

EMPLOYMENT

A community the size of Amache requires a large number of people to perform various public tasks, without which the inhabitants would suffer many hardships and oftentimes be exposed to dangers. However, unlike an ordinary town of similar size, the Granada project does not have private enterprises and utilities and hence must resort to other means for providing the everyday needs of its residents.

This problem is being adequately met in this center by the existence of a work corp composed of evacuees who have offered their services to the community for a nominal pay of twelve, sixteen and nineteen dollars, advanced by the government.

There is a total of 3,476 evacuees employed in approximately 25 different departments, each supervised by Caucasians who are termed the appointed personnel. Sections under the departments are usually headed by evacuees who have had previous experience in the particular work.

As an example, the numerous functions of the public-works division, which employs 56 people, may be cited. Its responsibilities include the planning and beautification of the center, maintenances of sewage, plumbing, power and sanitation, construction of roads and houses and the control of soil erosion.

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WATER AND POWER

The water for the project is supplied by four wells approximately 800 feet deep. They are equipped with pumps driven by forty-horsepower electric motor which discharge 350 gallons per minute into a 200,000 gallon storage tank. Here it is chlorinated to safeguard against pollution. From the tank two 750 gallon per minute centrifugal pumps driven by forty-horsepower motors force the water into an elevated 25,000 gallon tank seventy-two feet high built on the southern boundary of the project. Gasoline-driven standby pumps are installed at well No. 3 and the storage tank to take care of any emergency arising out of power failure.

The large amount of water utilized by the evacuees for normal living purposes can be realized when it is noted that the 25,000-gallon tank cannot be kept full for more than thirty minutes if the supply is shut off from the main storage tank.

Electric power is supplied by the Lamar Branch of the Rural Electrification Administration. Approximately 234,000 kilowatt hours are consumed per month in the center.

WAREHOUSES

Fourteen standard warehouse 40 by 100 feet occupy the northwest corner on the project site.

They are utilized for storing mess-division supplies, furnitures, motor-pool equipment, community-enterprise stocks, public-service supplies, and many other miscellaneous items.

In this area also are located two, 20 x 100 feet walk-in refrigeration plants, a meat house and a carpenter shop.

WRA FARM

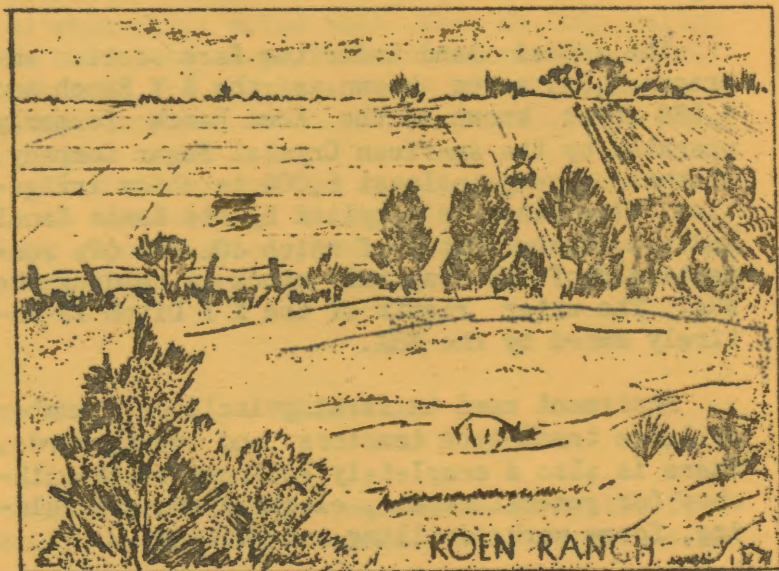
The main industry of the Granada Relocation Center is agriculture. Its prime objective is to produce enough vegetables and meat so that it will, to a great extent, become self sustaining.

The actual land under the farm section embraces 7,095 acres known as the X Y Ranch and 5,688 acres known as the Koen Ranch formerly operated by the American Crystal Sugar Company. Of this acreage, almost 6,000 is under irrigation. The water is supplied by the Lamar Canal and the Marvel Ditch of which 40% and 67% respectively of the capital stock is held by the WRA. The water rights of the X Y Ditch is entirely owned by the WRA.

Equipment used in farming includes a number of large track-type tractors and twenty Fords. There is also a completely equipped blacksmith-shop for general repair, electric and gas welding, forge work, drilling and cutting.

The present plan calls for 500 acres of vegetables some of which are: onions, beans, corn, potatoes, carrots, lettuce, tomatoes, cauliflower, cabbage, canteloupe, and watermelons. Other seedings include 800 acre of alfalfa, with several hundred acres in corn, grain, and sorghum.

Another important farm program is livestock production. At present there are 1,000 chickens and 525 hogs which will be increased to 20,000 and 1,000 respectively. The hogs are fattened on garbage accumulated within the center. Further plans in this department call for a possible start in beef production.



RELOCATION

The long-range program of rehabilitating the evacuees into the main stream of normal American life is taking shape and qualified persons, both citizens and aliens, are being encouraged to resettle in those areas not under military restriction. However, preparatory to leaving the center they must undergo a thorough investigation by the FBI and other intelligence agencies into their educational, political and environmental background. Only upon the government's satisfaction that the evacuees are loyal, are they granted indefinite-leave clearance so that they may accept jobs offered through WRA employment offices. Up to April 1, 1943, nearly 800 persons have left the center on temporary leaves while 110 became established in more or less permanent occupations on the outside.

The tempo of relocation has been accelerated with the Army's acceptance of nisei into the armed forces of the United States. One hundred and twenty-four American -Japanese have volunteered for the new combat unit while 19 volunteered at an earlier date for specialized service.

Another phase of the relocation program is the placing of approximately 90 students in colleges and universities throughout the middle west and the eastern states, and thus enabled them to continue their education through their own effort. This was made possible through the cooperation of the National Japanese American Student Relocation Council which was organized

for this purpose.

All of these developments are steps forward toward a day when all loyal individual are again accepted into the American society and permitted to share the common lot of a common man. To this end, the War Relocation Authority has dedicated its wholehearted effort.



AMACHE

A FEW FACTS AT A GLANCE

Granada Relocation Center, James G. Lindley,
project director.

Location, southeastern Colorado, Prowers County.

Population, 7,620, tenth largest in the State.

Elevation, 3,592 feet.

Area

Amache-----	640
Koen Ranch-----	5,688
X Y Ranch-----	4,095
Granada Relocation Project-----	10,423

Climate, Generally dry

Average rainfall-----	15.75 inches
Average snowfall-----	23.40 inches
Average low temperature-----	31.1 degree F.
Average high temperature-----	77.8 degree F.
Average for the whole year-----	54.4 degree F.

Principle Industry, agriculture.

Average length of growing season, 156 days.

Number of evacuees working, 3,207

Number of administrative personnel, 156

Nearest towns, Granada $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles, Holly 10 miles

Hospital, 150-bed capacity.

Public library, 4,545 books.

Internal security, 58 evacuee police.

High school, 24 rooms, 600 students capacity.

Water Supply, four wells, total pumping capacity 1,400 gal. per. min. Two storage tanks, 200,000 and 25,000 gallons.

Two large refrigeration plants.

Community Enterprise:

Dry Goods Store
Variety Store
Shoe Store
Canteen
Barber Shop
Beauty Parlor
Shoe Repair Shop
Watch Repair Shop
Optometry

Newspaper, Granada Pioneer, circulation 3,000, published bi-weekly.

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