

# MORE EVACUEES EXPECTED

## RELIEF SEEN FOR PRESSING LABOR NEEDS



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## ELIGIBILITY TO OLD-AGE BENEFITS NOT AFFECTED BY WORK HERE

Colonists may work on the project or out on the farms and still be eligible to receive old-age and survivors insurance benefits, the Employment Officer announced yesterday.

The announcement was made by Placement Officer Harold James in view of the fact that a number of colonists were not accepting employment through fear of jeopardizing their eligibilities to benefits.

## AREA, CENTER BOUNDARIES ARE DEFINED

On the heels of the announcement earlier this week that residents may not leave the center without authorized permits, Project Director Harry L. Stafford Thursday clearly defined the boundaries of the relocation area and center and at the same time pointed out military regulations pertaining to the boundaries as promulgated by Lt. Gen.-J. L. DeWitt.

The center (community proper) boundaries will be marked by the eight watch towers now being constructed, Stafford explained.

Boundaries for the area are marked through over a hundred sign posts, written in both English and Japanese, set up at noticeable spots.

In answering to questions raised regarding the location of the boundary lines along the Twin Falls-North Side canal, Stafford stated the north bank of the canal shall constitute the boundary line of the relocation center.

"The residents of the Center may utilize the north bank of the canal  
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Work on the project as well as work on farms are not considered or interpreted as employment covered under the Social Security Act. Any person, therefore, may continue to work and still receive benefits, James explained.

The clarification was made by O.D. Pogge, of the Social Security Board, Federal Security Agency, San Francisco, following a request by the local placement office which explained its position.

In its letter to Pogge, the placement office stated in part:

"We have a number of people at the project who are receiving these bene-

Some measure of relief for the labor shortage here at Hunt as well as at the outlying farms was indicated this week as Harry L. Stafford, project director, expressed the possibility that a number of evacuees now working in sugar beet fields in Utah, Idaho and Oregon may become residents of this center.

A report on accommodations which might be made available here in an emergency was made by Stafford to E.M. Rowalt, WRA regional director, who had sought such information in a telegram earlier this week to Stafford.

The evacuees who may come into Hunt were recruited for beet work from assembly centers which have moved to other regions, according to Rowalt's telegram.

They are "mostly single and without dependents" and many of them now wish to return home, the telegram stated.

Most of these evacuees were believed to be agricultural workers who will be able to help out with labor problems faced by Hunt.

## ANOTHER MOVIE HIT SCHEDULED

"Unexpected Uncle", starring Charles Coburn and Anne Shirley, will be shown next week by the Co-op, following "Citizen Kane". Starting times have been moved ahead an hour.

## Coop Workers Get Sept. Pay; Others Must Wait Turns

Workers in the various departments of Consumer Enterprises were the first Hunt residents to receive their September paychecks, it was revealed this week, as the Co-op finished disbursing \$566.27 to its 60 employees.

Meanwhile, C.H. Hurst, project fiscal accountant, disclosed that the first groups to be paid, "when the money arrives", will be employees of the administration office, public

works, maintenance, warehouse and community services divisions.

The other workers, Hurst said, will be paid subsequently. He did not indicate when the money would arrive.

The September payroll will total \$39,952.36 which will be paid 3,491 residents presently on the payroll. Hurst indicated that the payroll would be divided into three parts  
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## From the BEET FIELDS By Sumi Itami

"Don't know what's acoming  
Or where I'll be tomorrow,  
But at last I know how  
freedom feels  
It's something you can't  
buy or borrow!"

S. I.

The State of Washington  
abounds with game but the  
wandering reporter had to  
come to Lincoln County,  
Idaho, to taste venison  
steaks for the first time!  
Yummy!

Pheasant season opened  
on the 18th..we got two  
handsome birds..our boss,  
Louis Johnson, loves to  
hunt..we live to eat agree-  
able situation.

Wonder how the Puyallup  
Valley hunters feel when a  
chir! coasts overhead non-  
chalantly near the camp?  
Blasted birds know Daiichi  
Yoshioka, Ray Sugioka, Tom  
Norisaka and others can't  
tote shotguns for the du-  
ration.

Bull-snakes grow mighty  
fat and big hereabouts----  
farmer's friend and harm-  
less but when one invites  
himself indoors that's the  
limit! Said guest was  
thrown bodily out.

Richfield is a small un-  
pretentious town where  
stores suffer from prior-  
ities. Only the simplest  
of luxuries and necessities  
are for sale; Twin Falls  
seems like Seattle in com-  
parison. The people are  
blonde and blue-eyed, or  
brownettes with a glimpse  
or two of a red-head but  
the absence of the typical  
brunette type girl is  
amazing.

Now we know how those  
old-timers who posed for  
tin-types felt. We had  
our snaps taken for souve-  
nirs at long last.

Before the war, Mexican-  
"tanale" girls contracted  
for sugar beet work and now  
it's the American "rice-  
bowl" fens who are doing  
their bit for national de-  
fense.

A Mr. Wadsworth is proud  
of his nisei crew of boys  
who are the best in Chi-  
nock county in Montana. No  
wonder when it's Yukio and  
Fumio Kasai, Dutch Takakawa,  
Shiro Kagino, Yas. Onoda,  
and Dyke Itani of Minidoka.

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## CLOTHING ALLOWANCES WILL BE CALCULATED FROM 1ST OF JULY

Clothing allowances for  
Hunt residents "will be  
calculated to begin as of  
July 1, and the allowances  
for July, August, and Sep-  
tember will be paid in  
November as one cash al-  
lowance, and not in scrip,"  
it was indicated this  
week according to adminis-  
tration sources.

The allowance will be  
made only to those employ-  
ed 15 days or more during  
one month and will in-  
clude dependent members  
of the family of such em-  
ployees. Clothing issued  
from government stock must  
be deducted from the cash  
clothing allowances and  
this applies to government  
clothing already issued.

Instructions received by

the administration indicate  
that specific regulations  
for clothing allowance  
will be announced in the  
near future.

## DRAMA GROUP TO BE FORMED

A drama club is being  
sponsored by the Community  
Activities group at 6:30  
o'clock tonight in D.H. #2  
for all who are interested  
in any phase of drama--ad-  
ing, directing, stage man-  
agement, stage craft, cos-  
tume designing, or make-up.

Robert Coombs, of the  
education staff, will be  
among those in charge of  
the organization of this  
club, Waka Mochizuki, of  
the Community Activities  
group, announced this week.

## Routine Check-ups Keep Lab Technicians Fully Occupied

Making routine urinaly-  
ses, taking blood counts  
and tuberculosis tests in  
a laboratory smelling  
strongly of Lysol are the  
seven lab technicians at  
the Project Hospital.  
Headed by Mrs. Asako Hase-  
gawa, a five-man staff is  
on duty daily, two at night  
and one on call all night.

"Our room is modern in  
all respects," Mrs. Hase-  
gawa declared. "We have  
received all our equip-  
ment and lack only some  
chemicals." A large re-  
frigerator for storing  
serums, an incubator,  
colorimeter, centrifuges,  
sterilizer and two micros-

scopes are included in the  
hospital equipment.

"Work is mostly routine  
now, but specialized jobs  
will be done later by May  
Kumasaka in bacteriology,  
Tom Kanno in bio-chemis-  
try and Edward Fujiwara  
in blood chemistry," Mrs.  
Hasegawa said.

## ON LAST LAP

On their last lap after  
a full month of interview-  
ing, the census office  
moved to Rec. 8, Thursday.

At the same time, a  
group of interviewers "will  
canvass Blks. 32 to 42 to  
call on people who were  
missed the first time."

## HIGH SCHOOL PLANS CLASS IN COOKING

Plans for institutional cooking as a subject for the high school curriculum are being completed by the Education Department, according to latest reports.

"A fine opportunity for future restaurant and hotel owners is waiting for them," Jerome T. Light, high school principal, said.

The course is designed to cover the entire field, from hotel management to professional waiting.

If plans work out as scheduled, students working under well-qualified home economics teachers with the possible help of chefs will serve noon lunches to the school.

Pupils wishing to enroll should go to their respective counselors in Rec. 23, Light added.

## EVANS NAMES CLINIC DAY FOR CHILDREN

The second pre-school clinic for 5 and 6 year old children who missed the first examinations will be held in wing 5 at the hospital at 9 a.m. Monday, Mrs. Maxalyn W. Evans, head nurse, announced yesterday (Friday). She repeated that all children must attend the clinic before they will be admitted to schools.

The pre-natal clinic has been changed from Monday to Tuesday afternoons, Netsuko Yanaguchi, clinic head, said.

## TWO GIVEN INDEFINITE LEAVES FOR WORK, FIRST ON RECORD

First on record at Hunt to be granted indefinite leaves for private employment are Frances Maeda and Thomas Arai whose applications have been approved through the national WRA office in Washington, Ken Nishimoto, in charge of the leave section, disclosed Thursday.

Miss Maeda is leaving for Boston where she will take over church secretarial work, while

## INCOMING PACKAGES WILL NOT BE INSPECTED HERE

Spiking rumors that all incoming mail and packages are being inspected for contraband, Toruji Umino, acting postmaster, stated this week that all such rumors are unfounded.

Inspection of all packages destined for relocation

## YWCA LEADER TO ORGANIZE COURSES HERE

Esther Breisemoister of the National Y.W.C.A. will be at Hunt from Nov. 2 through 6 to help organize a Leadership Training Course, to be sponsored by the temporary board of the local Y.W.C.A., for present and prospective leaders of young people. She is now at the Poston relocation center and will also visit Tule Lake before coming here.

Members on the temporary board of Hunt's Y.W.C.A. include: Mrs. M. Paul Suzuki-Chairman; Iso Inuzuka-secretary; Jeanne Mori-financial chairman; Frances Maeda-fellowship chairman; Haruo Okazaki-business and industrial chairman; Hannah Masuda-young married couples chairman; and Stollie Yoroza-Girls' Reserves chairman.

The Community Activities office announced Thursday that facilities of the Y.W.C.A. club room in the Orpheum Building at Twin Falls have been offered to the colonists here and those at the F.S.A. camp.

### FOR U. OF WYOMING

Daikichi Hato, former Wapato lad, left the Heart Mountain Relocation center for the U. of Wyoming in Laramie, Wyo., it was learned here.

Arai, younger brother to Clarence Arai, Project legal adviser, is to work for a private home in Winnetka, Ill.

Indefinite leaves have been granted to several persons here to rejoin their families on the outside but these are the first instances of residents having been granted indefinite leaves for private employment, Nishimoto explained.

centers applies only to Tule Lake, Manzanar, Gila River, and Colorado River which are located within a military area, according to the order issued by Lt.-Gen. J. L. DeWitt.

All parcel post and express packages sent to these centers are subject to examination by military police in the presence of the addressee, and any item of contraband discovered is labeled and sent to the project director for safe-keeping. A receipt is given the addressee for such confiscated goods.

First class mail to these centers will not be inspected.

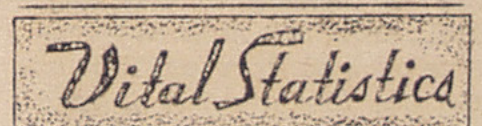
## MORE ON BEET FIELDS...

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center.

It's always a full house at the show-house in our little town, seats 150 or so, single feature and educational short, no Merrie Melodies cartoons or newsreels. The double feature happens to be us. People turn around at the oddest times to peer at us. Black heads are a novelty here, you know.

Anyone who has worked in the beet fields will appreciate the sugar granules which are placed on the table from now on. It is said that 350 pounds of sugar can be gotten from a ton of good beets. From a load of beets, one gets \$5 to \$6 and oodles of callouses, blisters, and bad-aches.



### BIRTHS

HIROTA--boy to Mr. and Mrs. Shigeru Joe Hirota, 3-8-E, Oct. 19.

### DEATHS

Geraldino Toruko Kono, infant, 16-5-D, Oct. 21.

## BUS ACQUIRED, SOON TO MAKE REGULAR RUNS

With only the personnel to be completed, the community bus system is expected to start operation this week-end on an experimental basis to determine the need and demand for such a system, John Essene, Sup't. of Community Enterprises, revealed this week.

A recently-purchased bus having a seating capacity of 18 but "able to hold 40" is now in a warehouse ready to start operation, Essene said. The motor has been overhauled and the bus has four good tires.

Children five years of age and under will not be charged. The bus will run on a probable schedule of every 30 to 40 minutes during the day and hourly in the evenings.

## GREEN STAMPS BEING ISSUED BOOKS WILL BE GIVEN LATER

### BELTT LEAVES FOR ST. LOUIS

Charles Beltt, Chief Sup't. of Community Enterprises, left Thursday for a conference in St. Louis, Mo. to discuss the handling of clothing allotments in relocation centers and the means for obtaining sufficient dry-goods merchandise to redeem scrip which is to be issued by the government to evacuees.

Representatives from other relocation Projects as well as Washington spokesmen will attend the gathering which will be held Oct. 26 and 27. Beltt is expected to return to Minidoka on or about Oct. 30.

Green patronage stamps are now being issued by various Community Enterprise departments such as the "movies," dry goods, dry cleaning and laundry departments besides the barber shop and the bus system, according to John Essene, Sup't. of Community Enterprises.

Customers will be provided stamp books which will be distributed at a later date, as they are not yet available.

Essene said stamps will be issued for canteen purchases as soon as possible and will eventually be used in all of the Consumer Enterprises as the official receipt for sales.

These green stamps will represent the amount purchased by the customer and when the net earnings of the Co-op are computed, the patronage refund will be made according to the stamps of each customer, Essene indicated. Canteen receipts already held by many residents will be redeemed for green stamps at a later date.

## Unnecessary Usage of Cars Eliminated Thru Motor Pool

The Project's motor pool, which was begun last week, has proved successful in its purpose of coordinating and centralizing control of all automotive equipment and eliminating needless usage of cars, Roy Olson, supervisor, reported this week.

A survey was taken of all divisions to determine their needs and the remaining cars were pooled for the use of all internal organizations.

Cars may be requisitioned for necessary trips by phoning or calling at the motor pool, located near the warehouses, and cars will be assigned, Olson said. A trip ticket recording the purpose of the trip and the necessary mileage is issued to the person whenever an auto or truck is issued.

"With the present rubber shortage we hope, in this way, to save tires by eliminating unnecessary trips," Raymond R. Best, Transportation officer, said.

### ENTRY DEADLINE FOR HALLOWEEN RACE EXTENDED

Tsunoo Hidaka, acting sports supervisor, announced that the deadline for entering the Halloween marathon has been extended to Wednesday, Oct. 28.

Contestants are requested by Hidaka to turn in their names to their respective section athletic leaders at the following addresses: Sec. I, II at Rec. 5; Sec. III at Rec. 15; Sec. IV at Rec. 24; Sec. V at 29-7-F; Sec. VI at 36-5-B; Sec. VII at Rec. 41 or at 41-9-E.

### EDUCATION DEPT. OFFICE MOVED

The entire personnel of the Education Department, with the exception of Richard A. Pomeroy, Supt. of Education, moved Thursday to Blk. 25 where the permanent offices will be located.

### BLOCK 12 GETS BARBER SHOP

With the arrival of seven chairs, the community barber shop opened for business this week in Blk. 12-11-C, adjacent to the jewelry shop, which has been open for some time. A charge of 20 cents per haircut will be made, John Essene, Supt. of Community Enterprises announced yesterday.

Dry goods stocked by the store in Blk. 30 include curtain and drapery materials, yardage, rubber galoshes, shoes, clothing and under garments, stockings, kerchiefs, lincolns, and scatter rugs.

All the necessary equipment having been installed, the shoe repair shop in Blk. 12-11 will be ready to take in shoes beginning Monday, Oct. 26, Essene said.

## FARM WORKER FATALY HURT; RITES MONDAY

Funeral services for Mrs. Yae Kato, 46, of 16-4-A, will be held at 7 p.m. Monday in D.H. 16. Mrs. Kato died Wednesday at the Twin Falls County General Hospital as a result of injuries received when she was struck down by a loaded beet truck.

The tragedy occurred Wednesday when Mrs. Kato, a contract farm worker at the L.H. Brown ranch three miles northwest of Filer, walked into the path of a loaded beet truck which was backing up before pulling ahead.

She apparently did not see the truck approaching, according to witnesses, and was struck down, one of the truck wheels passing over her body, crushing her pelvic bone and inflicting other internal injuries.

The accident happened shortly after 4 p.m. She died at 4:50 p.m.

Surviving the deceased are her husband, Rihachi Kato, a son, Hiroshi, and a daughter, Toshio.

## PAY PRIORITIES ANNOUNCED

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with 1,357 employees previously mentioned constituting the first group to receive their pay.

The second and third groups consist of 1,357 and 529 workers and money will be disbursed in that order.

The large payroll, Hurst said, necessitates the splitting of the disbursement. Only \$15,000 will be advanced for the first group.

Workers must call for their pay within three days of the announced time, Hurst said, or else their names will be placed on a supplementary list which will delay their being paid from a week to 10 days.

Workers out on farm contracts who have pay due them will be mailed checks totaling \$4,299.46.

## Kinomoto Elected Chairman Of 7-Man Fair Labor Board

Meeting as a body for the first time since its members were elected by the various work groups, the seven-man Fair Labor Board Tuesday night elected Frank Kinomoto, delegate from the administrative and clerical division, as its chairman.

At the same time the board unanimously named George Takigawa and Dyko Miyagawa, who worked out the election procedure for selection of the board but who are not members of the board, as field representatives.

### Church Notices

Church School--See D. H. Notices.

Young People's Bible Class--The Rev. E.W. Thompson, D.H. 7--9:30 a.m.; Howard Sakura, D. H. 17--9:30 a.m.

Young People's Worship and Classes--Worship speaker, Mrs. E. W. Thompson; High School class, Miss Ecco Hunt, Mrs. E.W. Thompson; Young Adults' class--The Rev. T. Fukuyama.

Evening Vespers Service--The Rev. Gordon R. Clark, Twin Falls--Topic: "The Christians' Joy." D. H. 24--7:00 p.m.

## WORKERS CAN GET BENEFITS

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fits. There is a labor shortage due to a great demand for harvest work and they are willing to work on the Project. But, before we hire them, we would like to make sure employment within this Project would not automatically cancel their benefits for the period of their Project employment."

To set the machinery of the board in motion, Takigawa and Miyagawa were asked to investigate a worker's complaint about which nothing had been done since it was turned in a few weeks ago.

In his talk to the board, Project Director Harry Stafford said:

"There are 35 people on the administrative staff as guides for procedure and regulations as handed down to us by War Relocation authorities. The burden of proof is going to be on you people. I want such an organization like this to keep the right side of the ship up." Harry L. Stafford, who attended the meeting, told the board.

"You are here primarily to keep the labor situation straight. I am looking to this board to iron out petty problems. We must keep peace in the camp among ourselves and work for things that are for the benefit of the entire camp."

## CENTER BOUNDARIES DEFINED

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for recreational purposes, but they shall not cross the canal for any purpose," he said.

Regulations as promulgated by Lt.-Gen. DeWitt state, among other things, the following, according to Stafford:

"The perimeter of the relocation AREA shall be patrolled from sunrise until sunset and during such other times as the commanding officer of the military police units deems advisable. The perimeter of the relocation CENTER

shall be patrolled only from sunset to sunrise.

"They (the military police) shall apprehend and arrest evacuees who do leave the center or area without authority, using such force as is necessary to make the arrest.

"In general, the evacuees will have complete freedom of movement within the relocation area from sunrise to sunset. From sunset to sunrise, the evacuees will not be allowed beyond the center limits without special permission of the project director."

