

Family Life of Tule Lake Project

I. Family Life

A. Family life at Tule Lake

- 1. Not too good for young folks
- 2. Might be good for old folks

B. Disadvantages

- 1. Sickness could spread from one place to another
- 2. Make people tired of working after camp life

C. Advantages

- 1. Get acquainted with many other people
- 2. Do not have to work too hard
- 3. Have fun with snow

II. Problems about marriages

- A. Too many types of Japanese
- B. Should choose one which is best suited

III. School system good except for two things

A. Too much required subjects

- 1. Study hall
- 2. Sr. problem
- 3. Science

B. Subjects not preparing you for your future

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The family life in Tule Lake Project might be good for old folks, but is not very good for young folks. Young folks are getting lazy and shiftless. There isn't much work to do, and nothing to do at home. Old folks

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could enjoy their life with nothing much to do, and they could rest whenever they want.

The disadvantages in the Tule Lake camp is that you don't know if your neighbors or friends have some kind of sickness which could spread from one place to another, the hospital is filled with many patients, it will make many people tired of working after camp life, and the income is very low.

The advantages of camp life are, you get to know many other people coming from different places, and most of the time you do not have to work hard, and most of the people have fun with snow which they have seen for a long time. As for marriages, there will be lots of trouble because there are many types of Japanese in this camp, and if somebody wanted to get married, they should choose the one who is best suited. The small childrens in Tule Lake camp has hard time because the water isn't so good and the weather is very unsettled and very cold in this part of California.

School system in this camp is good except for two things. One of the things is there is too much required subjects, such as study hall, sr. problem, and science, etc. The second is that some of the subject are not preparing you for what you are going to do when you get out of the Tule Lake Project to look for a job which you are interested in.

Social Life in Tule Lake

I. Advantages

- A. Meet different people
- B. Get a view of other localities
- C. Leisure time
- D. Chance to learn
- E. Aid to old bachelors

II. Disadvantages

- A. Loss of ambition
- B. Free from responsibility
- C. Gambling
- D. Education

The social life of the Tule Lake project has many advantages and disadvantages. Since the evacuees had gathered from various sections of the Pacific Coast, it gives the people an opportunity to meet others from different environment. In their daily conversation the evacuees are able to get a view of the situation in other localities.

The camp life brings many leisure hours. Some say it's boring, but many ambitious youths, and even old folks will make an effort to learn. If he or she is interested in musical instrument, this is the chance they have been waiting for.

Under the government's support old bachelors who were common laborers are able to obtain better food and shelter than they would ordinarily have.

On the other hand, the disadvantages are great. Many people who were once ambitious business men and hard-working farmers are now under

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the government's care. As a result the majority of them became relaxed and free from care and responsibility.

When large groups of people gather into a small area and without responsibility, it makes the people monotonous, and as a result they seek for some sort of entertainment or routine work. There are always a group of people who start a little friendly card game. Before they know it they turn toward gambling. He stays out late each night and the members of his family are neglected. Quarrels rise in the family, and the whole society will have to suffer the cause.

College and high school students, who made a good school standing and were expecting to graduate in a year or two, are now discouraged.

All in all, the advantages and disadvantages could be based upon the individual.

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Family Life in Tule Lake

- I. Social conditions
 - A. Effect upon personality
 - 1. Ability to be tolerant
 - 2. Must think of others
 - B. Environment
 - 1. Different types of personality
 - 2. Limited walking space
 - C. Morale
 - 1. The morale is very high
 - 2. Smiling builds morale
- II. Camp life
 - A. Children's attitude toward school
 - 1. School is of no benefit
 - 2. Some truly believe in school
 - B. Effect upon the grown up and youth
 - 1. Many youth do not think of the future
 - 2. Hard time for grown up after the war
 - C. Some good of camp life
 - 1. Family will be united
 - 2. Learn how to get along with others
- III. Family
 - A. Work outside
 - 1. Outside work disunites family
 - 2. Whole family cannot go for work outside

B. Marriages

1. No trips or elaborate ceremony
2. Very hard to secure separate rooms

The social condition due to the crowded conditions affects the personality in Tule Lake. One must not only think of himself only; he must be tolerant of what the others do. As an example, some persons like parties and dances, while there are persons who like to stay in seclusion and read books. Even though everyone is limited in walking places, everyone's morale is very high. A smile and a kind word helps build morale.

The camp life has changed everyone. The children have gone to school in a half-hearted manner. They think that it will be of no benefit in their later life. There are some who know the problems of later life and truly tries to get the most out of school now. Most of the boys and girls do not think of the future. They think that they can rehabilitate themselves when the time comes. This would be very bad for they would have a hard time trying to get along. The grown-ups will have a hard time trying to get jobs and adjust themselves to the social conditions after this war. One good phase, however, is that the family will be more united. It brings back the good family reunion since there is nowhere to go.

Many families are disunited because some members of the family may go out to secure occupation, but due to financial difficulties they cannot call for their family. The marriages also is a problem due to the conditions. The marriage is very simple with no trips for the honeymoon. Another problem for the newlywed is that they find it very hard to get a room for themselves.

Changes in Family Life at Tululake

- I Introduction
- II Housing problems
 - A Sunlight
 - B Structure
 - C Warmth
 - D Bathing
 - E Laundering
- III Statistics regarding the people in Block 73
 - A No of families and members
 - 1 Average
 - B No. of persons to so many apts.
 - 1 Average
- IV Cooperation as basis to happiness
 - A At mess hall
 - B At work
 - C At play
 - D A family as a unit
- V Conclusion

Since the outbreak of this present conflicts, all the people of Japanese ancestry have been evacuated from the Pacific Coast area to the inland. We as a group were evacuated from Washington to Tululake. Here in this hug lake bed dwells the 15,000 evacuees in one community. This unexpected environment has changed the lives of all the families. We are cut off from our Caucasian friends and from our former occupations. Now let us see some of the changes which have occurred in our family life in

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Tulelake regarding the housing problem and cooperation as basis to happiness.

As we all know from seeing the community living quarters, the barracks are alike in both size and shape. There is one door to each ap't., 3 windows which give adequate sunlight, electric light system, a huge stove to keep us warm and we all have received army blankets. Everything is in equality. There is shower and laundry room enough for the people's use.

Now taking Block 73 as an example, there are 263 persons, 56 families living in 77 apartments. In taking an average there are approximately 4.8 members in a family and approximately 3.5 persons live in one apartment. Isn't this a large number of persons living in one room compared to that of American standard of living? Yes, but it ^{is} now a great emergency which we must all face. Back home many have lived in a better home. Now people have learned that hardship must be faced and could only have what he gets.

Since we have come to this camp, cooperation was the basis to happiness. Now let us think of something where cooperation must exist in our daily existence. When we go to the mess halls and are seated, we see strange food and strange people. We must learn to share the food equally and to take what we get. The people of the block and members have learned to cooperate in both work and at play. During the evening the family becomes a closer unit than back home. The family spend the evenings together, Through cooperation the members of the family become more socialized with your neighbors.

Therefore, in concluding I can say as a whole, the family has become a strong and unified group through cooperation and living conditions.

My Life in Tule Lake

I. Evacuation

A. Feeling toward it

1. How others felt
2. How I felt

B. My thought about it

II. Camp

A. Climate

1. Summer
2. Winter

B. Constructed (house)

III. Food

A. How we eat

1. Where
2. How many

B. Kind of food

IV. Working

A. Wages

1. Low soon paid

V. Education (school)

A. Compared with outside school

1. Equipment

VI. How I feel about the camp

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My Life in Tule Lake

I never did like the idea of evacuation and I never thought such thing would come true. But it did happen, morning of May 29, 1942, week before the school closed for summer vacation. I left for camp and left my friends, who absent school and bid me farewell at the station. With the tears in their eyes and with ill feelings, they all told me the same thing. "Hope you come back soon, and write!"

Then here I am relocated, in Tulelake War Relocation Center, where the good old California sun shines in summer and white soft crystal snow falls in winter.

I never thought I would live in such a place, 4 to 6 in a room, 20 to 25 in a barrack. "Barrack?" "Yes, barracks" like an old Lincoln's log cabin, only covered with long tar paper with these section floor.

Here I eat with a people of 250 of our block, like a big party we all crowd in a single mess hall. Food cannot be complained, if we think of outside now. But eating fish three meals a week is a little too much fish for me. Sleeping in the canvas cot is not very comfortable, but what is good enough for an army is good enough for me.

Eight hours a day I worked as a laborer, and what do I get, 12 dollars a month, two months later. But it isn't so bad as you might think, for you need only few dollars a month while you're in here in a camp. They always told me that they will give us three and a half clothing allowance each month, but here I was 6 months in camp, never got a penny of it yet.

Even in camp they give me free education, so there I go eight hours a day. Equipment is not very good, but as you know it is not the build-

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ing which makes the good' school. So there I go hoping and trying to learn as much as I can.

This is the kind of place I stay, hoping for the best, expecting the worst. Never sure what will happen next, and all our future nice and dark.

This camp as a whole is all right; it could be better, but it could be much worse.