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80 NISEI FARM WORKERS USED AT TWIN FALLS

Eighty nisei farm workers are living in the Twin Falls Farm Security Camp under conditions which seemed satisfactory to an observation group from Minidoka this week. More field volunteers from the relocation project are expected to be quartered soon at the FSA camp located just beyond the Twin Falls city limits.

"There has been no friction between our Japanese boys and the other residents," said Roy C. Lane, camp manager. "At first the boys were hesitant about making use of our facilities but now they are a part of the set-up."

Residents live in barracks which have been divided into one-room quarters, 14 by 16 feet, with cement floors. Steel double-deck beds, two pairs to each room, are furnished. The camp also supplies a metal utility table and two folding chairs. A small wood-burning kitchen stove for heating and cooking is placed in each living unit.

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PLENTIFUL SUPPLY OF COAL ASSURED COLONISTS HERE

Government bids for 20,000 tons of coal have been sent to San Francisco WRA headquarters, according to K. G. Merrill, Procurement officer.

This order is only the starting bid, he said. When the coaling system is installed at the Minidoka rail siding now under construction, five cars a day will be unloaded.

"Sagebrush must not be used as fuel," Head Engineer Joseph D. Bacca warn-

CO-OP ON NON PROFIT BASIS; DIRECTORS TO BE ELECTED

Non-profit operation of all retail enterprises and services was assured for the community this week with the announcement that organization of a consumer's co-operative association is well under way.

The association, membership in which is open to all adult colonists, will finance and direct a vast network of ventures to meet the daily needs of Minidoka's

HUGE FARM AREA IN PROJECT PLAN

The need soon for land-clearing crews, farm and produce workers and others experienced in engineering was cited this week by Joseph P. Bacca, senior engineer, when he unfolded plans for the development of the Minidoka Relocation Project.

When the irrigation project is completed, Bacca revealed, from three to four thousand acres of land will be available for farming purposes. This area, located between the community buildings and the main canal, is expected to be ready by spring.

The big farm acreage will produce truck garden crops ranging from lettuce, peas and beans to tomatoes, potatoes and sprouts, according to Bacca.

ed" as it has a high tar content and will injure the stoves. Colonists will be supplied soon with sagebrush kindling to start their fires, but they must not use the sagebrush in the place of coal," he added.

Stovepipes are being installed now by the plumbing crew, and colonists are also warned against setting up their own stovepipes as it requires skilled workers to cut and fit the pipes.

10,000 residents, with all earnings to be returned to the project.

Service agencies to be operated by the association will include the community stores already doing business, as well as a mail-order office, shoe and watch repair shops, beauty parlors, barber shops and any other legitimate business that may be in demand.

Orders are now being placed for clothing and dry good merchandise which will be retailed at stores to open in Blks. 14 and 30 in the near future, according to John Essene, superintendent of Community Enterprises.

Essene explained that membership in the cooperative is available at \$10 per share. He added that a down payment of \$1 on a share will secure voting membership.

Directing the organization of the association, which will be incorporated after its complete establishment, is T. Sakahara, formerly of Pife, Wash.

To implement the orga-
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OKADAS VISIT

Hito Okada, national JACL treasurer, arrived here Tuesday morning from Salt Lake City for a combined business and personal visit before continuing on to Cody, Wyo. He was accompanied by Mrs. Okada and their daughter, Carolyn.

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Editorial:

A STORY IN THE MAKING

Minidoka is not 68,000 acres of sagebrush, stinging dust and desert wind. It is not rice and beans for lunch or stenchy outside toilets and cold showers at night. Minidoka is not a proud sixteen-wing hospital or Harry Stafford or sentries on patrol.

Minidoka is not Camp Harmony or North Portland.

Minidoka is much more than all that. It is an idea, a young idea. It is hope and patience. It is courage. Minidoka is unselfishness. It is a story which will be told over and over again years from now.

Minidoka is a dream that belongs to us.

Minidoka is what we make it, what we sacrifice. Minidoka is you and I, our next door neighbors and all the other 10,000 neighbors who live in the little homes down the dusty street.---R.H.

REPATRIATION STILL POSSIBLE APPLICATIONS BEING TAKEN

Contrary to prevailing rumors, repatriation of Japanese nationals and persons of Japanese descent is still possible and applications for such are still being taken. Carl V. Sandoz, counselor, said today. Particulars, as well as application forms, may be obtained at the office, Blk. 22-9-E and F.

As far as is known, three families from Camp Harmony have been accepted for repatriation and are scheduled to leave on the Swedish ship, *Grisholm*.

Others who have applied for repatriation and have not as yet been placed on the state department's approved list, are still eligible to be considered for late sailings, since new lists are constantly being prepared for future exchanges between this country and Japan, it was explained.

According to Sandoz, a majority of cases on the first few approved list are families whose father or husband has been in-

terned and the only means open for re-uniting the family, or securing the internee's release is through repatriation. Applicants may cancel their repatriation plans anytime before sailing, Sandoz said.

SET REHEARSAL DATE FOR CHOIR

Mass choir rehearsals are being held every Wednesday at 7 p.m. in Dining Hall 23, according to Mrs. Mae Hara, who asks those interested to turn out.

Seventh and eighth and freshman girls will meet Saturday at 1 p.m. in Dining Hall 23 for glee club practice, followed by sophomore, junior and senior girls who will practice from 2:30 p.m.

ARKANSAS-BOUND

Stockton evacuees will leave for Arkansas relocation beginning Oct. 3.

PREP SCHOOL ENROLLMENT WILL START

Well, boys and girls, the dream was nice while it lasted!

The rude awakening for vacation-grogy students came this week when Jerome T. Light, high school principal, announced that preliminary enrollment blanks for all junior and senior high school pupils are now available at their block manager's office.

Light requested all students in the seventh grade and above to contact their leaders for the required blanks and return them filled to the managers before Monday, Sept. 21.

These preliminary records are not final, Light explained, and will not be binding. The school counseling staff will aid the student in the final enrollment after the high school is opened, he said.

"These preliminary records will help a great deal in planning a good school program, and we ask you to fill them out as accurately and as fully as possible," Light said.

"In the section marked 'Life Plans', you should tell what you hope to do after you have finished all your schooling," Light continued. "In other words, for what do you want your education to prepare you?"

"We do not expect you to know at the present exactly what you want to do in the distant future.

"We want you however, to talk with your parents and your friends and make the best choice that you can for the time being," Light continued.

"We expect you to change your plans as you grow older. We think that if many of you did not change them during your high school years, you would not be learning as much about the world and yourself as you should be," he concluded.

In the section marked "Subjects Desired," stu-

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BLOCKS VACATED AS REHOUSING MOVE BEGINS

The actual reassignment of housing swung into action Wednesday morning when residents of Blk. 6 began their movement into Blk. 8 to be followed by Blk. 4's movement into Blk. 7. The hospital staff will move into the vacated areas.

Families still residing in recreation rooms and dormitories, or with other families, will be rehoused as soon as apartments can be made available--Lorne Haycke, housing superintendent promised.

Families leaving for work out of camp will have apartments reserved for them upon their return.

Farm labor volunteers crowded the Off-Project Employment office this week as 799 Minidoka residents registered for work, it was learned by The Irrigator. To date, 142 laborers have left to take employment, 94 to Blaine, Mont., and 48 to Twin Falls

CENSUS DRIVE OPENS MONDAY, TO LAST MONTH AND A HALF

WRA's official and complete census of all individuals living in Hunt will get under way Monday, Sept. 21, with the huge undertaking assigned to 40 interviewers, it was announced today.

The project is expected to take a month and a half.

Individuals, 14 and over, will be notified by messengers as to when to appear at designated recreation halls where the interviews will take place. Those under 14 will have their parents supply the necessary information. Each interview will last about 20 minutes, it was said.

Information pertaining to personal identification, family relationships, education and occupation will be sought to form an official, permanent record which will be kept strictly confidential, officials assured.

The record will go into administration files and will be used by the WRA for planning educational and recreational programs and for selecting personnel for various activities, it was explained.

Those working were assured by Assistant Project Director Shaffer that no time will be taken off for reporting for the interviews.

BRIEF NOTES

Go players of the entire community have been invited to participate in the first tournament to be held here, Saturday, Sept. 26, in Dining Hall 23, from 1 to 10 p.m.

The public library at Recreation Hall, Blk. 31 opened for circulation service Monday. The hours are 1 to 9 p.m. daily.

Another branch will be opened in Recreation 7.

Model plane enthusiasts will meet this Saturday, 2 p.m., in Rec. 21

Ice-skating enthusiasts will meet in Recreation 21 on Saturday, Sept. 19, at 7 p.m. to formulate plans for this winter's activities. All interested are requested to attend.

HAYASHI RITES HELD FRIDAY

Funeral services for Pvt. Eugene Hayashi, who died Sept. 12 at Camp Carson, Colo., after a short illness, will be held at 7 p.m. Friday in Dining Hall 23 with the Rev. Emery Andrews officiating. Eugene was the son of Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Hayashi of Hunt.

The body, accompanied by the company sergeant arrived in Hunt, Wednesday morning.

Pvt. Joseph Hayashi of Fort Riley, Kansas was with his brother at the time of his death.

and vicinity.

The bulk of the farm work will get underway about Oct. 1 and will last until mid-November.

Sections III will hold a Community Sing at Dining Hall 17, 7:30 p.m. Friday.

ACTIVITIES HEADS NAMED

Supervisors to head each of the six divisions into which his department will be divided were disclosed this week by George Ishihara, community activities head.

Those named were Masaru Uno, athletics; George Okada, entertainment; Mrs. Ishi Morishita, arts and handicrafts; Mrs. Mae Hara, musical activities; Waka

Mochizuki, club activities; Jeanne Mori, children's activities.

Ishihara also revealed the community will be divided into seven sections; each with a coordinator to work with the section leaders of different activities. These coordinators and section leaders are yet to be appointed.

The blocks comprising the various sections will be as follows:

- Sec. I---1,2,3,4,5.
- Sec. II----6,7,8,10,12.
- Sec. III-13,14,15,16,17,19.
- Sec. IV--21,22,24,26,23.
- Sec. V---28,29,30,31,32.
- Sec. VI--34,35,36,37,38.
- Sec. VII-39,40,41,42,44.

Also announced was the fact that the recreation hall in Block 21 will serve as the headquarters and the store room for the recreational department. Lincoln Beppu was appointed chief custodian.

Vital Statistics.

BIRTHS

CHASHI -- boy to Mr. and Mrs. Mokichi Chashi of 41 C-B, Sept. 12.

TOYOOKA -- girl to Mr. and Mrs. James Toyooka of 35-10-F, Sept. 10.

DEATHS

KITA, Heizo, 41, of 1-12, at Project hospital, Sept. 7.

RELEASE FORMS AVAILABLE

Although no further releases for student relocation have come through since last week, his office is expecting such releases to come in daily, Carl V. Sandoz, counselor, Bldg. 22-C-E and F, reported.

Those who have already applied for relocation are required to fill out an individual record on Form No. 26, covering a detailed record of the applicants personal history as well as his activities prior to evacuation. Copies of Form No. 26 are available at the Counselor's office.

Students who wish re-

location releases must be citizens and have sufficient financial means of supporting themselves for at least one year.

According to Sandoz, the students themselves must be accepted by schools on the approved list with final release coming from the San Francisco WRA Office after approval by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

FORCE ADDS MEN

Traffic collection, now numbering 70 with the recent addition of 14 Portlanders, will soon go on a 24-hour shift, according to Lieut. "Sanni" Kaneko.

PERMITS NEEDED FOR MEETINGS IN PUBLIC HALLS

A written permit must be secured from the Community Services office to hold any meeting in any public building, such as, recreation hall, dining hall, or laundry.

This includes private parties, committee meetings, mass meetings, etc. This request is necessary to avoid conflicts of meeting, George L. Townsend, Chief of Community Services, said. Abe Hagivara of the Community Services office maintains the schedule for all meetings.

LEGAL AID OFFERED COLONISTS BY WRA

SAN FRANCISCO—Assistance in handling problems concerning their properties is assured residents of relocation centers with the establishment by the War Relocation Authority of the Division of Evacuee Property.

Its function is to oversee the administration of agricultural, residential, and commercial property to the best interests of evacuees and the national welfare. Since waste of any resources is detrimental to the war effort, this policy will insure the maximum utilization of these properties with full and proper regard for the rights of evacuees.

This does not mean that the Government will do the work of private agencies where satisfactory channels for the handling of properties already exist. The function of the Division is rather to help owners with problems which have arisen subsequent to their evacuation and which they cannot solve personally or through their authorized agents.

Every effort will be made to provide a just administration of property and no evacuee should expect that WRA, because of its Federal status, will

exert any influence in his behalf that is not in accordance with sound business principles. In other words, the solution of property management problems will be based on fair treatment for all parties to any transaction.

Primarily, the Evacuee Property Division will act in the capacity of adviser or negotiator. Where necessary, then, an evacuee may enlist the assistance of WRA to:

- Secure tenants or operators for both agricultural and commercial properties.
- Negotiate new leases or renewals of existing leases.
- Obtain buyers for real or personal property of all kinds.
- Effect settlement of claims for or against an evacuee.
- Adjust differences arising out of inequitable, hostile made or indefinite agreements.
- Obtain an accounting for amounts due, and facilitate collection thereof.
- Ascertain whether property is being satisfactorily maintained or whether damage or waste is occurring.
- Check inventories of goods and equipment, and recommend utilization of

material for the best interests of the evacuee and the nation.

Field offices have been set up in three locations to expedite business transactions. The Seattle office will handle cases involving property located in Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana; the San Francisco office will care for California north of Tehachapi, Nevada and Utah; and the Los Angeles office will serve California south of Tehachapi and Arizona.

Property owners needing assistance should present their problems first to the Project Legal Aid Department or the Project Attorney. If problems arise that require prompt inspection or some other treatment that cannot be handled by the project legal staff, the legal staff will gather all pertinent information and documents for forwarding to the proper field office. This procedure will insure a quicker service than if the evacuee contacted the Division of Evacuee Property directly, since the project staff can assemble the necessary facts to permit the property supervisors to act without delay.

TWO NEW AMBULANCES ACQUIRED BY HOSPITAL

Two new Army ambulances began making sick calls early this week as the Project hospital announced the purchase of the new vehicles replacing the delivery truck which heretofore had served the community as a makeshift ambulance.

The hospital's increasing list of incoming and outgoing patients called for a faster and more efficient ambulance service. More than 90 patients daily have necessitated the opening of four wards which require more than 130 orderlies, nurses and aides.

As the hospital's load

STUDENTS BEGIN ENROLLMENT

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Students are asked to put all the subjects which they and their parents think they should study in order to fulfill their life plans.

Meanwhile, the elementary registration which includes the kindergarten was scheduled to close Friday when children in Blks. 29, 35, 39 and 42 sign up in their dining halls.

Mildred E. E. Bennett, grammar school principal estimated more than 950 children will have been enrolled by Friday evening. They will be taught at two schools, one at each end of the community. The names of the schools will be selected by the students themselves, it was announced.

For the little tots between 3 and 5 years of age nursery schools have been started at Receptions 2 and 26 with 98 children already enrolled, it was revealed.

Educational policies of the community schools will be formulated by an educational workshop composed of faculty members, colonist employees and members of the administrative staff at a meeting within a few days, it was announced.

increased with the influx of the Portland colonists. Head Nurse Maxelyn Evans announced that the immediate staff had been increased with the addition of a new doctor, Dr. Robert H. Shiomi, from Portland.

Telephone service, now being installed, will eventually enable the colonists to make emergency calls from block manager's offices.

The schedule for ambulance service for pre-natal examination is as follows:

Blks. 1 to 19---only mothers between the eighth and ninth months of pregnancy will be called for at Blk. Mgrs. offices 2-6-16-19 at 1 to 1:30 p.m. Mondays.

Blks. 30 to 44---all expectant mothers meet at Blk. Mgrs. offices 32-38-42 at 2 p.m. Mondays.

Blks. 21 to 28---all expectant mothers meet at Blk. Mgrs. offices 24 & 28 at 3 p.m. Mondays.

Babies of all ages will be given periodical examinations, if mothers so wish, at the well-baby clinic between 1 and 4 p.m. on Fridays, Dr. L. V. Nether, chief medical officer, declared.

"It is my hope that the school curriculum can be so closely identified with community activities that each will be strengthened by the other," Orby D. Cole, curriculum adviser, declared this week.

Of interest to young men who have studied any line of engineering is the news that a trainee's school for the furthering of their studies is being planned. Those with field experience will be chosen for membership on a coordinating board within the Project Area. High school boys who desire to take up any one of the divisions of engineering will be given a chance to learn.

Plans were expected to be completed soon and further announcements will be made.

ALL-INCLUSIVE SPORT PROGRAM SEEN FOR CAMP

Sports devotees of the community will have plenty to do in their spare moments as far as athletics are concerned if present plans of the Community Activities Office are carried through. Baseball, basketball, football, horseshoes, boxing and ping pong are some of the sports to be sponsored by the community, it was revealed by Masaru "Chick" Uno, athletic supervisor.

Uno announced that the Golf Committee is already on the lookout for a suitable course site while the baseball and basketball bodies are working on problems of backstops, courts, and diamonds.

For winter sports, a high hill nearby is being cleared of sagebrush, Uno explained, for the construction of a ski slope. The ice rink will be located below the Warehouse area and will be built by flooding the site. The weather does the rest, Uno said.

GIRLS' SOFTBALL

Girls' softball rivalry will flare up this Sunday at 9:30 a.m. when teams representing Portland and Seattle tangle on the lot between Blks. 28 and 30.

George Yamauchi of the Rose City is pinning his hopes on Nori Odo and Sumi Matsushita. Roy Sakamoto is mentor for the Seattle team.

OUTSIDE LABOR CONDITIONS TOLD

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The camp is supplied adequately with both cold and hot running water, a huge laundry room, clean, modern toilets and showers. In addition, there is a spacious recreation hall and a library.

An up-to-date clinic with a trained nurse also is available for PWA residents. It stands as a separate unit near the entrance of the well-landscaped encampment.

CO-OP ON NON-PROFIT BASIS

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nizational drive, educational films depicting the functions of consumers' cooperatives in various parts of the country are being shown this week in project dining halls.

According to instructions issued by the WRA, the association here will operate on limited-interest rates and a restricted capital investment. Credit sales are forbidden, and

goods will be retailed "at prevailing market prices."

A board of directors elected by the members will act as a governing body and plan expansion and development of added services on the basis of need and availability of funds.

FEDERATED CHURCH

Sunday, Sept. 20

Morning church--see bulletins. Evening vesper--dining hall 23, 7 p.m.

\$22,192.23 FOR PUYALLUP PAY

Camp Harney's wage crews formed queues in Dining Hall 23 Wednesday to claim back paychecks amounting to \$22,192.23, fiscal accountant Clarence H. Hurst revealed yesterday. Remuneration was for the July 27--Aug. 26 fiscal month.

For work done subsequent to Aug. 26, pay will come later, Hurst said. The clean-up crew, and a few others, have an extra check coming.

ABSENTEE VOTING PROCEDURE EXPLAINED

Evacuees in War Relocation Centers will probably be unable to acquire a voting residence in the state and county where the centers are located, the solicitor of the War Relocation Authority announced recently. However, all citizens of the United States who are 21 years of age or over, and who are duly registered in the county from which they were evacuated may vote by absentee ballot in those counties. Absentee registration is also possible in some instances. The procedure is as follows:

For residents of Washington: The statutes of the State of Washington provide that a person registering to vote must appear personally before the registration officer. It is, therefore, unlikely that residents of relocation centers will be permitted to register by mail. However, if you voted in at least one election between December 1, 1936, and December 1, 1940, you are now properly registered, and may vote at the election this year unless you moved to another precinct in the state after that time and before your evacuation and did not register in that precinct.

If you did not vote at any election during that time, and have not registered since, you are not now registered. If, on December 1, 1942 you have not voted in at least one election since December 1, 1940, your registration will be cancelled.

To vote in the general election on November 3 you must write to your registration officer for a certificate of your registration. This application may be made on or after September 19. If you lived in a city, write to your city clerk; if you lived in a rural precinct, write to your county auditor. After you receive the registration certificate you must send it to the county auditor and ask him for an absentee ballot for the general election. When he sends you the ballot, you must mark it, swear to the affidavit which will come with it before a notary public, and mail it back to the officer named on the envelope not later than November 3.

For residents of Oregon: The statutes of the State of Oregon provide for absentee registration only of persons who are absent from the state upon business of the state or of the United States. It is, therefore, unlikely that residents of relocation centers will be permitted to register by mail.

However, if, between November 30, 1936, and November 30, 1940, you voted in at least one election held throughout the county in which you lived, you are now properly registered and may vote unless you moved to another precinct in the state after that time and before your evacuation, and did not register in that precinct. If you did

not vote at any election in that time, and have not registered since, you are not now registered. at this time and fail to vote at any election held throughout the county of your residence between November 30, 1940, and November 30, 1942, your registration will be cancelled, and you will need to register before you can vote at any later election. It is important that you vote at the general election to be held on November 3 if you wish to retain your voting rights in Oregon.

If you are registered and wish to vote in the general election, you must apply to the county clerk in your home county for an absentee ballot for the general election. This application cannot be made before October 3. The county clerk will send you a ballot and instructions on how to vote it. When you receive the ballot, you must appear before a notary public, mark your ballot, sign and swear to the attached affidavit, and then mail them back to the county clerk so that he will receive them not later than October 29, 1942.

Miss Yasuko Koyama will notarize ballots in the Legal Aid office, Block 22-9-B.

Minidoka colonists from other states may secure absentee voting information at the Legal Aid office, Block 22-9-B.