

Topaz Times

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THE CITY

BLOCKS 3, 5, 6, 14 TO ELECT COUNCILMEN NEXT MONDAY

The vision of establishing Topaz into a model city came another step nearer to its realization as the machinery for self-government was being rapidly set up this week-end through the cooperation of the residents and the Project administration.

Present plans call for formation of a representative legislative body to be known as the Community council, which will consist of one representative from each residential block.

Mass meetings for the nomination of candidates for councilmen were held Friday night by Blocks 3, 5, 6, and 14, in their respective dining halls. These blocks will hold their election on Monday, or 3 days after nomination.

Block 7 will nominate its candidates Saturday night from 7 PM and the election will take place in Laundry 7 on Tuesday from 1 to 9 PM.

Other blocks will hold their nominations and elections at the dates and in the manner prescribed by their respective election committees, which are being appointed by the Project Director at the recommendation of the block managers.

The Community Council will be authorized to "establish such regular and special committees and commissions as may be necessary to carry out its duties and functions or to cooperate with the Project Director in promoting the general welfare of the residents, according to a statement approved by Project Director Charles Ernst.

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U.S.E.S. OFFERS OUTSIDE JOBS TO RESIDENTS OF TOPAZ

The arrival of 3 officials at Topaz set in motion a plan whereby residents will be offered outside jobs through the United States Employment Service in cooperation with the employment division of the Project.

The three officials were George W. Brown, executive secretary of the Utah Agricultural Advisory Board; H. M. Clinite, regional farm placement representative of the USES; M.C. McShane, farm placement supervisor of the USES for the State of Utah.

Work to be offered will be predominantly agricultural. Procedure for employers seeking workers among the residents is to place requests with their nearest USES office. These requests, in turn, will be forwarded to the WRA officials.

At present, the USES office is in receipt of requests for 103 farm hands, to be recruited from the residents of the project.

Not only farm labor, but white collar and domestic work has been offered by employers of Cache County, as well as Logan, Salt Lake and Provo areas.

Prevailing wages will be offered, but as to disposition of the wages by the WRA, information is not available.

Actual recruiting of workers depends on the speed with which project officials file available workers to meet USES requests.

Topaz, youngest city in Utah, has burgeoned into a teeming city of 4,248 from a hardy vanguard of 214 volunteer workers in the past 2 weeks. Arriving on Sept. 11, the advance contingent immediately went to work getting the city in shape for new arrivals; basic mechanics of city government began functioning.

Starting on the 17th new inhabitants arrived daily in groups of 500, the first reaching Topaz in a suffocating cloud of dust which hovered all day over the entire city. Especially touching was the improvised drum and bugle corp which greeted every bus-load of new arrivals from day to day.

The tremendous task of housing new residents became more complicated as construction of living quarters fell behind schedule. Work orders were filled as rapidly as men applied for positions. Block leaders met twice daily to aid in civic management and in making the inhabitants comfortable. Nightly mass meetings were held at which the administrative personnel explained future plans and aims.

Religious groups met and worshiped, including a joint service between the Christians and Buddhists. Baggage crews worked many hours overtime delivering goods to new residents. Carpenters began setting up walls and ceilings.

Also in the past two weeks there have been an appendectomy, the first baby, and a widespread attack of intestinal flu.

These and many other factors have made Topaz, fastest growing city in Utah, a busy little metropolis, complete with joys, trials and tribulations.

This is the second pre-issue of the Times. Publication will officially begin when certain necessary supplies and equipment arrive.

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COMMUNITY CENTER

Concentrated in the SE corner of Block 4 are the canteen and the headquarters of Community Activities, Community Government, Community Welfare, Lost and Found and the Division of Public Safety.

Probably most familiar to residents is the canteen, which opened the second day after the first contingent arrived. At present it carries over 200 items and rings up \$300 of sales daily.

Fastest moving items are ice-cream and beverages. Twenty-four hundred cups and bars of ice-cream move out easily in half a day. This week, a shipment of 240 bottles of grape-juice was gone in 2 hours.



The canteen is operated on a co-operative basis, with rebates to be made monthly. However, it was pointed out by Walter W. Hondrick, chief of community enterprise, that the operational policy of the canteen was contingent upon the approval of the residents, and he welcomed any suggestions for improvement.

In addition to its grocery store function, the canteen serves as the temporary postoffice of the City and also operates a Sears mail order service.

It is open 11 hours a day during the week, 9 AM to 8 PM, and 5 hours on Sundays, 9 AM to noon and 1 PM to 3 PM.



But the canteen is not the only service functioning in this district. Community Activities, for example, was responsible for recruiting the drum and bugle corps that greeted new arrivals.

The chief function of this division is to keep the mental climate torrid through socials, entertain-

EVENTUAL EMPLOYMENT ASSURED FOR 3000 TO 3500 PEOPLE

"It is expected that eventually between 3000 and 3500 persons will be employed here in Topaz City."

Such was the assurance given by James M. Jennings, head of the Placement section, in presenting the general employment situation of our new-born city. He disclosed that the dining halls, taken as a group, employ the largest number of workers at this time, but the Maintenance and Construction division and agriculture will eventually take the lead.

Interviewed this week, Jennings said: "While we have no definite figures as to the exact number of people who will be employed eventually, it is expected that there will be employment for 90% of those who apply for work."

"Placement for work is based at present upon the occupational survey conducted in Tanforan. Through a future survey workers' qualifications will be evaluated for additional skills to enable each person to render the greatest service within, or outside, the community."

Jennings emphasized the point that: "Persons are not being placed until they have made the proper application and expressed willingness to work. This is to maintain the concept of voluntary work. It is understood that family situations, such as illness, fatigue or physical unfitness, may cause persons here to bide their time before applying for jobs."

"However, while jobs are filled on a strictly voluntary basis, it is hoped that full co-operation will be offered by the people in assisting in the development and beautification of our new city."

Regarding wages and work hours, Jennings explained: "The wage scale is \$16 per month for general employment and \$19 per month for those in the professions and those whose positions require a high standard of responsibility. The latter group includes doctors, engineers, dentists, certified teachers, qualified social workers, fire captains, editors and others."

"A training program will be instituted whereby trainees will receive work experience in a trade for which they have interest and aptitude part-time and classroom instruction in theory and related information needed in the trade part-time. Trainees will be compensated at the rate of \$12 per month while in training. Uniform work hours are 44 hours per week."

ments, sports and special events. The art phalanx of Community Activities is at present operating at top speed, turning out signs for other divisions.

In general the functions ramify into all the activities supervised by the Rec Department in the assembly center, with the addition of religious activities.

Located next to Activities in Barrack 11 is the Community Government office. Its primary function at present is clarifying nomination and election

procedure and generally expediting the birth of self-government in the City.



Also in the same building is the headquarters of Community Welfare. The services of this department involve counseling and social work. It arranges for furloughs, relocation, funerals, marriages, etc.

Across the street, in Barrack 12, is the office of the Division of Public Safety, which enforces the

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regulations formulated by the W R A and the resident council.

HOUSING

Topaz City today houses approximately 4200 residents, according to the housing section.

The first movement from Tanforan to Topaz ended Thursday, and after a 3-day interval, the first group of the second movement is expected to arrive here Monday, Sept. 28.

For housing adjustments, residents are asked to see their block manager, who will take the matter up with the housing committee and the adjustments bureau. Housing headquarters is temporarily located in the east section of Rec 4.

PEOPLE

TOPAZ'S FIRST BIRTH WAS recorded last Tuesday morning at 6:40 AM when a 5 lbs 14 oz. baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Takaki, 7-3-D, E, F.

Delivered at the Topaz Infirmary (Laundry #4), the child was christened "Eugenia" after Dr. Eugenia Fujita, who attended the birth with Dr. Kunisada Kiyasu.

CATHERINE INOUE, WIFE of Hirosuke Inoue, died on Sept. 22 at the Alum Rock Sanatorium in San Jose.

Inoue arrived here from Tanforan on Sept. 17, and on the following morning received a wire notifying him of the critical condition of his wife. Through application to George Lafabregue, head of the Community Welfare section, he obtained permission to return to the restricted area and left here on Sept. 19, accompanied by a WRA official.

Inoue was the manager of Mess Hall #8 at Tanforan.

AMONG THE FIRST VISITORS to greet residents of Topaz were Teiko Ishida, Mr. and Mrs. Hikaru Tsuchiya and George Inagaki.

MORE ON ELECTIONS

A candidate for councilman must be a citizen of the United States, 21 years of age or over. The duties of the council will be to act as a legislative body regarding policies and procedures within the framework of the WRA regulations. The council will also act in a liaison capacity between the residents and the administration.

The first meeting of the election committee, consisting of 5 members from each block, was held Wednesday at the Community Services headquarters, 4-11-D, under the chairmanship of Robert S. Iki, junior administrative assistant to Lorne W. Bell, Chief of the Community Services Division.

Iki explained that any resident 18 years of age and over is eligible to nominate and vote, and nomination will be made by acclamation from the floor at the general nomination meeting which will be open to all. He also stressed that announcements of the nomination meeting must be made through the available channels of information at least 6 days prior to the election.

While the position of councilman will be honorary and non-paying, there will be attached to the Community Council a full-time paid executive secretary, according to Iki.

No block manager may be candidate for councilman, he further clarified.

"We are desirous of getting this Community government started as soon as possible," he declared, "in order that Mr. Ernst, the project director, may have a consultative body representing the residents. In this way he hopes to achieve a maximum of harmony and reduce dissatisfaction to the minimum."

Block 7, first residential group to initiate machinery of self-government, elected house captains for each of the 12 buildings within the block. The house captains in turn, at the direction of Block Manager Toshimi Ogawa, recommended the 5 members of the election committee from their block.

If the system of house captains prove useful, other blocks are expected to follow Block 7's example.

The election committees so far announced follow:

Block 3--Roy Takagi, Vernon Ichisaka, the Rev. Z. Okayama, Kimio Obata, the Rev. Taro Goto.

Block 5--K. Fujii, Dr. Henry Takahashi, Dr. Ben Kondo, Dr. K. Kiyasu, ... Hirota.

Block 6--George Kondo, Sus Yamashita, Yusen Shimizu, Ed Kitow, Marii Kyogoku.

Block 7--Kay Nishida, Yo Kasai, S. Hayashida, Hiroyuki Hirakawa, Hideo Nishiyama.

Block 12--K. Nakajima, T. Matsuoka, Dr. Carl Hirota, Harry Nomura, Dr. Eugenia Fujita.

Block 13--Kuni Akagi, S. Kinbara, S. Itow, Takashi Tsuzuki, Toshi Koba.

Block 14--Yonezo Suzuki, Harry Nakamura, Inasaku Yanagisawa, Shigetoshi Suzuki, Shigeo Haraguchi.

Miss Ishida and Inagaki are connected with the National JAOL Headquarters in Salt Lake City while Tsuchiya is a former Alameda resident.

AS MARK TWAIN WOULD PUT it, Koji Urabe of 6-4-C, well-known nisei boxer, declared that reports of his death were "slightly exaggerated."

Many of Koji's friends remaining in Tanforan were mourning his demise after a story was circulated in the San Bruno center, re-

porting that Koji had been bitten by a scorpion at Topaz, become delirious after blood transfusions failed and finally died. A telegram describing his death was then sent to Tanforan.

Koji and his family believe the whole story is a hoax played by some friends and wish to reassure their friends and the general public that Koji is still walking around and in the best of health.

BULLETIN BOARD

TEACHERS: The Education department of Topaz announced this week that it is interested in receiving the names of those who are qualified for teaching positions, or who are interested in entering the education field.

Until further notice, such persons are asked to register at the temporary office of the Education department in Administration building B. Interviews and filling out of detailed applications will be carried out at a later date.

ADULT EDUCATION: Dr. Laverne C. Bane, head of adult education, is now interviewing all persons who have suggestions on informal or formal adult education and activities. Dr. Bane's office is at present at 4-11-C.

ACCOUNTING: George Reed, head of the cost accounting and time-keeping unit, asked this week for cooperation from the various division chiefs and section heads in aiding his department during its organizational stages.

NIGHT LIGHTS: All residents are asked to keep their porch lights on through the night and turn them off in the morning, according to the Public Safety division.

SCRAP LUMBER: Sufficient scrap lumber is assured all residents of Topaz, according to the committee (temporary) in charge of distribution.

A rough estimate of 400,000 board feet of lumber is now available, and this amount will continue to be increased in line with the construction work on the buildings.

The block managers are to arrange to secure this lumber for the residents, and the committee asked that no nocturnal raids be conducted on the lumber pile. The committee also stressed the point that latecomers to Topaz will be as well supplied as the early ones, and that there was no need for hoarding.

CHURCH NOTES

The Inter-faith Church Council of the Topaz Relocation Center mapped plans for a religious center at its organizational meeting under the leadership of Lorne Bell on September 22 at the Community Service headquarters.

Using the recreational buildings as the basis, the Council set up temporary locales for the church meetings as follows: Catholic, 3; Buddhist, 11,10; Protestant, 4-10-A,B; Seventh Day, 4-10-F.

The Council unanimously elected Rev. Taro Goto as its chairman and Rev. Kumata as secretary. Due to the absence of the latter, Rev. Howard Toriumi was selected to serve as temporary secretary.

The following were selected to aid in religious publication, through the Topaz Times, for all church activities: Tad Hirota, Buddhist; M. Nishimura, Protestant; H. Honnami, Catholic.

Rev. Taro Goto stressed Americanization as the central theme of the council.

Church programs released at this time for this Sunday are as follows:

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST AT REC. #10

Adult Japanese-speaking--Saturday: Sabbath School from 9 to 10 AM; morning service from 10 to 11 AM under the chairmanship of Mrs. Motoyoshi; morning service from 10 to 11 AM. Wednesday: prayer meeting from 2 to 4 PM.

English-speaking church--Saturday: Sabbath School from 9 to 10 AM; morning service from 10 to 11 AM; young peoples meeting from 2 to 4 PM. Wednesday: prayer meeting from 2 to 4 PM.

PROTESTANT CHURCH AT REC #12

Adult Japanese-speaking--Sunday: morning service at 10 AM with Rev. M. Nishimura delivering message and Rev. E. Kawamorita as presiding chairman; evening service at 7 PM with Rev. T. Goto delivering message and Rev. J. Fujii presiding as chairman. Wednesday evening service at 7 PM with message to be delivered by Rev. E. Kawamorita and G. Hoshiga as presiding chairman.

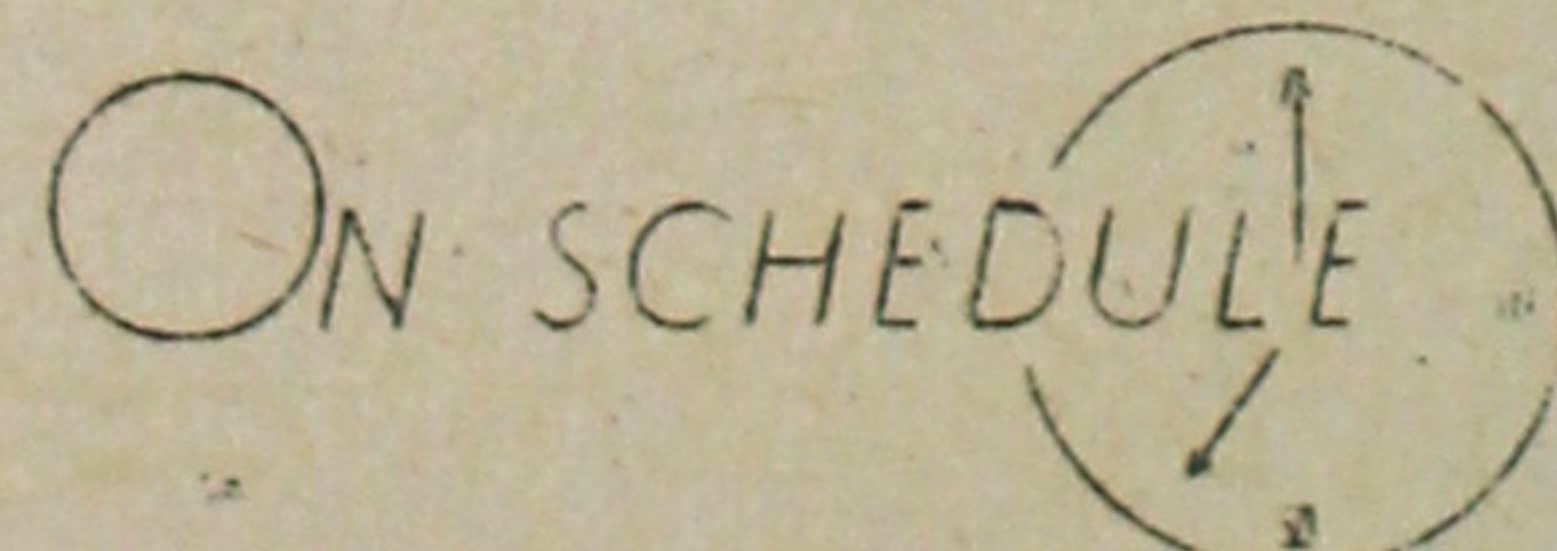
Adult Bible classes will be started Sunday, Oct. 4.

English-speaking at Rec #5. Sunday: Sunday School at 9 AM with message to be delivered by Rev. Howard Toriumi and George Hirose serving as chairman; service at 10 AM with message to be delivered by John Yamashita and Rev. Masa Wakai presiding as chairman. Wednesday: evening service at 7 PM.

BUDDHIST CHURCH

Adult Japanese-speaking at Rec #11--Sunday: morning service at 10 AM with message to be delivered by Rev. Z. Okayama and with T. Okamoto as presiding chairman.

English-speaking at Rec #10. Sunday School at 9 AM with message to be delivered by Rev. T. Kashima and Kay Harano as presiding chairman; service at 10 AM with message to be delivered by Rev. I. Kyogoku and Tad Hirota as chairman.



DANCE: Topaz's first dance will be held tonight (Saturday) from 7 PM at Dining Hall 10.

The music will be provided through recordings, and Goro Suzuki will be the emcee. The Community Activities section is

sponsoring this event.

DRUM AND BUGLE: A drum and bugle corps class will be held daily from 1 PM at 4-9-D. Tom Tsuji will be the instructor, and the class will be open to all interested boys.

HANDICRAFT: Classes in various handicrafts will be held daily from 1:30 PM at 4-9-B. Instructors will be George Suzuki, Toby Hirabayashi, Ichiro Sasaki.

ADMINISTRATION

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

(From the Sept. 17 issue)

This Central Utah Relocation Project has been dedicated by the leader of the advance contingent, Rev. Taro Goto, to the Glory of God. In that spirit we welcome every man, woman and child who comes to help us fulfill through Divine Guidance whatever Destiny lies before us.

We are not the first to establish a collective home in this great hospitable State of Utah. We can obtain much encouragement from the success which has been gained in spite of hardships of every description by the early pioneers of this State.

You will find that the various agencies of the United States Government have been mindful both of your material needs and of those opportunities which you desire in the fields of religion, employment, education, health and recreation.

You will be shown every respect as befits the dignity and importance which belongs to every human being. You will in turn be expected to join your best efforts to those of your fellow residents in the common objective of developing our community to the greatest degree possible.

The adjustments will be many and difficult. With God's help and blessing we can have faith and hope for the future.

Charles F. Ernst
Project Director

SKETCH OF CHARLES F. ERNST

Charles F. Ernst, director of the Central Utah Relocation Project, was born in Boston, Mass. While a student at Harvard College in 1907, he was a volunteer at South End House, a social settlement in Boston. It was there that he met Mrs. Ernst,

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Assistant Director	James F. Hughes
Chief Public Works Division	Lee J. Noftzger
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Hd, Construction Section	Mulford M. Hutchinson
Chief Agricultural Division	Roscoe Bell
Hd, Agricultural Prod. Section	William C. Farrell
Chief Community Services Division	Lorne W. Bell
Hd, Education Section	Dr. John Carlisle
Hd, Community Welfare Section	George Lafabregue
Chief Internal Security	Ralph B. Fridley
Chief Community Enterprises	Walter W. Hondrick
Chief Fire Protection Division	Samuel V. Owen
Chief Project Reports Division	Irvin Hull
Chief Administrative Division	Gilbert L. Niesse
Hd, Procurement Section	William Hunter
Hd, Property Control and Warehouse Section	K. W. Scoopmire
Hd, Budget and Finance Section	Leon Burnham
Hd, Audit Unit	Hugh W. White
Hd, Fiscal Accounting Unit	Jack H. Nichols
Hd, Cost Accounting and Timekeeping Unit	George Reed
Hd, Office Services Section (Mails and files)	Adrian H. Altvater
Chief Employment and Housing Div.	Claude C. Cornwell
Hd, Quarters Section	Arthur Eaton
Hd, Placement Section	James M. Jennings
Hd, Occupational Coding and Records Section	unnamed
Chief Transportation and Supply Division	Roy Potter
Hd, Motor Pool Section	Carl Rogers
Hd, Project Steward	Brandon Watson
Chief Maintenance and Oper. Division	Paul H. Baker
Hd, Garage Section	Kenley Taylor
Hd, Buildings and Grounds Maintenance and Repair Section	Lawrence B. Taylor
Chief Medical Officer	W. S. Ramsey, M.D.

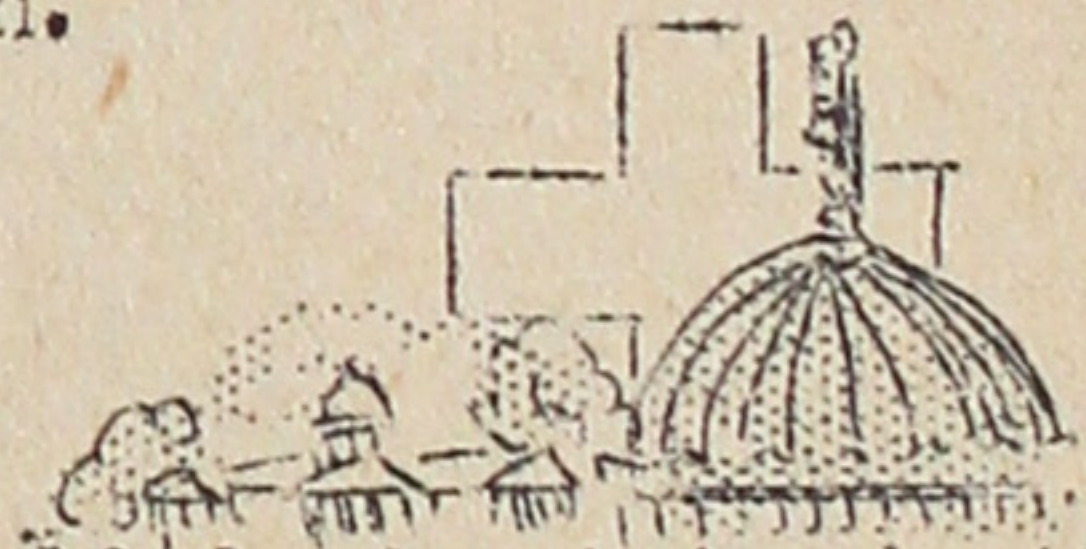
and together they have been actively engaged in the general field of social service ever since that time either as staff or as Board members.

In September 1927, the Ernst family came to the Pacific Northwest and settled in Seattle, Washington. Ernst was then the manager of the Seattle branch of the Hood Rubber Company whose factory is in Watertown, Mass.

By this time the family had grown to the extent of two sons. One, Charles, is now in Washington, D. C. in the Naval Reserve; and the other, David, is a post-graduate student at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy in Medford, Mass.

Ernst became active in the whole problem of unemployment relief first in Seattle in 1931; then later with the State of Washington in 1933. For eight years he was the director of that department, serving with the

then Governor Clarence D. Martin.

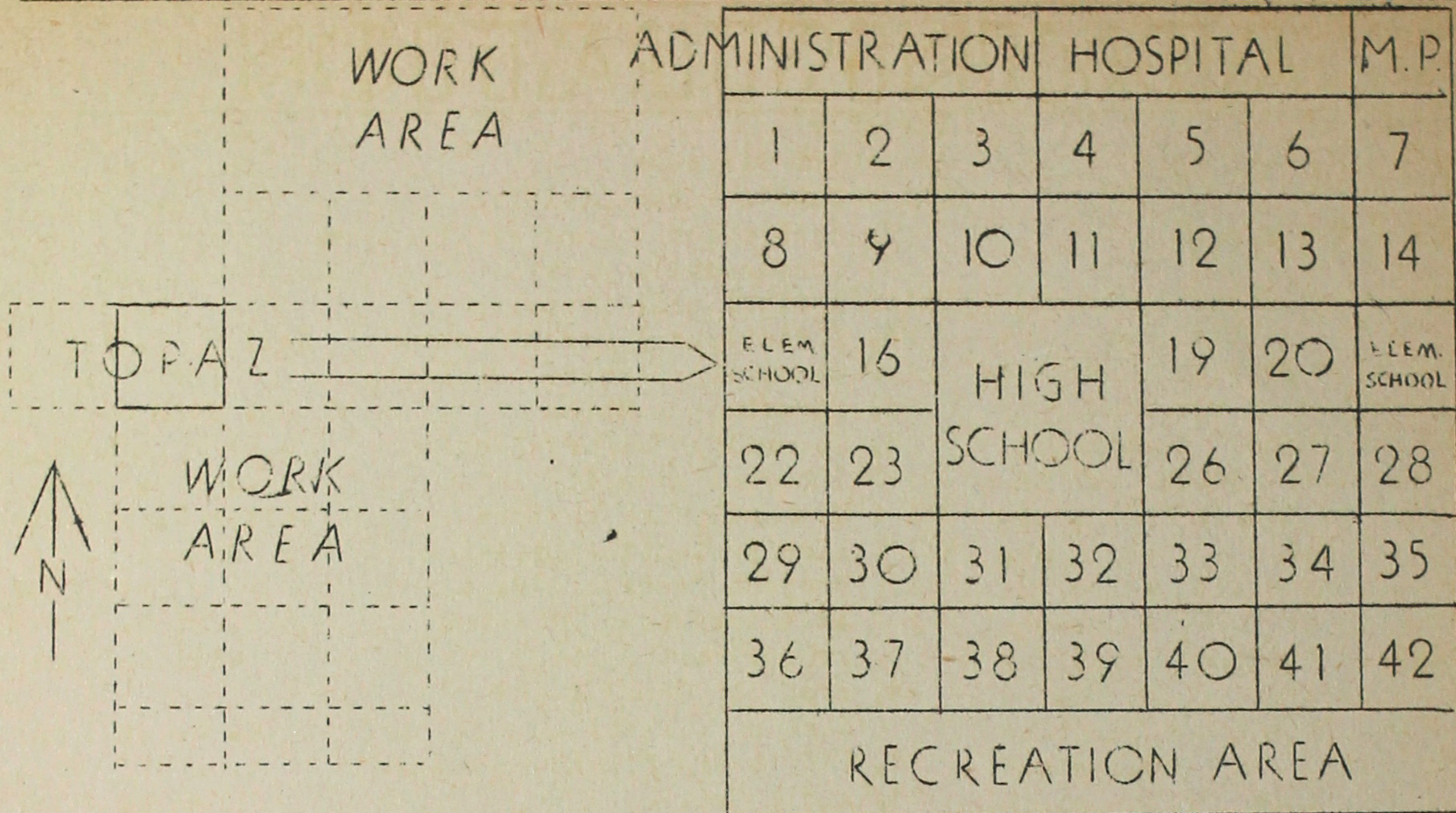


In 1941, he joined the staff of the American Public Welfare Association in Chicago; of which Association he had been the president for two years.

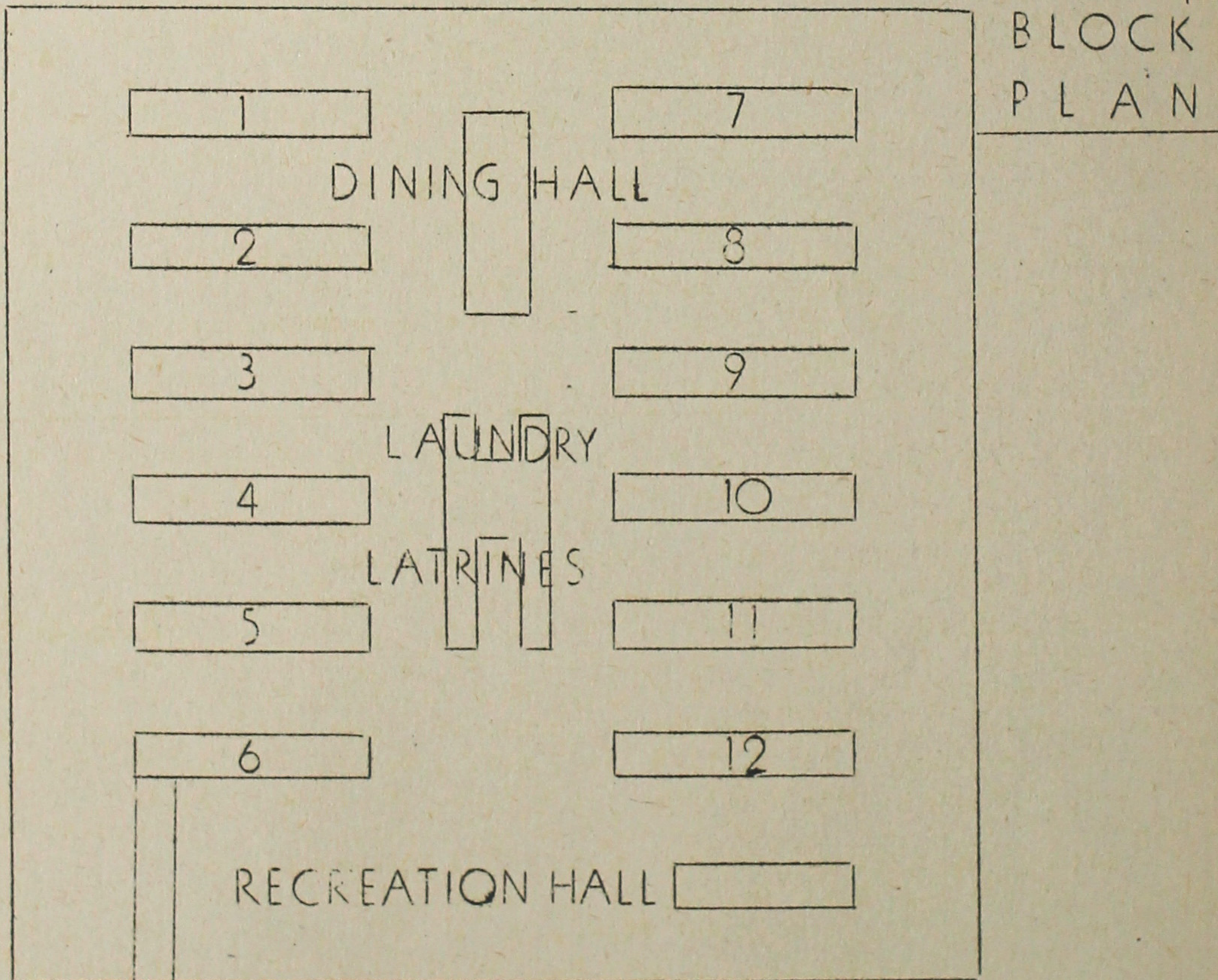
In June of 1941, Ernst joined the American Red Cross in Washington, D. C. as liaison for the National Office of the Red Cross to the Office of Civilian Defense under Dean Landis and to the Office of Defense Health and Welfare under Governor Paul McNutt.

The work with the Red Cross brought Ernst to the Pacific Area Office in San Francisco in February 1942.

In August, Ernst joined the War Relocation Authority and was assigned to the Central Utah Project, coming to Delta on September 1.



THE CITY OF TOPAZ



CENTRAL UTAH RELOCATION PROJECT

