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## COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### COMMITTEES FOR CENTER CHARTER AND CO-OP ENTERPRISES SELECTED

Self-government in the Center took a forward step this week when the Community council met in Public Service hall 28.

Elected chairman of the temporary body was Block 28's William Minbu, member of the Center's legal aid department, and chosen Council secretary was Ben Takeda.

Discussed were the fol-

### WORK ON WALLS BEGINS SOON

Wall boards to complete all apartments are being delivered, said James R. Rhyné, Public Works head.

Work will begin as soon as the nails come. Every block will have a sample room put up so that each can fix his apartment.

For those unable to do their own rooms, men will be assigned to help them.

Walls can be kept clean by wiping with dry or slightly damp cloth.

### BUSSES FOR SCHOOLS

Children will be able to ride to schools in busses soon when requisitions are met for two such vehicles, it was stated by Tom B. Coleman, motor pool head.

lowing matters: (1) permanent community government, (2) temporary government, to function until the permanent one is established, (3) cooperative enterprises.

Committees were appointed to draft a tentative community government charter and to study and report on the community cooperative enterprises.

Members of the charter committee are John Ando, 11; Dr. Wilfred Gotanda, 9; James Okino, 34; Dr. George Sasaki, 27; Sy Maoda, 23; William Minbu, 26; Masakata Tan, 16; Takeshi Takasugi, 32.

Comprising the cooperative committee are Sam Funamura, 19; Frank Nishikawa, (More on page 2)

### BLOCKS TO COLLECT FIREWOOD

Logs will be collected and distributed from the outlying wooded area Saturday afternoon and all day Sunday, the Block Managers' council announced yesterday.

The need to gather the felled trees before the heavy rains prompted the move.

According to a plan drawn up by Mitsuo Nakamura, each block will be al-

### WARD ORDERS: DENSON ADDRESS INCORRECT

The Denson, Ark., branch of Montgomery Ward has announced that it is not open for mail order business, although 250 mail orders have been received. The correct address is Kansas City.

Due to a misguidance from Montgomery Ward Company, many Centerites have been sending mail orders to Denson.

Disposition of these orders is held up pending instructions from Montgomery Ward.

New hours for the Rohwer branch office of the Montgomery Ward Company in 42-7-F are from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 to 3:30 p.m., and Saturday 8:30 to 11 a.m.

Sales drafts will be cashed in the afternoons only, Jerry Ohara, manager, announced today.

lowed five truckloads of wood. Each will provide its own crew of at least ten swampers. The collection schedule is:

Sat. p.m.: Blocks 1, 2, 15, 16, 17, 29, 41, 32, 28, 19 and 14.

Sun. a.m.: Blocks 3, 4, 5, 12, 13, 20, 27, 33, 34, 39 and 40.

Sun. p.m.: Blocks 38, 11, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 23, 24, 25 and 26.

## SANTA ANITA PAYCHECKS

Former Santa Anitans with the following ID numbers were requested by Francis Mangham, senior administrative officer, to call for paychecks.

ID numbers are 497-A, 1659-A, 5400-A, 1511-A, 1675-F, 1710-A, 205-A, 1569-A, 3858-A, 4047-A, 4141-B, 4178-E, 4295-C, 5183-A, 5475-A, 6304-A and 4429-C.

## SEWING ROOMS

Three sewing machines, one loom, one spinning wheel and one cutting table will be established in each block as soon as empty apartments are available, Adeline Lee, director of Arts and Crafts, revealed.

The community sewing room in Public Service hall 29 will continue to be open daily from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and evening from 7 to 9, except Sunday.

## POSTPONEMENT

Sewing instructors' course tentatively scheduled to start Monday will be postponed until further notice, it was reported by the Arts and Crafts section.

## COUNCIL SELECTS

### COMMITTEEMEN

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8; Hideo Ito, 26; Koichi Kiyomura, 4; Gary Nagai, 1; Tom Hayakawa, 15.

Present at the meeting were Project Director Ray D. Johnston, who acted as temporary chairman, Dr. J. E. Hunter, chief of Community Services, and Austin Smith, counselor.

## 20 SOLDIERS ARE LATEST GUESTS OF THIS CENTER

Nearly twenty young soldiers came to the Center this week to visit relatives, friends, partake of the congenial Rohwer project hospitality.

They were Cpl. Kenneth Masamitsu, Camp Crowder, Mo.; Pvt. Shigeru Yabumoto, Ft. Custer, Mich.; PFC Raymond Aka, Ft. Sam Houston,

Tex.; Sgt. Susumu Kazahaya, PFC George Tanaka, Camp Robinson, Ark.; Pvts. Tsuyoshi Shimada, Iwao Shimamoto, Ft. Leavenworth, Kan.; PFC George Nakamura, Pvts. Kenji Morino, Jack Tsudama, Masao Funamura, Camp Wolters, Tex.; Cpl. Roy Sakai, Pvt. George Kitada, Ft. Warren, Wyo.; Cpl. Takeo Takumi, Ft. Sheridan, Ill.; Pvt. William Furuyama, Camp Grant, Ill.; Pvts. Kimbo Komatsu, Yoshio Shinohara, Sakai Sugimoto, Ft. Snelling, Minn.

## STUDENT RELOCATION IN PHOTOENGRAVING

Student relocation work in photo-engraving will be conducted at the Aurora School of Photo-Engraving in Aurora, Mo., it was reported by Dr. Nat R. Griswold, director of continuation education, today.

Interested persons are asked to inquire at the education office in 31-1-D.

## POSTAL SAVINGS

Postal savings accounts can now be opened at the post office, Postmaster Spears announced today.

Government checks can be cashed at the post office but not personal checks. However, Spears will take personal checks and cash them at an outside bank.

## INTERNEE SURVEY

There is a possibility that internees may be reunited with their families, Dr. Hunter, Community Services head, stated today.

He requested all block managers at their meeting yesterday to conduct a survey of all families who have any of its members confined in an internment camp.

## EXTRA COPIES

Extra copies of the last two issues of the OUTPOST are now available at the Business Office, 42-6-D.

## ARMY BOARDS INSPECTS CENTER

Under an agreement with the WRA a board of U.S. Army officers visited the Center this week to inspect the construction of housing, supply of equipment and the facilities for hospital, sanitation and communication.

The Center, except in

certain minor respects, was fulfilling specifications satisfactorily, the board concluded.

The group included Lieutenant Colonel Price, Colonel H. D. Crall, Captain Robert M. Peterson, Captain Astrup and First Lieutenant W. D. Knox.

## SECOND CLASSICAL HOUR TO FEATURE CHOPIN'S WORKS

Works of Chopin, Wagner, Debussy, Dvorak and Wolfe will highlight the second Classic hour Monday at 7 p.m. in Mess hall 35. Doors will close at 6:55 p.m., it was reported.

As a special attraction, excerpts from Chopin's "Le Sylphides Ballet" will

be played. Also, "Frenesi" by Artie Shaw and his orchestra will be featured.

Master of ceremonies will be Tosh Kaneda; Hal Noguchi, chairman. Recordings will be furnished by Mits Harada and public address system by Joe Takeuchi.

## CUB SCOUTS

Boys from 9 to 11 years of age are encouraged to join the Cub scouts, it was announced by Cubmaster Robert Kishita today.

All organized junior boys' clubs are also urged to enter the scout program. The Cub scout office is 27-1-B.

## SCOUT MEETS

Tentative schedule for weekly meetings of Boy scout troops and Cub scout packs was released by Cubmaster Robert Kishita today.

Boy scout meetings will be held as follows: Troops 19, 91, 30 Friday at 7 p.m. in Mess halls 27, 28, 19, respectively; Troop 76 Sunday at 6:30 p.m. in Public Service hall 14; Troop 99 Monday and Friday at 6:30 p.m. in Block 29.

Cub scout packs 19 and 91 will meet Fridays at 4:15 p.m. in laundry room 27.

## LIL THEATRE PLANS

Theatrical groups in drama and little theater activities are being planned, according to Hal Noguchi at 27-1-A.

## ORANGE, BLUE TIES FOR GIRL SCOUTS

Girl scout Troop 32 of District II and Troop 12 of District III selected their tie colors orange and blue, respectively, at their recent campfire meetings at the scout camp site.

Frances Suzuki is leader of Troop 32, Sadako Tamino of Troop 12.

## BAND PLAYERS GATHER

All those playing band instruments are asked to meet at Monday, 2 p.m., in 35-7-F.

Preparations to play at the Thanksgiving football game will be made, Hal Noguchi, director of Music and Drama, announced today.

## YBA GROUP DISCUSSES PROGRAM

To organize the YBA activities, to discuss the constitution and to plan the installation social, the YBA Organizing Committee held a special meeting Tuesday evening.

The following were selected to work on the constitution: Barry Saiki, Bill Shioda, Mary Sagata

*J. Dance*

It's "couples only" tonight, folks.  
Don't forget, take your dates and go to Mess halls 8 or 28 at 7:30 p.m.

## BLOCK ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE RELEASED

Schedule of block group activities was released by the social activities section today.

"Get-to-together" parties will be staged by Blocks 28 and 32 today in their respective Public Service halls.

Blocks 2 and 13 have set their Thanksgiving socials for today and Wednesday, respectively.

## GO AND SHOGI TEACHERS NEEDED

Tentative to formation of Go and Shogi clubs, an urgent call for instructors was made by Gary Nagai, supervisor of adult activities, today.

Go and Shogi players in the class of "dan" are asked to contact their block activities leaders or the adult activities office, 27-1-A.

and Edith Chikaraishi.

The date for election of officers is to be decided at the next meeting, Sunday.

At the same time plans for the installation candle-lite ceremony under the chairmanship of Kenzo Fujimori and Sumiye Hiramoto will be disclosed.



## EDITORIAL

## ORGANIZATION FIRST

There has been much hue and cry of late about the canteen.

According to these people who are supposedly in the know, the enterprise isn't being operated on a sound basis. Prices are too high; merchandise stock is incomplete; and where do "all the profits go anyhow."

Furthermore, they want to know when the cooperative system will be started and why it has not been organized before this.

First of all, let us remember that there is a war on. Prices all along the line have risen, are rising, despite organized measures by the government to prevent it.

Commodities, too, are not so plentiful to the people on the outside, let alone to those of us in the centers. It is no longer a question of "how much?" but one of "can I buy it even if I'm willing to pay the price?"

As to when the cooperative will be organized, that is a matter strictly up to the recently-elected temporary community council, which met in session for the first time this week.

It will be the council's job to study thoroughly the cooperative method of business, its advantages and disadvantages, successful cooperatives already operating elsewhere, adapt the composite results of the study and research to the local picture.

It need not be mentioned here that setting up such a program will be a formidable task. Those who are clamoring for an immediate canteen cooperative forget that the cooperative program will embrace all community enterprises, not just the canteen.

It will include the barber shops, beauty parlors, clothing stores, shoe repairing, a score of other enterprises vital and necessary to a community of 9000 people.

But before all these various enterprises, or any one of them, can be set up, a cooperative organization has to be formed. And to that end is working the temporary council, which has been entrusted with the job of drafting preliminary plans for the body.

It is simply a matter of organizing first.

Anybody demanding an immediate cooperative canteen is making the common mistake of placing the cart before the horse.



## ENCOURAGING

Everybody seems to be cutting wood. That is, everybody but me. But we'll not go into that. Every weekend truckload after truckload of volunteer crews go out to inour sore muscles and blisters for the sake of the block.

## DISCOURAGING

One block hauled in some wood, chopped it up, stacked it up to be distributed.

Then the barrack representatives (the intra-block council) gathered in solemn session to decide how the wood should be divided.

For over three long hours, they argued the pros and cons of the various ways to divide the firewood. Finally, they agreed upon a method.

## AMUSING

Next morning, they divided the wood per agreement and told the people to come and pick up the wood. Most of them did. But few raised a protest because one or two stacks seemed to have a couple of more pieces than the others. One man wanted the stacks divided equally, piece for piece. Another was all for measuring them off with a tape-measure.

And long after the rest of the people had packed their shares home and forgotten about them, these men were still bickering about this very important issue of why one pile of wood had one or two pieces more than another.

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## WRA COMPREHENSIVE SURVEY HELD THROUGHOUT CENTER

WRA survey of all Center individuals and family units is now being conducted through the block managers and their staff, E. B. Moulton, head of Employment and Housing, said today.

WRA programs including clothing allowances, public

assistance grants and future verification of vital statistics will be based on these official records. This basic file will be used also for all community occupational, educational and recreational activities, Moulton emphasized.

Conducted in all the WRA centers, the records will be permanent files of personal and family identifications. They will assist Centerites in keeping contacts with their relatives, friends and business connections, he said.

## ADULT ENGLISH CLASSES BEGIN

Two hundred fifty people are expected to attend the adult English classes which will start Monday. Classes will be held mornings, afternoons and evenings.

Eight teachers will direct reading, writing and speaking up to the sixth grade. Newspaper reading and letter-writing will be included.

## BAKING AND COOKING CLASSES DELAYED

Difficulties have caused a delay in plans for baking and cooking classes.

The time and place for interviews and a definite program will be announced later, L. A. May, project steward, disclosed.

## WEAVING COURSE

Instructor's weaving course, approved by the State Department of Education, was started last week under the supervision of Esther Fukushima, according to Adeline Lee, director of Arts and Crafts.

After satisfactory completion of the six-week course, diplomas as instructors in weaving will be awarded to the ten students who comprise the class, Miss Leo said.

## CENTER STORE:

### NEW ORDER OF DRY GOODS EXPECTED

The dry goods counter of the main canteen, which will include a variety of work clothes, underclothing, gloves, ladies' apparel and other articles, will open as soon as the first shipment of stock arrives, R. C. Ellen, Maintenance head, disclosed yesterday.

The shipment is expected today, he said.

## YWCA SECRETARY TO CONFER HERE

Permanent YWCA organization will be formed when Esther Briesemeister, national secretary of YWCA, arrives for a two-week conference next month, C. B. Price, director of community activities, revealed.

Especially assigned to help establish YWCA in relocation projects, Miss Briesemeister will visit the Granada, Heart Mountain and Topaz centers before coming here, Price said.

Girls interested in YWCA activities are asked to report to the community activities office in the West administration building, it was announced.

## GILA RIVER SUITABLE FOR TRUCK CROPS

The Gila River relocation center is located in the south central part of Arizona on the grounds of the Indian Pima reservation.

This center, which is divided up into two communities three miles apart, has huge tracts of land that are well adapted to the growing of such truck-

ing crops as melons, beans, tomatoes, carrots, lettuce and other foodstuffs.

This area is also one of the few in the country where long-staple cotton can be grown. Production plans for 1943 call for three thousand acres of this crop.

The area, lying about 1500 feet above sea level,

is fairly level, quite fertile and has a growing season of about 247 days.

Rainfall averages ten inches a year. Summers are long and hot, winters short and mild.

Temperatures have ranged from nine degrees above zero in winter up to 117 degrees in the summer months.

## THREE PIGSKIN LEAGUES START

Organization of midget, lightweight and unlimited leagues to start competitive touch football in this Center was announced by the athletic department.

The qualifications for the midget league are 100 pounds or less and 12 years or under; for the lightweight league, maximum weight of 120 pounds and 16 years or under; and for the unlimited league, more than 120 pounds and above 17 years. The midget class with an earlier start will continue with the supplement of additional teams.

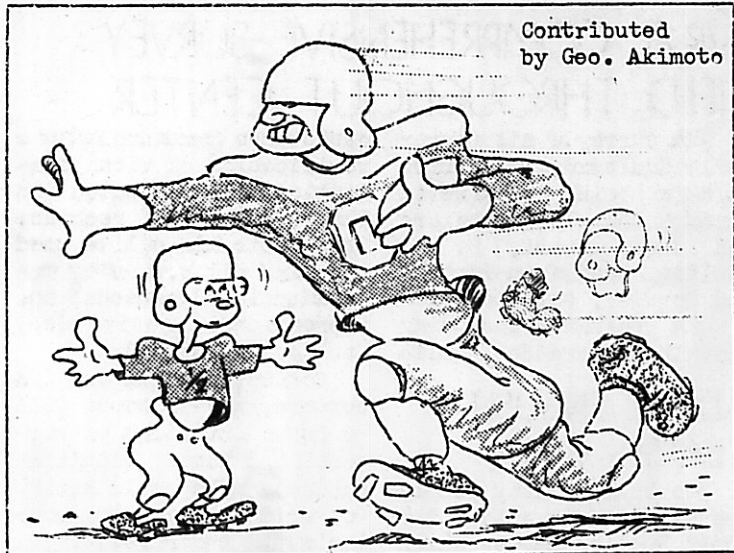
As it will be an open league, players on teams will not be restricted to blocks or districts. The deadline for entries was set for Nov. 28, noon, at the athletic office, 27-8-E.

Play-offs with Jerome are being planned.

## BOXING CLASSES TO BE ORGANIZED

Boxing classes are now being organized with Takashi Hisashima in charge. 27-8-E will be open all week to sign up boxing aspirants.

General meeting for all boxers will be held on Wednesday at 7 p.m. at 27-8-E.



Contributed  
by Geo. Akimoto

## ALL-STARS CHALLENGED

### ROHWER TEAM TO CLASH WITH SECOND STOCKTON UNIT

The united Rohwer center team will meet the challenge of the second Stockton unit tomorrow at 2 p.m. on the high school field.

This will be the first time that the residents of the Center will be able to see the Rohwer squad oavort in an actual game. The new combine, including the best players from both Stockton and Santa Anita, will field a powerful and versatile team deep in reserves. The average weight of the line will be about 180 lbs. and the backfield, 165 lbs.

### REC. NOTES:

#### SOFTBALL AND VOLLEYBALL

As several softball teams have been organized, regardless of no softball league, any teams desiring to play are requested to contact the athletic department.

Also block activities leaders are asked to organize men's volleyball squads and to sign the teams up at the athletic office immediately.

On the other hand the Stockton squad will be handicapped by lack of training time. Beginning practice on Monday, the players have not been able to follow a rigid practice program. However, Coach Matsuo Okazaki will field a fast and aggressive eleven. The line should average about 150 lbs. and the backfield, 130 lbs.

After taking all the facts into consideration the Rohwer team must be given the definite edge.