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# Maizanar Block Plan (Elementary)

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Sewing  
#15

Storage  
Room  
#20

Activities Room  
#16

Office Teachers' Health  
Rest Room Room  
#7

Laundry  
Room  
#19

Supply Room Library  
#14

Class Rooms  
#6

Class Rooms  
#13

Class Rooms  
#5

Women's  
Latrine  
#18

Class Rooms  
#12

Class Rooms  
#4

Men's  
Latrine  
#17

Class Rooms  
#11

Class Rooms  
#3

#10

#2

#9

#1

#8

Three classrooms per building.



THE  
CHILDREN'S  
VILLAGE

1/25/42

From a report written by Harry H. Matsumoto, October 6, 1942

Superintendent of the Children's Village

To: Mrs. Margaret D'Ille, Assistant to the Chief, Community Services Division

SUBJECT: Report on the Development of the Children's Village, June 23 -  
September 30, 1942.

HISTORY: The Children's Village was founded on June 23, 1942 at Manzanar, California with the arrival of 41 children and 7 staff members from Los Angeles, California. Of this group 31 children and the staff were from the Japanese Children's Home of Southern California, nine children from the Maryknoll Home for Japanese Children, both of Los Angeles, and 1 child from a convalescent home in San Diego, California. On June 30, 1942, 20 children and 2 staff members arrived from the Salvation Army Children's Home of San Francisco, California. With the arrival of the latter group, the evacuation of the three children's institutions was completed.

Personnel: 1. The child-caring personnel consists of the following:

- A superintendent
- An assistant superintendent
- A supervising matron
- 7 child attendants as follow:
  - 1 practical nurse
  - 2 boys' workers
  - 1 night attendant
  - 3 child attendants
- A nursery school teacher
- A dietician

2. The personnel of building and yard maintenance is as follows:

- 3 janitors
- 6 gardeners

3. The kitchen personnel is assigned to the Children's Village by the Mess Division of the Center and consists of two cooks and sufficient help to assure smooth and efficient operation of this department.

SOCIAL SERVICE: The present population of the Children's Village is 63 children. During the period of this report there have been 6 admittances and 5 discharges. The reasons for placement of children here are as follows:

- 1. Death of one or both parents
- 2. Illness of one or both parents
- 3. Illegitimacy
- 4. Abandonment

Age grouping: Under 1 yr. -- 1\*  
1 - 5 yrs. -- 16  
6- 12 yrs. -- 23  
13-18 yrs. -- 23

No. of boys -- 33  
No. of girls 30

Complete case record, consisting of a face sheet, history, medical record and clothing distribution is kept.

\*As of today, Jan. 25, 1943  
two new infants were admitted from "up north". No case histories accompanied the children who were brought here by a Caucasian nurse. They are 3 and 3½ months infants. --m.o. They had just been examined by Dr. Little of the Well-Baby Clinic and found to be in good health. m.o.



**PLANT AND EQUIPMENT:** The Children's Village comprises three substantially constructed buildings, each about 135 ft. by 25 ft., located in the section known as firebreak 23-29. The three buildings are at in a row running east-west in direction, with a distance of 50 ft. separating the buildings. The center and the east buildings are used as children's quarters, while the west building is used for the office and dining rooms. At the time of our evacuation from Los Angeles there were brought to the Children's Village two van loads of equipment belonging to the Japanese Children's Home. A list of this equipment is attached to this report. Subsequently, the War Relocation Authority has, from time to time, provided the Village with equipment, such as tables and shelves, that were necessary for the smooth operation of this institution. The total of such equipment received to date is shown by the inventory report to the Property Control Division (W.R.A.) as of September 30, 1942, attached hereto.

The heating plant consists of Coleman oil burning stoves, one placed in each children's quarter. Two regulation fire extinguishers are conveniently placed in each building. Also, a fire alarm system is in the process of being installed under the direction of the fire department.

Approximately 21,000 square feet of grass lawn has been developed, which has not only added to the attractiveness but greatly reduced the dust hazard. Zinnias, petunias and marygolds also lend their colors.

In the construction of the buildings of the Children's Village, no provision apparently was made for a laundry. Thus, at present, all laundry is being taken care of by the hospital laundry. It is hoped that a laundry building can be constructed, completely equipped with hot water system, washing machine, drying machine, and a large mangler.

There is evident need for a telephone system to be installed. At any time, emergencies may arise, necessitating an immediate call to the fire department, police department, hospital or to the plumber. Also, an inter-communication system between the units and the superintendent's office would be desirable.

**CHILDREN'S QUARTERS:** The sleeping quarters are sunny and cross-ventilated. The buildings are so planned that all windows are situated in the outside walls. Each child is provided with a shelf for his personal possessions. In each quarter, there is a large closet which takes care of their clothing. Wash-room and toilet facilities are located adjacent to the sleeping quarters and consist of 6 toilets and 4 showers to each dormitory building.

Quarters for staff members are located adjacent to the children's quarters, thereby offering constant supervision.

**THE DINING ROOM:** The dining room is made as attractive as possible with curtains and flowers. It is equipped with tables and benches made to accommodate children of various ages. An oil heater is placed at one end of the room, but we believe that it does not produce sufficient heat to properly warm the room. We believe that a room of such proportion requires another heater, in order that the health of the children may be safeguarded.



**MEDICAL CARE AND HEALTH:** All children have received typhoid and small pox inoculations. Also, those of six years of age and under have received whooping cough inoculations. Routine height and weight measurements are made and recorded regularly. Those with tuberculosis history are given physical check-up regularly. An attending physician from the local hospital is made available at all times. The children received dental treatments whenever such care is found to be necessary. Upon admission or immediately thereafter, each child receives a complete physical examination.

During the three-month period, there were: 12 cases of chicken pox, quarantine-6 weeks  
1 case of scarlet fever, " 10 days  
18 cases of measles, quarantine---21 days

Each child is provided with personal toilet articles and receives supervision in the proper care and use of them. During the hot months nightly shower bath, using warm water and soap, was fostered.

There is abundance and variety of food to assure the maintenance of normal growth and good health. A dietician is included on the staff to plan menus that are both appetizing and wholesome. Not more than eight children are placed at each table with at least one or more staff members in supervision. In this manner, good eating habits are fostered and pleasant conversation encouraged.

#### Educational Program, RECREATION AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT:

All school-age children attend the local public schools. The members of the staff assist the children in their studies by helping and encouraging them through their difficulties. For the pre-school group a nursery school is conducted in the Village. Each child is assisted in securing the maximum amount of formal education he is able to assimilate, and careful guidance in selection of courses to be undertaken is offered him.

There has been an attempt to create for the children opportunities for a choice of activities through which they can express their individual interests and talents. Encouragement of hobbies, clubs, and participation in community life have been the means of developing these opportunities. A weekly newspaper called "This Daze Weekly" is edited and published by the children under staff supervision. It has an editorial, feature, variety, and sports pages. The older children are given opportunity to take part in community life by affiliating themselves with the local YMWA organization and by participation in port activities.

At present, there is no facility here for vocational education. However, with the limited equipment available, the children are encouraged in taking up handicrafts. They have made everything from wooden clogs (geta) to a dresser set made from wooden boxes ( a wedding gift to two staff members who were married). The older girls have been assigned a knitting project - they are knitting mittens for the younger children. They have made colorful table clothes and napkins from flour bags. There is great need for yarn materials so that busy fingers may be started in making sweaters for the youngsters.

There is a dearth of play equipment, especially for the kindergarten and nursery groups. The principle recreational activity of the older children has been the baseball games; three teams were formed: the senior boys' team, the junior boys' team, and the girls' team, and games have been played with the other teams in the Center. Tolleyball, pingpong, basketball, and horse shoe pitching are some of the activities which have been arranged for the children. There have been many evenings of fellowship where their ingenuity and talent were called into play. Inasmuch as it is not feasible to have a birthday party for each child, the last Sunday of each month has been designated a "birthday Sunday" and children having birthdays in that particular month are honored with a party, which usually consists of impromptu games and skits, cakes for everyone, and all the merriment attendant to each festive occasion.



Children are permitted to attend services in the church of their religious preference; they attend the local protestant Christian church or the Catholic mass. They also attend the Sunday evening fellowship conducted at the church. Religious instruction within the institution is conducted in a manner which is both interesting and applicable to daily living. For the younger children Sunday school classes are held within the Village. Bible study and prayer groups are also held regularly.

It was found to be necessary that children should be taught duties which would teach them that the service they render is a fundamental part of keeping up their own home. Therefore, tasks are given to each child according to his age and strength, and by having him accept responsibility for dutifully carrying out his assignments, development toward responsibility in citizenship is encouraged.

The value of money and its use are taught by means of providing each child with some spending money at his own discretion. Yet, in order that there may be some guidance in judicious spending, the children are requested to show an accounting of their purchases. Thrift through saving is also encouraged.

#### Conclusion:

We acknowledge that this report has been made possible largely through the help and cooperation that have been received from the administration. From the first trying weeks of adjustment to the seemingly smooth running organization of today, our every problem has met with sympathetic hearing, and in a large number of cases satisfactory solutions have been obtained. Despite the fact that the Children's Village has been so abundantly blessed, there are certain situations or requests which we would wish to bring to the attention of the administration if the welfare of the children entrusted to our care is not to be jeopardized.

Children in institutions, in general, are not as fortunately provided with clothing as those from private families. What little wearing apparel which were brought with them to Manzanar could not possibly be made to last out the year, nor could they possibly be adaptable to the rigorous climate to be found here. Inasmuch as no definite fund, to our knowledge, has been provided for the purchase of children's clothing, there is an emergent need for heavy clothing, underclothing, stockings, sweaters, and shoes.\*

There is an obvious necessity for a telephone system to be installed\*\* if emergencies of catastrophic nature are to be avoided. Calls to the fire station or to the police station are of "emergency" nature, and their services cannot be withheld while some one runs on foot to obtain their services. Of similar urgency are possible night calls to the hospital or for the plumber, etc. It is also necessary that the superintendent be kept in constant touch with all the departments under his jurisdiction. An intercommunication system between the various units and the superintendent's office is indispensable.

The single oil stove now installed in the dining room does not produce sufficient heat to properly warm the room. The cold weather will soon be with us, thus there is an urgent need for another stove to be installed. A good proportion of our children being 6 years of age and under, an immediate attention to this problem is requested.\* Attention is also called to the laundry situation previously mentioned in this report.\*\*

\* As of January 25, 1942, Mrs. Matsumoto felt that these situations had been adequately attended to. (clothing, stoves)

\* \* These have yet to be installed.



There have been set aside a plot of ground (lawn) to be used as a playground for the nursery school children. As all play or recreational activities of this group are, of necessity, carried on within the Village, there is an evident need for playground equipment such as swings, teeter, slides, and a sand box.

Submitted: Harry H. Matsumoto  
Superintendent  
Children's Village

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Inventory of goods transported from the Japanese Children's Home of Southern California to Manzanar Relocation Center, and approved for transportation by: Dan Mather, Jr., Liaison Federal Security Agency, Wartime Civil Control Adm.

14 Baby cribs  
14 Baby mattresses  
8 Trunks and boxes of trunk size containing children's clothing  
120 Blankets  
120 Sheets  
75 Pillow cases  
200 Towels  
18 Suitcases  
50 Folding chair -children's size  
10 Folding chair - adult size  
1 Table 3'x6' for children  
3 Ironing boards  
1 Piano  
1 Washing machine  
1 Dryer, cloth  
1 Sewing machine  
1 Electric ~~xxxxxx~~ Refrigerator, 5 cu. ft. for diet kitchen  
1 Electric range for diet kitchen (4 burner)  
2 boxes kitchen utensils and dishes for diet kitchen  
1 office desk  
1 Office metal filing cabinet (4 drawer)  
1 Typewriter  
1 Adding machine  
1 box Children's books and nursery supplies  
8 Folding clothes closets  
4 Electric heater  
1 box ~~Children's books and nursery supplies~~ medical supplies  
1 box household goods (curtains, shades, etc.)  
1 box plumbing tools  
1 box carpenter tools and supplies  
24 Garden tools (shovels, rakes, etc.)  
100ft. Garden hose  
1 Chest of drawers  
5 Galvanized cans 10 gal.  
6 Wicker laundry basket  
2 Table radios  
1 Portable typewriter  
6 Small night tables

(the term "box" - approximately trunk size)

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Goods brought later through courtesy of friends:

1 Sewing machine  
2 Vacuum Cleaners (Electric

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COPY: Memorandum to: Property Inventory Division September 24, 1942  
Inventory at Children's Village (Non-expendable)

Project made:	2 Clothes closets	10' x 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ '
	1 " "	9' x 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ '
	4 " "	8' x 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ '
	1 " "	7' x 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ '
	1 " "	4' x 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ '
	1 Book shelf	5' x 4'
	1 Cupboard	6' x 3'



COPY (continued) Inventory at Children's Village (non-expendable)  
September 24, 1942 for the Property Inventory Division

Project made: 57 Individuals shelves 3 ft.  
(continued) 4 Tables 6 x 3'  
5 Benches 6 ft.  
13 Stools  
2 Desk 3' x 2½'  
50 Wood Curtain Rods  
3 Baby cribs

Others:

12 buckets  
12 mop handles  
20 rakes  
10 shovels  
3 hoes  
3 wheelbarrows  
1 axe  
250 ft. garden hose

1 Singer Portable Machine AD 743708  
M 5430428  
WPA 1469

11 Coleman Oil Heaters  
302 - 201980 502 - 459315  
Q 457603 - 640466  
- 293383 - 460229  
- 301585 - 640019  
- 457873 - 640470  
- 301482

7 Pyrene Fire Extinguishers  
#199480  
#199341  
#199425  
#199120  
#199332  
#199581  
#199564

1 Foamex Fire Extinguisher #849671

186 Blankets  
44 Canvas Cots  
22 Straw Ticks  
15 Pillows

Submitted:  
Harry H. Matsumoto  
Superintendent  
Children's Village



THE WISE OLD OWL  
.....Mildred Fukuda  
21-15

A wise old owl  
Sat in an oak.  
The more he saw  
The less he spoke,  
The less he spoke,  
The more he heard.

Why can't we all be like the bird?  
If we copy the wise old owl  
That sat in the oak,  
We could see more;  
We can talk less,  
And we hear more.  
We can be wiser.



...POEMS...

THE TREE SONG

..1st grade-31-15

The trees are swaying in the breeze,  
The leaves are coming down.  
They're swaying, swaying in the breeze,  
And all are yellow and brown.

SOMETHING FUNNY

Ding-a-ling-a-ling  
The school's bell rings.  
Teacher comes out,  
And the children shout.

THE PARK STORY

We went to the park.  
The leaves were falling.  
We played by the trees.

MY LITTLE SAIL BOAT

..4th grade ..30-15

My little sail boat  
It sails and sails across the sea.  
I cried and cried because  
It sailed away from me.  
The next day I went to the ocean  
And saw my little sail boat coming  
to the shore.  
Now I don't have to worry about my  
sail boat anymore.

MY LITTLE DOG

..Robert Nakashima  
4th grade 30-15

I had a little dog  
His name was Rags.  
Every time he saw me,  
His tail would wag.  
I lost my little dog.  
He died one day  
And turned into an angel  
And flew far away.

THE WIND

Wind, wind,  
Why do you blow?  
It is a sunny day  
And the children  
Would like to play.

SPRING

..Harry Shimada  
4th grade 30-15

Spring is coming.  
Bees are humming.  
Tulips growing  
Streams are flowing.

RHYMES..

Masaru Yasuda  
5th

Weather..

Now is the season of weather  
We must put on our sweater.  
We better have on sweaters  
because it is more better.

Spring..

It is near Spring when the birds  
sing in the tree.  
When the church bells ring,  
In the church the people will  
sing.

The Flowers..

The flowers will bloom and  
Many will be cut to be put in  
the room.

THE WIND

..Yoko Kawaguchi

The wind is blowing;  
The wind is blowing.  
Through the valley, through the  
desert.  
Always blowing, always breezy,  
It sounds like the wind is  
always singing  
Through the valley, through the  
desert,  
May the wind always blow  
Through the valley, through the  
desert.

SHOWER

..Rose Shiohama

Barefoot boys scud up the street,  
And schoolgirls faces, pale and  
sweet,  
Gleam from the shawls about their  
heads,  
Or scurry under sheltering sheds.



...POEMS...

OUR CLASS

..Arleen Iwamizu

Our school is at 21-15. Sixth grade.  
We are studying about Brazil.  
Each one of us are making books  
on Brazil. Some are making books on  
Rio De Janiero, some on rubber,  
cities of Brazil, and many other topics.

POEM

..Isako Urokogata  
6th grade 21-15

Early in the Morning..  
Birds wake up so early  
That they wake up Sue.  
Sue doesn't wake up.  
Mother wakes her up.

Sue got up and  
She saw the bird singing.  
Sue caught the bird  
and put it in the cage.

THE PEAR TREE

..Roger Minami  
6th grade 21-15

I stood beneath the pear tree;  
The pears were so good to see.  
Very high above my head  
I saw it shining yellow and red.

A sparrow sang a tiny song  
And after I had waited long,  
Some one from the pear tree  
Threw a pear down to me.

THERE WAS A BOY

..Roger Minami  
6th grade 21-15

There was a boy;  
His name was Red.  
Red is a tomato.  
Tomato was green.  
Green is apple.  
Apple was yellow.  
Yellow is banana.  
Banana was green.  
Green is sucker.  
Sucker was sweet.  
Sweet is candy,  
So that is all.

POEM

..Masuo  
6th grade 21-15

Some people are very smart,  
And some good at art.  
Bobby One is a smart guy  
and can draw pictures of the sky.

THE CREEK

..Miyako Fujii

In Manzanar there is a creek.  
It's not so far and not so near.  
The water is so bright and clear;  
There is nothing else for us to  
fear.

THE WEATHER

..Miyako Fujii

The weather here is very cold.  
I think that everyone should know  
That maybe it will snow  
So that we can throw.

THE MORNING RUSH

..James Okazaki  
17-15

"Good morning, Mother!  
Good morning, Brother!  
Yes, please, I'll have tea.  
Please pass the toast to me."

THE LESSON

..James Okazaki  
17-15

Two times two are four,  
Neither less nor more.  
Cat is C-A-T and cross the T  
Neither long nor short.

UNDER THE GARDEN WALL

..Florence Niguma

Under the garden wall,  
The girls come one and all.  
The boys come with their ball  
Under the garden wall.



...RIDDLES AND RHYMES...

PUZZLE

..Joseph  
21-15

Fuzzy Wuzzy was a bear.  
Fuzzy wuzzy had no hair.  
Fuzzy wuzzy wasn't fuzzy  
Was he?

..Paul Sakamoto  
21-15

What has four eyes and can  
run?

.....The Mississippi River

RIDDLES AND JOKES

What can go on and on without stop-  
ping. It can go over the mountain.  
What is it?

.....A road.

What could you do to a rooster from  
crowing one Sunday?

.....Kill it on Saturday.

Why did they throw the cow over the  
cliff?

.....They wanted to hear the Jersey  
Bounce.

Once there was a man and three boys.  
The father's name was Mr. Scale. The  
boys names were Do, Re, and Mi. One  
night the father, Mr. Scale killed  
Do and Re. Who was left?

.....Mi. Oh! You!

What is black and white and red all  
over?

.....Newspaper.

What has four eyes and cannot see?

.....Mississippi

A man dropped his watch into the  
water as he was crossing a bridge.  
What time was it?

.....Time to have the watch fixed.

RIDDLES

..Kimiko S.  
"Pinky" 30-15

Flour of England, fruit of Spain,  
Met together in a shower of rain;  
Put in a bag tied round with a  
string;

If you'll tell me this riddle,  
I'll give you a ring.

(A plum pudding)

Little Nancy Etticoat,  
In a white petticoat,  
And a red nose;  
The longer she stands  
The shorter she grows.

(A candle)

Lives in winter.

Dies in summer

And grows with its roots upward.

(An icicle)

A riddle, a riddle, as I suppose,  
A hundred eyes, and a nose.

(A potato or a sieve)

As high as a castle,  
As weak as a wastle;  
All the king's horses  
Cannot pull it up.

(Smoke)

RIDDLES

..5th grade 17-15

A lady and a man were crossing a  
bridge. The lady dropped her purse  
into the water. Who went in to  
get the purse?

.....The lady--Ladies First

A man was locked inside a room which  
has no window and no furniture but  
a piano. How did he get out?

.....Used a key from the piano.

Riddle, Riddle, hole in the middle.  
What is it?

.....A doughnut.



## RIDDLES AND POEMS

By Aiko Anzai 30-15

In marble walls as white as milk  
Lined with skin as soft as silk  
Within a fountain crystal clear  
A golden apple doth appear.  
No doors there are to this strong-  
hold  
Yet thieves break in and steal  
the gold.

(An Egg.)

I went to the wood and got it;  
I sat me down to look for it,  
And brought it home because  
I couldn't find it.

(A thorn in one's finger)

Twenty white horses upon a red hill,  
Now they tramp, now they champ,  
Now they stand still.

(Teeth and gums)

Over the water,  
And under the water,  
And always with its head down.  
(A ship's nail)

As soft as silk,  
As white as milk,  
As bitter as gall,  
A strong wall,  
And a green coat covers me all.  
(A walnut)

THE DAY BEFORE APRIL  
..Fumiko

The day before April  
Alone, alone,  
I walked in the woods  
And sat on a stone.

I sat on a broad stone  
And sang to the birds.  
The tune was God's making,  
But I made the words.

NEWS....Helen Shimooka

Flowers, flowers  
growing in the garden  
A little girl put water in the  
garden.  
It grew up.  
It's a pretty flower.  
Thank you flower for growing up.

ELPHANT SONG

Back and forth the elephant trunk,  
Back and forth he goes.  
Up and down, up and down,  
Back and forth he goes.  
Back and forth the elephant trunk,  
Back and forth he goes.  
Up and down, up and down,  
Back and forth he goes.

SINGING...Aiko Urokogata

Of speckled eggs the birdie sings,  
And nests among the trees;  
The sailor sings of the ropes  
and things  
In ships upon the seas.

The children sing in far Japan,  
The children sing in Spain;  
The organ with the organ man,  
Is singing in the rain.

31-15-1st Grade--Miss Beekman

They have many pretty pictures on  
the wall that they drew and all  
the works they did.

They have about 50 children. They  
all do what the teacher tells them  
to, and they behave themselves well.

They have many riddles, poems, songs,  
and cute stories that they made up.

..31-15 First Grade

THE TREE SONG

The trees are swaying in the breeze,  
The leaves are coming down,



DOTTY DIMPLE AT SCHOOL  
BY SOPHIE MAY

....Toshiko  
21-15

This story is about a little girl named Alice Parlin, but her nick name was Dotty Dimple. She had two bigger sisters. One was Prudy and the other was Susie. Dotty just started school when she met a little girl named Tate Penny. The two little girls always got into mischief.

One day Dotty was playing around with Tate, Dotty pushed down Tate against her nose, and it started to bleed on both sides. It bled too much so Tate wanted to go home. Dotty went to ask the teacher if they could both go home, but that day it was stormy, and the snow came down very swiftly. The teacher said if it is bleeding too much, be careful and go home. As they went out the snow came on their faces very quickly. They went on and on. They looked up and saw that they were lost.

It is a very exciting story. You read it and see if they both get home safely.

RIDDLES..... 5th grade 17-15

What are black and white and  
read all over?

.....newspapers

Does it rain up in South Carolina?

.....No, it rains down.

What has four wheels and flies?

.....A garbage truck

What has eyes and can't see?

.....The potato

What runs and runs and never stops?

.....A river

What has ears and can't hear?

.....Corn

What has a head and can't think?

.....Cabbage

What did the salad say to the ice  
box?

....."I am dressing. Close the  
door."

NONSENSE BOOKS BY ED. LEAR

..George Kiriyaama  
21-15

A was once an apple pie,  
pidy,  
widy,  
tidy,  
pidy,  
nice insidy,  
apple pie!

C was once a little cake,  
caky,  
baky,  
maky,  
caky,  
taky caky,  
little cake!