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SELF-GOV'T. TO BEGIN

Some form of government is essential to the well-being and progress of this community. It is important to the colonists that this government be self-government--of the people, by the people, for the people.

We believe in self-government. We believe that this community should be what its residents make it. That's democracy.

Therefore, wheels are being set in motion for the residents to form a self-governing community council. The first and one of the most important steps will be taken next Tuesday night when residents of each block, 18 years or over, will choose by vote two representatives. These in turn will aid in selecting seven from the ranks of 72 block representatives to

draw up, subject to approval by the majority of the colonists, a plan of government.

If this community is a testing ground for democracy, as some people have called it, let it also become an example of democracy. To be successful self-government requires able leaders, men of wisdom, integrity, and sound judgment, men who have the respect and confidence of the people. It is a solemn obligation of all Minidoka colonists of voting age to take part in the government here from the very start and to exercise thoughtful care in selecting the men who will guide the course of their lives at Hunt.

Harry L. Stafford,
Project Director.

FARM HANDS TO COMMUTE

Off-project farm work assumed a new aspect this week when it was revealed that colonists desiring outside farm work will be allowed to commute daily to and from their places of employment.

Transportation will be furnished by the employer, Harold James, placement head, stated. However, James indicated that employment of this nature will be restricted to emergency harvest work.

This type of employment is limited to new job applicants and those who have already signed contracts and reside outside the project will be ineligible for commuting-labor, James pointed out.

These workers may be required to pay a fee of 25 cents for their meals here, James hinted.

MASS MEETINGS SCHEDULED IN MOVE TOWARD DEMOCRACY

Preliminary steps toward setting up the machinery of democratic self-government for this colony will be taken next Tuesday when all residents 18 years of age or over will meet in their respective dining halls to indirectly elect a community council organization commission, George L. Townsend, chief of Community Services, announced this week.

Two representatives will be elected from each block to a "congress" which will in turn recommend to the project director seven from among their number to serve as the council organization commission.

Each block manager will open the meeting in his block's dining hall at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday and explain the provisions of the WRA administrative instruction No. 34, on

community evacuee government.

The block manager will conduct the election of a temporary chairman. The chairman then will conduct the election of two block representatives either by a standing vote, a show of hands or any other method decided on at the meeting.

Block managers will have copies of administrative instruction No. 34 which anybody may examine at the block manager's office.

The 72 block representatives (from 36 blocks) will meet at an early date to recommend to the project director seven persons from their ranks for an organization commission. The commission will prepare a plan of government.

When the organization committee has completed its work, arrangements will be made for a ratification of its plan by a majority of qualified voters at a special election. Another election will later be held to choose members of the community council by secret ballot.

Administrative instructions provide that the plan of government shall have a representative legislative body to be known

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TEN STUDENTS RELOCATED

Ten more students were expected to leave Hunt by the end of this week to continue their studies at approved colleges.

Student relocation certificates were received Wednesday by Carl V. Sandoz counselor, for Fukumi Ashida and John Okada, Scottsbluff, Neb.; Tetsu Morita,

Frank Sakai, Noboru Tosaya and Midori Sakamoto, University of Nebraska, Lincoln; William Morita, Washington State College, Pullman; Toru and Kiyoshi Sakahara, Frank Sugino and Roy Yamagishi, University of Utah, Salt Lake City.

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ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST FORMS ARRIVE FOR VOTERS

The arrival of petitions for Seattle absentee ballot request forms and the rules for voting eligibility were announced in a memorandum issued early this week by the Legal Aid department.

The petitions are now at the Block Managers' offices, ready for the signatures of "duly registered voters." After Sept. 30, the petitions will be picked up for mailing, the announcement said.

Voters of Pierce and Multnomah counties, and other districts, will be aided in the proper preparation of requests, C. T. Arai, legal-aid officer, said. Pierce county petitions are in already. Multnomah voters will have petitions readied for them soon.

Voters in other districts must write in individually for their request forms. But the office will give aid, Arai said.

It was revealed in the memorandum that Washington residents are properly registered if:

They voted in any election in the 2 years before Dec. 1940 unless they moved from one precinct to another between that time and evacuation. If they failed to vote during that time, their registration is cancelled.

On Dec. 1 they haven't voted at any election during the 2 years preceding that date, registration will be cancelled.

Oregon voters are regis-

tered if they voted in the primary or general elections of 1940, unless they changed precincts without re-registering. If they don't vote this time, their registration is cancelled unless they voted in some county-wide election within the last two years.

In signing petitions, colonists are requested to use names as they are listed on the registration books. If wives are registered under their maiden names, they must use that name on the petitions, Arai advised.

CENSUS HITS BLOCK-A-DAY PACE

Stepping up to a rate of one block or 72 families a day, the census of Blk. 2 was completed Wednesday, latest reports from the census office indicated. Although the main office is located in recreation 4 this week, three interviewers also worked at the labor recruiting office in the administration area to take census of those leaving for farm work.

The office will move to

COUPLE WED AT JEROME

Wedding bells at Jerome culminated the Camp Harmony romance of John Nakashima of Arlington, Wash., and Helen Shimizu, on Sept. 15. Carl Sandoz, was present as a witness. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Shimizu, formerly of Ketchikan.

GLENN MOOTS CLOTHES ISSUE AT BAY CITY

Procedure for the distribution of clothing scrip to local residents will be clarified just as soon as Harlow Glenn, fiscal accountant, returns next week from a conference on clothing distribution in San Francisco, George L. Townsend, community service supervisor, said Thursday.

Glenn, who left here for the WRA regional office in San Francisco last Sunday morning, is conferring with representatives from the other relocation centers as to the method which will be used in the distribution of clothing.

Meanwhile, the clothing-issuance department in Dining Hall 23 is being kept busy filling orders for outdoor workers. Manager H. T. Eguchi said that his department is averaging 500 orders over two days.

Stocks now on hand at the depot are heavy winter clothing with uniforms for dining hall and hospital personnel expected later. Store hours are from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.

each of the other six sections as the census-taking advances.

Isseis were reminded to bring their alien registration cards and niseis their birth certificates.

The official census was begun Monday by a staff of 40 interviewers with approximately 400 residents of Blks. 1 and 2 being among the first to be interviewed.

Inquires pertained to personal identification, family relationships, educational and occupational lines. The information secured will be kept as a permanent record. The average time of each interview was about 20 minutes.

The census undertaking is expected to be completed within 45 days. Officials in charge emphasized that the census is compulsory.

CANTEEN THIEVES CAUGHT

BLK. 42 BEGINS MOVE TO EASE HOUSING JAM

Hunt's housing jam was further eased beginning early this week when residents of Blk. 42 seeking readjustments inaugurated the general movement to new apartments.

Families of two, not expecting additions, are being moved into the newly-created 12-ft. rooms. Most of the "doubled-up" families are expected to be taken care of in the move.

At the same time that this casing up is becoming apparent, it was revealed that most of Blk. 23, if not all, will definitely be moved to Blk. 44. Exceptions will be made for cooks who will become too far removed from the place of their work.

Rehousing will move down in order from Blk. 42 because it happens to be more practical that way, Lorne Huycke explained. There is no partiality intended, he said.

In other moves accomplished during the past week were hospital workers and hospital cases, who

7 BOYS SIGN CONFESSIONS; MOST OF LOOT RECOVERED

Hunt's five-day-old mystery of the Blk. 6 canteen burglary was cleared and the case officially closed Wednesday when seven boys ranging in age from 13 to 17, who had been arrested by the Internal Security police, signed full confessions, admitting their complicity in burglarizing the store last Thursday evening, Sept. 17, the police announced.

WARNING OUT AGAINST DAMS

Small boys who have been building dams retarding the natural flow of the canal near Blk. 42 were warned yesterday by Senior Engineer Joseph P. Bacca to cease such activities.

The building of such dams, Bacca said, raises the level of the canal above the temporary banks, weakening them and raising the possibility of a minor flood in the blocks adjacent to the canal.

Bacca said guards would be placed along the canal if his warnings were ignored.

are now quartered in Blks. 4 and 6; and bachelors, who are staying temporarily in the Recreation halls.

A major portion of the loot, which included \$5 in cash and about \$50 worth of merchandise, was recovered when the youngsters turned them in to police. The loot had been secretly cached by the boys in the sagebrush, offices said.

The seven, released on probation, were ordered to report each week for the next six months.

The imprint of a tennis shoe, several broken packages of cigarettes and smashed pieces of candles were the flimsy clues upon which the I.S. police had to work when called in last Friday morning.

These clues and several leads, furnished by some residents, were followed by the police. One of these leads, followed by Officer Key Takayoshi, led to a youngster, who, upon questioning, broke down and confessed. The lad implicated the others who participated in the burglary, and confessions from all easily followed, it was revealed.

In their signed confessions, officers said, the boys admitted taking the following: \$5 in cash, 8 sun glasses, 5 pipes, a box of playing cards, 10 pkgs. of gum, 8 knives, 1 box cigars, 1 box candy and air mail stamps.

Their entry in the store was gained through the ventilator hole in the ceiling of the adjoining apartment. Four of the lads entered the canteen, while the other three served as look-outs, the police said.

'CHICO' CASE STIRS MOVEMENT FOR RELEASE OF NISEI SEAMEN

The release in August of Kaoru "Chico" Abe, 20-year-old Hawaiian seaman, from Camp Harmony has set in motion machinery for what may be the eventual release of nisei seamen from all assembly and relocation centers, a letter from the American Maritime Workers Committee indicated this week.

The letter from the AMWC urged that all seamen in relocation centers contact the organization which has its headquarters at Manzanar.

It was indicated that the AMWC intends to compile a complete roster of nisei seamen after which, the letter indicated, rep-

resentations would be made to respective unions "to assist us in getting our releases for off-shore and coast-wise duties in the Atlantic."

Seamen, if any, in this relocation center, have been asked to call at the Placement office, Recreation 22, and register with Hiroshi Yamada, placement officer. Their names will be forwarded to the AMWC.

"Chico" Abe, through the efforts of the National Maritime Union (CIO), secured his release and left for New York City August to attend a U. S. Maritime school. He was detained at Puyallup when his ship, a tanker, docked at Seattle last June.



Everything is dry around here including the lack of sports news so for want of a better name and until our sports program is organized, we have decided "Seco" is as good a name as any for this impromptu sports column which may or may not show up again next week.

Wherever men and women congregate, the need for recreation always is felt. When it concerns young men and women, this term can be substituted by "sports." There is no opposition to the need for a sports program in the community and at once.

Last week, the first scheduled game of softball, or for that matter, any organized sport, was played and the girls had to pull the march on the boys. Games also are important for morale.

With Fall coming on, football is of paramount interest in the nation outside of the National League race. Hunt will probably sponsor its own grid loops. In order to permit the majority to participate, age or pound classes will probably be drawn up.

But what interests many of former gridgers is the possibility of a Hunt team which would play outside south Idaho teams in a regular schedule. If permission is not forthcoming for some of the games to be played outside, perhaps all of them could be played inside.

With the wealth of talent in the community and the possibility of adhering to a strict and regular training program made possible by community circumstances, prospects for a capable eleven to represent Hunt are encouraging.

The Yanagimachi brothers and Don Sugai, former Salem, Ore., all-state back, are a few of the football players available. Pete Fujino and George Naito, Seattle Broadway gridgers, lead some fine line talent and Jack Yoshihara.

But, before we can possibly do anything in that line, here's hoping our

STUNTING MODEL PLANE ROARS OVER COGGLE-EYED RESIDENTS

Hunt's uninformed populace was startled out of its Sunday afternoon complacency this week when a tiny monoplane roared out of the sky at a 70-mile-per-hour clip over the community five different times to gyrate over sky-craned necks or hedge-hop over the dusty terrain.

To the informed model plane builders, it was the lusty "Fireball" gas-engine model plane being sent through its paces by the builder, Roy Morihiro, 20-year-old University of Washington student, as part of the model-plane activities program here.

In a move to encourage interest in model-plane building, Morihiro, 1941 Pacific Northwest gas model champion, was asked by recreation heads to give the exhibitions. The for-

4,500 ORDERED TO ARKANSAS

The first major movement to the Rohrer (Arkansas) relocation center began Sunday as 4,500 Japanese of the Santa Anita assembly center readied for the five-day train trip to their relocation center.

First of two centers to be opened in Arkansas, the Rohrer relocation center will have a capacity of 10,000 evacuees when filled. Santa Anita's transferred there will join an advance crew of 220 from the Stockton assembly center.

Located on approximately 10,000 acres now covered by second-growth timber, the land, once under cultivation, will produce cotton, alfalfa, soybeans, small grains, fruit and truck crops.

This is the fourth movement ordered by the Army, previous contingents from Santa Anita having been moved to the Colorado River relocation center in Arizona, the Heart Mt. relocation center in Wyoming and the Granada relocation center in Colorado.

Leaders are busy laying out recreation plans for Hunt's fall season.

mer Gresham, Ore., youth obliged with five exhibitions Sunday afternoon at Blks. 5, 16, 28, 32, and 41.

At these fields, the "Fireball" was sent up by its builder to clumb, dive and hedge-hop over Hunt's dusty fields. The plane is controlled by two long piano wires, one end of which is attached to the elevators and the other end is manipulated by Morihiro.

The young Oregon plane builder, who is helping in the local organizational drive, revealed the "Fireball" is of balsa construction and is powered by a lone-cylinder Tiger Marine engine. The plane weighs 1 3/4 pounds. It uses fuel containing a 3-to-1 mixture of gas and #70 oil. The oil is used for lubricating purposes, Morihiro explained. A plane of this type takes about 12 hours to build, he said.

On his title-winning planes, Morihiro said he spent from 40 to 50 hours of work. These were built of balsa and covered with paper and had wingspreads of four to eight feet.

SHOYU RETAILS AT \$4 A GALLON IN SALT LAKE

A Salt Lake City Japanese merchant is asking \$8 for a two-gallon can for "shoyu" sauce and getting it, George S. Kashiwagi told friends this week following his return from Salt Lake Monday.

Kashiwagi told how the same merchant was selling "nori" (Japanese seaweed) at five cents a sheet. The supply of Japanese foodstuffs has dwindled to almost nothing, Kashiwagi said, because inter-mountain Japanese merchants have sold their stock to various relocation centers.

DAILY MASS AT HUNT FOR CATHOLICS

Hunt is the only relocation center having daily Catholic church services.

HUNT POLICE FORCE TO WEAR SNAPPY KHAKI UNIFORMS

Members of the Hunt police force will soon be donning khaki-colored uniforms with marine blue stripes. Tailor measurements for the uniforms had already gotten under way last week-end.

In addition to the trimmings, shields on each arm, badges and Sam Browne belts will be provided each patrolman. When the Hunt police force is augmented, between 90 and 100 men will be in full khaki uniform.

Present plans call for organized precincts in the various localities with 24-hour duty. Permanent headquarters will be in either Blk. 22 or 23. Temporary

headquarters has been set up in the administration building. All complaints are to be made directly to the block manager who in turn will notify headquarters.

CANAL REACHES COMMUNITY; FLOODS AREA

A blanket of mud covered the area near Blk. 41 Friday when the primary canal, which is to be used as a water supply for the colony only, made its appearance. Every block in the community will be flooded in order by the canal crew.

Barrack volunteers are asked to help shovel the banks as the crew makes its way down the blocks in preparation for the late sowing of rye and barley which will be turned over for the planting of grass next spring.

A shoveling tractor, driven by Frank Takemura, squares off the area between the barracks, dining hall and the laundry. Water then is turned into these areas for short periods. The next day, the crew prepares the next block for watering.

DAILY AVERAGE OF 40 CASES VISIT DENTISTS

Averaging 40 cases a day, the two-chair dental clinic in wing #5 is one of the busiest spots in the Project hospital, according to Dr. S. Higashida, dentist. With another chair and equipment of the latest type "expected soon," Minidoka's dental office will be "among the best."

Office hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily and 9 a.m. to 12 m. Saturdays. Appointments can be made at the out-patient's clinic in wing #5. Dental cases will also be handled at the dispensaries.

The dental department includes nine dentists, four assistants and one laboratory technician.

3 MORE WELLS TO AUGMENT HUNT SUPPLY

Three more wells, one to be reserved for emergency use, are now in process of construction and will soon supplement the single well now supplying Hunt's water needs, it was revealed this week by Senior Engineer Joseph P. Bacca.

Water from the present well is first pumped to the two water towers before delivery to the laundries, wash rooms and dining halls, explained Bacca.

Chlorine used in the water gives it an obnoxious odor and taste, but this is to purify the water and the pipelines, he said.

"Very shortly, however, there will be no need for the chlorination process," he added.

"Not all attempts to drill are successful, hence the delay in completion of the wells," Bacca continued. "The water-line is reached at a depth of 154 feet, but drilling must continue further down to insure an adequate water supply. For instance, the well being drilled near Blk. 21 has been worked for nearly two months and is about 400 feet deep."

Water here is not as hard as that of the neighboring town of Twin Falls, Bacca pointed out. However, for those who find this water injurious to their skin, water softeners were suggested.

BLOCK MANAGERS UNDER HUYCKE

Lorne Huycke, housing superintendent, late last week took over the supervision of block managers, hitherto under George L. Townsend, chief of Community Services.

"It is only logical that the block manager set-up comes under housing. With the problems of heating and rehousing on hand, the managers should work closer with us," Huycke said, in closing.

STOVE PIPE CREWS WORK 24-HOUR SHIFT

A special crew to install stovepipes has been recruited from Boise and is already working 24 hours a day to hasten completion of the apartment heating systems, Joseph P. Bacca, senior engineer, declared this week.

Block managers will compile a list of the families in their respective blocks having the greatest need for stoves. Families with babies under a year will have priority. Babies over a year and invalids will then receive attention.

Each stove requires a minimum of two hours to set up due to variation in pipe lengths. Residents who possess tin snips are asked to loan them to the Public Works Division to facilitate installations. These may be brought to Housing offices in Recreation 22.

THREE RETURN FROM SALT LAKE TRIP

Mr. and Mrs. T. Hayashi and George Kashiwagi returned to Hunt Monday from Salt Lake City where they accompanied the body of Pvt. Eugene Hayashi, who died Sept. 12 at Camp Carson, Colo., for cremation. The party left by train on Saturday.

POST OFFICE MOVES INTO NEW QUARTERS

With the increase of incoming and outgoing mail, the temporary Post Office in Blk. 22 was forced to move, Wednesday, to its larger and permanent quarters in the administration area.

The Hunt Branch Post Office is operating on a plan submitted by George L. Townsend, but with the arrival of the postmaster, who is expected within the next few days, the Post Office will incorporate the regular U. S. Mail system.

GLEE CLUB MEET

The Junior Girls' Glee club will meet at 2 p.m. Friday, in Dining Hall 38.

MORE ON SELF- GOVERNMENT

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as the community council.

All persons 18 and over are eligible to vote but only citizens of the United States, 21 years or over, may hold an elective office. Any resident, it was pointed out however, may hold an appointive position.

The plan of government shall become effective

HUNT SCHOOLS TO OPEN OCT. 5

The opening date for Hunt schools has been set tentatively for Oct. 5. Richard A. Pomeroy, Superintendent of education, announced this week. Hunt's 2,200 students will begin their studies under guidance of an education staff of 57.

Helping the students with their programs will be Gerald Jensen, director of guidance.

Orby D. Cole, curriculum advisor and chairman of the education workshop, announced that the workshop will begin Monday, Sept. 28. Thirty Caucasian and 30 colonist teachers, Dr. Paul R. Hanna, educational consultant from the WRA office, and representatives from the

PRIORITIES SLOW DOWN CO-OP; BARBER, BEAUTY SHOPS OPEN

STORES TO USE STAMPS SOON

The stamp plan, in conjunction with the Co-op, will go into effect as soon as the books and stamps arrive, the Co-op association announced late Wednesday.

"We expect them within a week," one official said.

When a stamp book is filled, a certain amount to be agreed upon will be paid. If the book-holder is not a fully-paid member of the co-op, he will receive a part in cash and the rest will go toward his membership until it is fully paid, it was revealed.

LET'S ALL SING

Community singing will be held Friday in three dining halls. The schedule:

Sec. 1, 2 at Blk. 4.

Sec. 4, 5 at Blk. 24.

Sec. 6, 7 at Blk. 38.

when approved by the majority of the qualified voters at a special election.

state department of education will meet for the workshop.

The enrollment of junior and senior high school students was under the number expected, and pupils who have not yet registered were requested to see their block managers immediately.

"All school-age pupils should enroll at once," Jerome T. Light, high school principal, declared yesterday.

Enrollment of elementary school students was nearly completed as 750 signed. Those who have yet to enroll or who have changed addresses were asked by Mildred E. Bennett, elementary school principal to report to their block managers.

Co-op plans are materializing at a pace which would seem to indicate that priorities alone are what keep the stores from operating at capacity today.

Immediately on the heels of the Blk. 30 store opening Monday, a barber shop in temporary quarters at the Blk. 12 dorm will open in "a day or so," the co-op organization announced late Wednesday.

The beauty salon, watch and shoe-repair shops, and dry cleaning service will also open in the same place. Canteen supplies too will be stocked.

A similar set-up will be established at the Blk. 30 store. In addition the Blk. 30 store will carry dry goods, hardware, paints and some furniture. The only obstacle toward completion of the two super-establishments seems to be the scarcity of nails for putting up shelves and counters.

Supplies, such as pillow cases, sheets, curtains and heating pads, are already here but shelves have yet to be put up, it was revealed.

Further sidelights on the Co-op are plans for permanent buildings especially constructed to house the super stores. The locations in use today are temporary except the "6" and "40" canteens, it was revealed.

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS

KIMURA--girl to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kimura, 23-10-B Sept. 22.

OISHI--boy to Mr. and Mrs. Seichiro Oishi, 37 - 8-A, Sept. 20

DEATHS

KIMURA---infant girl at birth, Sept. 22

FUSHIMI, Chikaji, 55, 14-2-E, Sept. 19.

YABE Chozo, 64, 14-9-A, Sept. 17.