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REPORT OF VOCATIONAL TRAINING
GILA RIVER, ARIZONA

February 1, 1944-July 31, 1944

Enrollment in Classes

	Adult	M	F
Auto Mechanics.....	69	0	
Homemaking.....	0	14	
Industrial Arts.....	25	0	
Stenog & Typing.....	0	19	
Woodshop.....	52	0	

High School

Advertising.....	6	11	
Agriculture.....	121	0	
*Auto Mechanics.....	12	0	
Bookbinding.....	27	13	
Bookkeeping.....	10	33	
Drafting.....	24	0	
Gen. Business.....	0	33	
Job Experience.....	46	19	
Office Practice.....	0	10	
Stenography.....	57	130	
Typing.....	0	254	
Woodshop.....	127	0	

*Available only since June 1944

The Vocational Training Program at Gila River is a growing concern. Although the first efforts were slow in development and even yet progress in some subjects is retarded, due largely to the newness of the camps with the ensuing lack in equipment, and to the difficulty in obtaining qualified instructors, yet progress is apparent.

In May of this year (1944) Mr. Ernest W. Kennedy began his duties as instructor in auto-mechanics and set up a well equipped shop in the Butte Camp where training classes have an excellent practice ground as they struggle with the problem of keeping staff cars in condition to travel. By early June enough equipment was received to open classes in both camps. It is anticipated that an additional instructor may be secured, that these shops may work on a full time basis and give training to all those desiring to enroll.

In February forty standard typewriters were received thus enabling the organization of both high school and adult evening classes in typing.

The fact that the demand for office help far exceeds the trainee referrals has accelerated the interest not alone in typing, but also other phases of the vocational program. The section heads and various project managers need the help of those training and trained in the vocations and this is creating a demand for a more rapid expansion of the vocational program.

Early in July Mr. Ralph T. Othmer came to the camps as Supervisor

of Vocational Training and thus the program bids fair to become a real educational factor and a valuable asset in the lives of the young people and an aid to adult education as well. For this very apparent interest of adults in vocational subjects is giving impetus to the program. The pattern drafting class alone marked an attendance of 1580 adults while other vocational classes stood nearly as high in curriculum choice.

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VOCATIONAL PROGRAM
INSTRUCTORS SCHEDULE FIRST SEMESTER 1944-45
WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY RIVERS, ARIZONA

TIME	MR. KENNEDY SP-8	MR. BRIMHALL SP-8	MR. DKINO ASSISTANT TEACHER EVACUEE	MR. NISHIHARA ASSISTANT TEACHER EVACUEE	MR. GEORGE AGRI. TEACHER	MR. PHILLIPS AGRI. TEACHER	MR. HISLOP PLUMBER	MR. WOODS ELECTRI- CIAN	MR. MARTIN SUPT. OF INDUS- TRIES	MR. IWAMA BUTCHER EVACUEE	MR. SLATE	MISS COWDEN LIBRARIAN	MRS. CARDWELL	MRS. TUCKER	MISS VODAK	MISS OKUDA ASSISTANT TEACHER EVACUEE	MRS. FILLERUP	MISS MORIWAKI ASSISTANT TEACHER EVACUEE	MISS TAYLOR	MISS YOKOYAMA MANAGER BEAUTY SHOP EVACUER	MISS BROWN TELEPHONE OPERATOR		
8:00 8:55	Auto Mechanic	Book- binding	Wood- working	Wood- working	Open	Agricul- ture Jr. H. S.	Trade Work	Trade Work	Furniture Mrg. and Canning Factory	Foreman Meat cut- ters	Art I	Library Training	Home Ec. II	Home Ec. Jr. H. S.	Open	Open	Book- keeping I	Typing I	Open	Beauty Operator	Operator		
8:58 9:53	do	do	do	do	General Science	do	do	do	do	do	Commer- cial Art	do	Home Ec. III	do	Home Ec. I	Home Ec. I	Steno- graphy II	Typing II	Typing I	do	do		
9:56 10:51	do	Wood- working	do	do	Open	Open	do	do	do	do	do	do	Conference Home Project	Home Ec. I	do	do	Steno- graphy II	Typing II	General Math.	do	do		
10:54 11:59	Related Trade Knowledge	do	do	do	Chemistry	General Science	do	do	do	do	Mechanical Drawing	Class Library Science	Home Ec. IV	Open	Home Ec. III	Home Ec. III	Typing I	Open	Typing I	do	do		
12:00 1:00	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch		
1:00 1:55	Related Trade Knowledge	Open	Wood- working	Wood- working	Chemistry	Agricul- ture Jr. H. S.	Plumbing I Trainees	Electrical Mainte- ance and Repair Trainees	Furniture Repair Trainees	Meat Cutting Trainees	Wood- working	Library Training	Conference Home Project	Home Ec. Jr. H. S.	Home Ec. Jr. H. S.	Home Ec. Jr. H. S.	Book- keeping II	Typing I	Typing II	Cosme- tology for Trainees	Switch- board Operation for Trainees		
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