

# THE MINIDOKA Minidoka

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## CITY PLANNERS TO MEET WITH DILLON MYER

The seven members of the community council planning commission will meet Tuesday with Dillon S. Myer, WRA national director, the Administration disclosed this week. It is assumed that the planning body will discuss self-government procedures with the director.

Myer, on the last leg of an extended field trip during which he will have visited most of the relocation centers, will arrive at Twin Falls Sunday evening and will drive out to the project Monday morning.

Administration officials revealed that Myer's itinerary calls for an airplane trip with Harry L. Stafford, project director, and Assistant Director Philip Schafer to view Minidoka's 68,000 acres from the air.

The national director will spend all day Monday and till noon Tuesday inspecting the project and conferring with division heads on the administration of Hunt.

## SEPTEMBER PAY DELAYED HERE

September pay checks for Hunt workers will be delayed for a short while due to the recent transfer of the regional WRA disbursement office from San Francisco to Portland, it was revealed by Clarence Hurst, fiscal accountant.

## HUNT NEEDS 125 TONS COAL DAILY

The daily need for 125 tons of coal to supply each apartment, dining hall and boiler room when cold weather hits Hunt was pointed out Thursday by Howard Mann, senior procurement officer, when he revealed that government-contracted coal should arrive "within ten days."

## 3-DAY CONFERENCE TO OPEN ON FARM SELF-SUBSISTENCE

A three-day conference to outline Minidoka's 1943 self-subsistence farming program will begin next Wednesday with WRA agricultural officials from Washington participating in the discussion, the Administration announced yesterday.

As soon as colonist labor becomes available, about 1,000 acres of sagebrush east of the community center and adjacent to the Milner-Gooding

canal will be cleared and irrigated by laterals from the canal.

The conference will discuss ways and means of correlating crops so that all relocation projects will not be growing the same crops at the same time. While nothing definite has been determined yet, crops to be raised here will probably include beans, peas, potatoes and alfalfa.

The farming program will have as its aim subsistence for Japanese evacuees.

Meanwhile, E. Sebbelov, farm superintendent, disclosed plans this week for a hog farm on the project utilizing the center's garbage. Establishment of a poultry and dairy farm are also contemplated.

## DR. NEHER GOES TO ARKANSAS

Dr. L. M. Neher, senior medical officer, will leave Sunday for a three-week trip to Arkansas to assist Jerome and Rohwer relocation centers in setting up medical and health facilities.

During his absence, Mrs. Maxelyn Evans, head nurse, will be in charge of hospital administrative detail and Dr. Paul Suzuki has been designated as acting medical officer. A full program of medical services will be continued.

## 5 MORE LEAVE FOR SCHOOLS

Names of five more students released from Hunt for school relocation this week were revealed by Carl V. Sandoz, counselor, Friday. The students are Roy Kamo, University of Nebraska at Lincoln; Hise and Teruko Nakata, Rockford College, Rockford, Ill.; Tadao Sunohara, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah; Yone Jayne Yamada, Duchesne, Omaha, Neb.

## FIRE FORCE SEEKS WOMEN FOR WARDENS

A call for 30 women fire wardens between the ages of 19 and 35 was made yesterday (Friday), by W. L. Yeager, fire protection officer. He will interview all applicants from 10 a.m. to 12 m. on Saturday and Sunday at Fire Station No. 2 near Blk. 28.

"These jobs are not replacements, but will be permanent," Yeager said. "One woman will be chosen assistant chief, with her duty to be matron of the crew. They will stay in the fire station, with hours 24 on and 48 off."



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## Editorial:

## THIS MUST BE OUR GOAL!

The departure of more than 1,700 for the beet and potato fields has bogged the wheels of progress here at Hunt. Almost every line of work is limping along with reduced crews and consequently, reduced efficiency. The search for workers, to say the least, is "scratching at the bottom of the barrel."

In its largest sense, the leaving of men for harvest work is an integral part of the national all-out program for victory. It is a happy thought to know we are sharing in that program. However, the full gravity of the exigencies of labor created within Hunt must not be discounted.

Men are needed, and needed badly, for vital jobs--jobs upon which hinge the comfortable living of the people.

This is no time for petty bickering over the kinds of jobs in this emergency. We must be bigger than that. A frank cognizance of the dire realities of the situation and a determined endeavor to remedy that situation are needed.

Placement Officer Harold James has come forth with a three-point program which, however, will come to naught unless it is translated into action.

Individually, we may not be able to accomplish much. But, 7,800 of us remaining here yet, united in the spirit of willingness and cooperation, can cope with labor's problems. That must be our goal.--J.S.

## HUNT WARDENS MAP PLAN FOR FIRE PREVENTION EDUCATION

Colonists were instructed in the rudiments of fire prevention this week as the Hunt Fire Department went "all-out" in an effort to stress the prevention of fire in the colony.

Capt. "Lefty" Ichihara, Fire Prevention Bureau Head, said that Fire Prevention Week this year holds special significance because of the necessity for war-time economy.

"Last year over 300 million dollars worth of property was destroyed by fire. Uncontrolled fire was probably the most active ally of the Axis powers, creating far more loss and destruction than any group of 'Fifth-columnists,' Ichihara said.

"Hunt residents may aid

in the prevention of fires by taking care of existing fire-fighting equipment as it is difficult to replace," he added.

Statistics, compiled in a nation-wide Fire Prevention Week survey, revealed that some of the more common causes of fire were misuse of matches and electricity, sparks on the roof, overheated or defective chimneys, and hot ashes and coals and open fires.

Chief Kaz Tamura plans to have a Hunt "Capt. Sanislo" in the Fire Department's public relations men, Tok Kubota, who in Sanislo manner will go to the community schools and instruct the children on the prevention of fire.

## Exchange☆

Beginning with this issue, news from other centers will be featured here--Ed. Note.

The GILA NEWS-COURIER speaks enviously of Hunt's sixteen-wing hospital, wondering whether we plan to fill the wards by poisoning the residents. GILA colonists are disturbed by Army planes zooming close to the roof tops. Seems there are Chinese pilots training nearby.

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EL JOAQUIN bid "thirty" last week with a 34 page final edition and Stockton residents began preparation for movement to Rohwer, Ark. Bunyanosque rumors from Arkansas tell of cattle that out-run trains, mosquitoes that are big enough to drag horses, and 'possum grease being a sure-cure remedy for chopped hands, hic-coughs, falling hair and worn boots.

School bells rang for 200 grade school pupils in Heart Mountain, Wyo., Sept. 30...Doctors assured colonists that there are no cases of spotted fever although the center lies in the affected area, however, there was a "possibility" of cases....opening day of the co-op dry goods store saw 3,500 persons, one-third of the colony's population passing through the store.

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Over a thousand workers left Manzanar for sugar beet fields in Montana. Idaho and Utah, the FREE PRESS reports....the canteen threatens to raise the price on soda pop unless empties are returned. Khaki and woolen coats and breeches were distributed to Manzanar school children. A possibility rose that junior college extension courses from Los Angeles City College may be had here when officials left to contact IADC heads.

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FRESNO GRAPVINE still carries on as the last assembly center publication. Residents still enjoy weekly movies including Abbott and Costello comedy and "Dead End" kids features.



## HIGH SCHOOLS COUNSELING STARTS OCT. 14

Counseling and registration of junior and senior high school students will begin at 9 a.m., Wednesday, Oct. 14 to help pupils select their courses for the coming term, education officials announced.

"All pupils in the seventh grade or higher and who have not graduated are expected to report," Jerome T. Light, high school principal, said. "This includes pupils who enrolled in the sixth grade a year ago."

Pupils are asked to see dining hall bulletin boards "so all of them can see the name of their counselor and the place to which they are to go."

## AG WORKERS PICK DELEGATES

Hunt's agricultural workers elected Hiromu Iwakiri, irrigation work foreman, as their representative on the 7-man Fair Labor Board at a meeting Thursday in D.H. 21. Bruce Nakanishi and Ray Sugioka were chosen first and second alternates respectively.

Administrative and clerical workers were reminded they will meet at 7 p.m., Monday, in D. H. 22 to pick their representatives. Professional and hospital workers will meet the following night at the same place, same time.

## GIRLS INVADE MEN'S FIELD AS SHORTAGE BECOMES ACUTE

Assignment of one girl as service station operator and several others as messengers this week started what may turn out to be a wholesale invasion by

women into the so-called "man's circle."

These assignments were in keeping with the first phase of the three-point program outlined earlier this week by Placement Officer Harold James to tackle the labor shortage here created through departure of hundreds for farm work.

"Tamaye Yagi is doing very well at her job as service station operator," James said.

Women are being considered for fire wardens now, according to James, who has taken up this issue with Fire Prevention Officer Yeager.

"In a short while, we will have women carpenters, truck drivers, mechanics' helpers, swamper, meal checkers, cooks' helpers, and farm equipment operators," James said.

## COOP MEET POSTPONED TO NEXT THURSDAY

A mix-up in the Hunt inter-block communications system threw a "monkey wrench" into the organizing mechanism of the Consumers Co-operative Enterprises Thursday evening when block delegates met in D. H. 19.

Nine blocks failed to send duly-elected block Co-op delegates because of failure to receive official notice for election of the representatives.

Proper notices will be sent to the affected blocks to hold elections of delegates empowered to act for the pledgers on Tuesday, Oct. 14, and an organization meeting will follow on Thursday, Oct. 16, it was decided.

### CHURCH NOTICES

Church school: See dining hall notices.

Young People's Morning Worship--featuring Miss Ecco Hunt, former Burma missionary. D.H. 32, 9:30 a.m.

Evening Vesper Service--Bishop Reifsnieder of So. California, D.H. 24, 7 p.m.

## FUKUTOMI RITES HELD

Funeral services for Elizabeth Chiyoko Fukutomi, 11, who died Monday, Oct. 5, at the hospital, were held yesterday, Friday, at 2 p.m. at D. H. 37. The Rev. Y. Terakawa of Portland conducted the services.

Surviving are her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tomotaro Fukutomi; a sister, Margaret; and three brothers, Roy, Joe and Robert of 37-8-B.

### \$100 DONATION GIVEN BY SEATTLE JACL COUNCIL

Receipt of a \$100 donation from the Seattle JACL Emergency Defense Council was announced last week by George Ishihara, Community Activities Supervisor. The money will be used on supplies for the recreational program, he said.

## Vital Statistics

### BIRTHS

SHIOTA-----girl to Mr. and Mrs. Hiroshi Roy Shiota, 28-7-E, Oct. 7.

### DEATHS

KIMURA, William, infant, 23-10-B, Oct. 6.

## PORTLANDERS HERE FOR "Y" TEA

A delegation from Portland, Ore., is expected to visit Hunt today to attend the all-YWCA Fellowship Tea at 2 p.m., in D. H. 24.

All women and girls interested in YWCA activities and other young women and matrons are invited to attend the "biggest social event" to be held so far in Hunt, according to Stella Yorozu, general chairman for the tea.

"Purpose of this tea," Miss Yorozu said, "is to get the girls acquainted,

and in conjunction with this, we would like to see all YWCA leaders at a conference tomorrow at 1:30 p.m. in Rec. 8 to discuss further a complete program for a Hunt Young Women's organization."

Among other guests will be the Messrs. and Mesdames R.A. Pomeroy, H.L. Townsend, George Ishihara and the Misses Mildred Bartholomew, Portland membership secretary, and Rae Hungerford, member of the Portland Business and Industrial Girls department.