packages. Some of the older 14 year-olds seemed more embarrassed than anything else at being called up. Each child received about 3 packages.

New Year's Eve was made as traditional as possible, with buckwheat noodles at midnight for all. Dance for the young people and various block programs for the Issei. Quite a few tipsy drunkards free of inhibitions let loose with songs, elocutions, etc. One of the dishwashers started his binge in the late afternoon and was feeling gay by dinner time, until he fell with a bucketful of knives, forks, etc. Good humor outlasted his embarrassment, though.

Plaster boards have been put up in mess hall. "Kobu" (cypress knee) gathering going on--every unit is cluttered up with them. Every block has a caldron with cooking "kobus."

Three waitresses resigned for better jobs. Mess working makes people small and vicious--block gossip, etc. Mrs. T. thinks nothing of asking embarrassing questions and yet expects the young women to accord her all the respect that older women should have.

JANUARY 12. Mess hall having personnel problems incessantly. Steward wants to resign, then the foreman of the porters, then the waitresses. Younger men in kitchens irresponsible and older men too bossy. No good food and the people blame the cooks.

JANUARY 20. A block worker hunting kobu was killed by a falling tree. Had to be carried out by stretcher.

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JANUARY 22. Am now attending Japanese school--from scratch again. Mr. Shingu teacher--seems to know his stuff. The students are a motley lot--some of them know quite a lot but others know nothing. Plenty of students--many will fall out, I know. The class was divided into 3 or 4 groups.

We've started teaching in high school. It'll be nice to come in contact with something besides dour, brow-beaten evacuees for a change. Waitresses complaining about the head waitress' domineering ways.

Block workers forever improving walks--some of the nicest in camp. A volley ball court and horse shoe pit are ready for participants. Young fellows use them as often as they please--little boys and oldsters use them when they are not in use.

Miki has quit mess work for nurses' aide assignment. Mess waitresses making paper flowers for mess hall. Little shelves are stuck on either side of every pillar--they've glued some corn meal on empty catsup bottles--these are the vases.

Elsie has finally, after almost 4 months, left for Rochester, Minn. on nurse's assignment. We've filled our applications for clearance out of camp,--just in case. Picked St. Paul, Chicago, New York as possible destination--didn't know one from the other anyway. Mrs. M. says stay away from Chicago--people only live there because they have to, not because they want to. S. writes from Heart Mountain, Wyoming, that Mrs. S. has lost her mind--too many worries, people think.

We apparently burned (in stove) about \$15 in envelope, which Mom and Dad sent us. Mom sent us paper daffodils, iris, etc. The rage must be sweeping every camp--everyone is making them here, too. Canteen never has anything good to eat. No candy or cake.

This business of banging a big aluminum pan all around the block is getting people up in the morning, but not happily. Dr. S. got so mad he threatened little T.'s life if he banged it again--hear he chased T. around in his pajamas.

There seems to be quite a bit of gambling going on around here. Heard S. lost about \$200--now he's fiercely trying to win it back.

JANUARY 24. These people that come to mess with getas on bare feet annoy the rest of us. With Kuko's help we managed to gather a pile of twigs for kindling. Brought it home strung on center of pole--one person holding each end. Fujimis presented

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Tamaki with a bottle of Tussy's hand lotion in appreciation for her work in baby feeding.

Experienced bitterest cold today--water crusted with ice even in the units. Clothes on line stiffened and cracklet. 10°

FEBRUARY 8. Fight in mess hall this a.m. H. O. sent to hospital unconscious. Hit his head on maple top table as he slipped and fell. Found out after their terrible fight about 2 months ago, they had not been separated. Well, it seems the fight is the result of an accumulation of things. Anyway T. was moved out of block.

Shoe rationing from tomorrow! A call for nisei volunteers into U. S. Army issued. A special combat unit is to be organized. Boy, how suddenly they put things like that before us. Propaganda will be to good purpose--isn't that making us stomach all the sacrifices and no breaks? What of post war status? Where do nisei soldiers "go home"--suppose enough don't volunteer--they sure put us on the spot.

Mrs. T. was already expressing anxiety for sons. Two are eligible. Edith T. sent us a nicely mellowed fruit cake in a decorative coffee can--she must have given it a good dousing of brandy--smelled. Passed it around--everyone liked it--especially the men.

FEBRUARY 13. Teaching is certainly fruitless when you have no textbooks or equipment to work with. You have to keep talking and illustration. Office practice is rather a farce with no machinery--not even a typewriter. Students in my classes are disciplined, but B.'s class is a tower of Babel--don't see how he could get anything over with so many distractions and so much noise. Study hall groups are small but clannish--there is a lack of respect for teachers (which is so much a part of school under ordinary circumstances). Notice came from Reports Officer for possible work there. After all these months!

School rooms are so very dusty. They're terribly crowded, light is inadequate--no blinds and noise of band practicing is enough to drive a teacher to drink. Just found out there wasn't even a dictionary to be had at high school. One thing, though, younger children will like the long armed chairs, arrived at last, to replace the folding chairs. The younger children and oldsters not only speak an incomprehensible brand of English, but there is too much unnecessary swearing going on.

MARCH 7. Went to Jerome with 3 others of Reports staff. Out-

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lying country hum-drum and unsettled looking. Mostly negroes and their shaties. Saw for the first time a china berry tree, a pecan tree, etc. There is none of that regimented orchard as one sees in California. Flowering quince was a evidence in McGehee,

Jerome is just another Rohwer, to all appearances, anyway. Saw work done by Documents Division there. Mostly monthly and quarterly reports. Some results of questionnaires, a diary and sketches. Office is well organized and the head a go-getter. J. O. is to edit their magazine, which is in the offing.

Voluntary registration was a failure--not in our block. Rumors are that we have the largest number of volunteers--6 or 7. J. N. has also volunteered. C. A. wants to be an army baker. Mr. N. wants to volunteer--his two brothers are in and his sister has volunteered for the WAAC in New Jersey--but his wife "bawled" all night, so he'll wait for the draft.

MARCH 8. Liz left camp at long last--she went out as a domestic in Minneapolis--left alone--no tears. F. G. and we inherited all her furniture. Dragged it home in a borrowed wagon. Two tables, an unsymmetrical dresser, clothes hangers, etc. Too bad we couldn't take the spring beds. A couple from another camp had already arrived to take over their room.

Mrs. S. passed away in Wyo. An early death for her. Not even 55.

Chiye's sister moved to Rohwer from Granada--is very persistent about telling us how much better Granada was than Rohwer. Canteen, clothing stores, shoe shop, beauty shop, etc.

Coronation ball--biggest social event in center thus far. At where?--a long and dusty trek from barracks. It was a "short formal"--never heard of such a thing but, anyway, every one was dressed to kill. Hosts were gracious, decorations good (as crepe paper goes), refreshments good enough, etc.

MARCH 9. Tree planting around barnacks. YBA oratorical was good--3 contestants. Youth's realization of problems that beset them in camp. So very few present to hear them, though. Rev. S. gave a spasmodic oratory on "where do we go from here"--it was a disjointed piece with a lot of elocutin but not much sense. J. N. did better--did give a polished version of an orator. He attempted to tie up Gettysburg Address with evacuation. His recitation of the Address was very good but the continuity

was lacking.

Little Neebo dance for ex-Santa Anita's and a Li'l Pancho dance for Stocktonians. We went "Neebo" being SAAC import. Jitterbugging was the thing. Dances in center are too dark and older chaperones should be present. Witnessed first class necking scene across the way. Fast going for first time daters.

"Swamp Angels" sponsored first all-English program. Fair as such things go. 32 repatriates arrived from Topaz, Utah. Some old acquaintances also. Heard there were no accommodations made for their housing so they were sort of shoved into what nooks and crannies as could be found.

MARCH 10. Went to movie. Cold of concrete came through pillow and so just could not get warmed up--result--caught cold. Stayed in bed--terrific rainstorm.

MARCH 13. Heard Sen. "Happy" Chandler and some other committee members were in center poking around for loopholes, etc. J. N. write a nice piece on the whys and wherefores of registration. Bi-Fellowriters (38-39) Club held installation social--dancing in mess hall under blue lights--crowded floor and stag line.

MARCH 14. Mrs. T. N. left for Chicago with a party headed for some bottling company. She is a good sport--no matter where he goes and what the inconveniences, she's right beside him. Her father-in-law finally had his leg amputated, but he seems to be improving so they have decided to leave.

High school baccalaureate services. Naturally a solemn affair--not many people there either. Rather discouraging.

Sugar comes to us in wax paper package (like butter balls) about two level teaspoons. Kind of a stretch to cover coffee, cereal and grapefruit.

MARCH 15. Talked to C.--he quit his job on volunteering and now he's ennuied of life and waiting. Shoe rationing certificates can now be applied for in Adms. 2.

MARCH 16. Mrs. Y. and 3 children moved to Jerome. She has a wee baby and no father to account for it. Persecution complex seems to have got the best of her. She had stopped coming to the mess hall to eat. Her 12 year-old daughter took a plate for her at every meal time. Mrs. Y. felt that every one was discussing her personality and her predicament. Fully three-fourths of the block knew nothing of it--much less, were they interested. She finally applied for a transfer and is leaving

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tomorrow morning. Her children seemed very reluctant about going but they were helpless. She left her father, though--he refused to go along.

Rain is nice--keeps the dust down. Victory gardens progressing, snakes are coming out of hibernation in woods. Its a Hohwer custom to walk about with you nose to the ground--it may not improve your posture but you might find an agate, or some stone suitable for poslishing. Other people with leisure time go cray-fishing with nets along the ditches.

Saw J. W. this a.m. asked when I was leaving--so I asked when he was.

Pretty soon, he said
Where to, I asked
Chicago, he answered
What doing? I asked
God, anything--just to get out! He was emphatic--said he didn't care to be among the lost in center.

MARCH 17. Senator Murray who visited, gave forth to the press with some nasty remarks about the Jap. Relocation Centers. Many people ired, but helpless to do anything. Disloyalty figures did not help matters much--it was the truth.

MARCH 18. Visitation day at High School. Rainy day but public response very good. Continuous traffic (with muddy feet) through every room.

Went to dental office again. Dental office girls very kind and courteous--quite different from medical girls.

Mr. M. and Mr. Y. have made garden furniture of crooked limbs of trees. Don't suppose its very comfortable. They look like the stuff in the "little crooked man" story. Some residents are attempting ponds and rockeries.

MARCH 19. Received clothing allowance. \$3.50--after waiting a good half hour in line at Mess 26. The Issei and Kibei have rather a weird sense of humor--what we would consider "smutty" they consider humor.

MARCH 25. Mrs. K. sent over some O-sushi with Japanese mush-rooms, shredded shrimp and goma sprinkled on it--it seemed like a Japanese festival treat back home.

G. I., one of the Hawaiian boys, left for work in Chicago. He waited 4 months for clearance to go to the Great

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Lakes area as longshoreman or something--but it never came through. He never did a stroke or work while in camp. He was a University of Hawaii under-graduate who spent his last semester tuition to come to the mainland. He wishes he were back there. His roommates have all volunteered.

H. H. received an offer for work in Milwaukee after he had accepted work in the beets in S. Dakota. Obligated to stick to his word, he left for the beets. His parents, brothers and sisters (all younger) are repatriating and expatriating to Japan.

Have lead to job in Columbus, Ohio. Wrote several letters. Mrs. B. writes that she is now working in berries and tomato plants. Just can't believe it--she always considered herself so frail.

MARCH 31. People are becoming restless--some planning to leave, some planning to change jobs, etc. Money order line at post-office is longest since pre-Christmas days. New clothing is needed.

APRIL 3. Got my machineless permanent tonight. It was a tiresome process that lasted from 7:30 to 10:30. Those curlers are so heavy. You're perched on a rather high chair with only a back support--facing a blank wall. She was entertaining men guests while giving me the works. I was frantic for fear I'd have a mess of kinks.

Visitors from Jerome running all over center--wonder if the recent riot had anything to do with laxity of a hard and fast rule.

APRIL 2. Block workers doing a thorough clean up job. They cleared out all the little private woodpiles and burned up all twigs and kindling material.

Heard a family friend is over at K.'s pestering their oldest son with marriage prospects. He wants to introduce the son to a likely female--but the son avoids him and the subject like a plague.

There seems to be an epidemic of conjunctivitis--about 6 cases in our block.

Leaves are bursting out of their brown jackets now. Grass is also shooting up. People have planted bulbs and wood violets in their gardens--others have started vegetable gardens. Onions

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are already reaching up.

Men have gone fishing-mad. They come back with small black perch. Kobu hunting has apparently been abandoned. Women are busily occupied making paper flowers and now paper dolls are the newest diversion (crepe paper).

Travel aid for people going out on indefinite leave has been announced. Issei seem determined to stick it out together in camp. Most independently thinking Nisei are pulling strings to get out. Schools are laboring under shortage of teachers. Desks were distributed to all home room teachers at high school--which means all but evacuee teachers--evacuees were offended.

APRIL 5. Night and day unbearably humid and hot. Some of the girls broke out in a rash of shorts. Older women looked askance while the old bachelors took note. Though the older bachelors would move out, come spring, but they're still sitting tight.

Dick has cleverly adapted a "kobu" as a stand for a table lamp--shade made out of corrugated paper. Looks crude but the adaptations are clever. Apple basket has socks, nail keg tables and stools are some of the interesting creations of the people.

APRIL 7. People are going in for mud clams and muscles--they are edible and often small pearls are found in them. E. T. writes for us to join her in St. Paul--domestic work isn't so bad, sez she.

Palmistry fad around camp now. Keiko read our palms and predicted great things. M. G. has purchased a book on the stuff. The "weegie board" is another medium of divination practiced here.

K. and Y. have been running around in circles trying to wrangle a pass to Jerome out of leave officer. They've resorted to writing sick friends and various other acquaintances for justifiable excuse for visit.

Japanese mothers as a rule don't bother too much about food and liquids of nutritional value. Most of the children are allowed pieces from parents' plates which are generally too highly seasoned--as a consequence they have no taste for baby food prepared by dietitians' aides, which are usually pretty flat. Aides, too, are an uninspired lot--they care

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nothing for variety or appearance of food. Mothers are dissatisfied but accept the offerings without complaint.

APRIL 9. Heard about \$40 worth of liquor was purchased within block. Expect to see boys (volunteers and friends) on binge soon.

W. O. visited from Wyoming camp--he is a volunteer and is now making a round of some of the camps. He's an idealistic sort of lad. A church go-er, whose father has been able to provide him with all advantages of an "American" life. Said Wyoming was similar in many aspects but colder and food somewhat better. Said A. M. had left camp for Drew Univ. in New Jersey.

K. A. who just recently moved into block with her family, has left for Granada to join her fiance--some say she is engaged, others say she just went to be near him. Parents frowned upon her leaving.

T. E. is back from Chicago. Watta surprise. Loyola Univ. did not offer courses he wanted and one thing and another. His mother, who loves him as only a mother with an only child can, was stern with him for returning. Letters and telegrams could have fixed things up, she said. Japanese do not like to show weakness to others.

Hear a boy was expelled from school for insubordination. Students of Japanese extraction were rare problems in the matter of discipline back in California. The present situation has much to do with their cocky ways.

Tam received encouraging letters from both Mrs. R. and Dr. R. of Mills college. They've certainly turned out to be a grand lot. They're sympathetic, yet do not dwell on the "hardships" that we are continuously griping about.

APRIL 11. Spent a solitary weekend. Tam went to Jerome with the K's. It was a sweltering weekend, too. Washed hair, sheets, etc. Saw K. twins struggling with theirs also. Wash tubs are too low--can't straighten up for a while after being folded in two for an hour or so. Twins have cut off their pig-tails. A steady stream of visitors flowed in and out of neighbor's door--from Jerome.

S. Y., a hometowner, and soldier stationed at Robinson dropped in. He wasn't very cheerful company and it was hot.

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He smoked incessantly and griped and bragged about binges he had been on. He has been in the service for 17 months and is still only a PFC--he seems stalemated and fed up. He's asked for transfers so many times and has had no response. He can now do a perfect southern drawl--gave off with some examples which sounded pretty authentic to me. He says he was deeply sympathetic of negroes when he first came here, but now after seeing them at close quarters, prefers to steer clear of the whole lot of them. They're like children or dogs in their thinking and their reactions are unpredictable. They're not as mentally advanced as the California negroes. He said the Nisei soldiers went through all the miseries and anxieties anent evacuation as their families back home. The more responsible ones almost had nervous breakdowns.

Took him to the firemen's ball in evening--sweltering heat and laborous dancer--refreshments good.

APRIL 13. Attempted population bread-down--people going out on indefinite leaves. Quite a few students--but generally speaking, relocation in Rohwer moving very slowly. 65 to Chicago, biggest relocation.

A. I.'s grandfather will be going to Lordsburg to see her father. She's worried about his broken English on trains and at stopping places where he might be required to do some talking. She wants to get clearance so that she can go out and work, but she is a repatriate.

Chiye has signed up to go to Camp Shelby as a guest of the Nisei combat unit there. One of 100 girls from this Center. Her pre-war boy friend is there with sergeant's stripes. She was very emphatic about the quality of girls that were being asked to go. You didn't volunteer, you were asked by certain people in charge of it. We weren't asked so couldn't go regardless of how green with envy we were.

APRIL 14. Most nauseating sight I've seen in many a day. Mrs. O. who is an older Nisei with a Issei husband and many children (7) was nursing her 2 year old daughter at meal time in mess hall.

Heard Dr. K. has passed his physical and will be called into service next month. He has three small children and a semi-invalid mother. Miss M. left for Texas to marry a soldier.

Weather suddenly colder--broke up some boards we were saving for packing and stole some wood from mess hall pile and

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had a nice cozy fire, some coffee and cake.

Outpost special bulletin announcing more jobs and information on indefinite leave. Consensus of opinion is that we are being "pushed out" again. "Now we're in, now we're out--we don't know just where we'll end up."

APRIL 15. Tam growing impatient waiting for word from Ohio State--she has an offer from St. Mary's in Michigan which she must answer by the the 21st.

Hawaiians of block 27 brawl over food. Hawaiians a discriminated minority group among local Japanese population. The mess people would probably have given food to their group but refused the Hawaiian boys. H. boys are rather a brash bunch--have no ties here. They don't care too much what people think and no one cares too much about them anyway.

Hear Mary A. was beaten by or threatened by her father--so dashed out of unit swathed in only a slip. She was not at breakfast this a.m. The father is well known as a vain and very quick tempered man. Rather ostracized in block--he demands more sugar, milk, etc.--above the average offering. He gripes continually about food.

Mrs. N.--slavery for her family. This a.m. she was struggling to open door with a tray loaded with 2 servings of mush, toast, grapefruit, etc., and a large thermos of coffee for her able husband and equally able 27 year old daughter.

Finished reading Upton Sinclair's "Dragon Seed." Nazi treatment of war prisoners--scientific tortures, etc.--terrifying but no doubt real. Confusion of authority and responsibility typical of any and every country at war. Lack of scruples among small fry drunk with authority is another common incident. We're being awfully optimistic if we think it can't happen to us. We've heard of treatment of Japanese caught in the Panama area just after Pearl Harbor. Those in Mexico, etc.

Call for more MI school candidates in Outpost. Mrs. S was saying she has a brother and cousin in Australia and tries to write letters as often as she can. Her brother likes Australia--talks of sunrises and sunsets and watermelons which are not as good as those in Southern California.

Block workers exclaiming over mustard plants appearing in block Victory garden. K. in a dither about their frozen

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Money and property. Is in a dither about going to St. Louis. Federal Reserve sent her a letter about their frozen money and property. She has had to grow up fast, taking over responsibility of father since he was taken. Her mother cannot read, write or speak English.

APRIL 17. Tam signed me up to go to Mississippi River with teacher's group. C. stayed home from work because she was tired as a result of volunteers dance last night. She sat in on us--which kept us from concentrating on our work. This lack of privacy and protection from intrusion from others is terrible. All she did was gripe. Received letter, pictures and ration book from family.

Heard 16 of the Hawaiians in riot were arrested. Officers were looking for some of our block Hawaiians, also, not found, though.

Densoneers' Dance Band from Jerome played tonight at Block 16 dance.

APRIL 19. Received Norman Rockwell's series "4 Freedoms" reprint in mail today. K. wrote from Chicago--dirty city but has landed a \$200 job with an industrial designer. Hotel people nice, he sez. Now he wonders why he was so hot and bothered about leaving family and camp. One room apartment will cost him \$40. Mrs. N. said they had a room and kitchenette for \$8 a week. Matter of luck and standard--K. is probably more fastidious--having lived well before.

Tam and I have decided to do as much sewing as possible before leaving camp. She has decided to go to Anckers Hospital in St. Paul, Minn.

Went to canteen 3 times for some cake--missed out--only a little came in. They've opened a dry goods and shoe store in Block 13.

SPRIL 20. Appointment for WRA work in Columbus came today! Too elated to speak properly. Mrs. M. A. came over for chat and spoke of having applied for librarian job in Cleveland which paid "just" \$135, she said, and had more or less refused. She is only a high school graduate and she thinks a \$135 job with WRA is small stuff. Took the wind out of me so kept mum about my job offer.

Ass't block manager offered \$300 a month as supervisor of

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cotton plantation--work employing 500 workers, which he will have to recruit. He refused--500 workers just cannot be recruited for such work here, he said.

DeWitt's "a Japs a Jap" outburst sources of much indignation from populace. They thought he was just performing his duty as the officer in charge of evacuation--now they think he was behind it. That if another man had been in charge we might have "stayed home?" All of which dampens morale of those volunteering or relocating..

APRIL 21. Details attendant to leave taking of center must be looked into now----





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