



# COMMUNIQUE No. 12

Bulletin of Jerome Relocation Center, Denson, Arkansas

## Thanksgiving Fetes Planned

Five Thanksgiving socials and two post-Thanksgiving affairs are on the holiday calendar.

Heading the list of activities is the community dance to be held in Hall 17 at 7 p.m. with the Densconers furnishing the music. Eddie Funahashi will be master of ceremonies and Anna Tanaka will be the vocalist.

Men in uniform are invited to attend the Block 5 USO Turkey Hop at 7:30 p.m. in the dining hall. Hostesses are being provided to entertain the visiting servicemen.

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## Women Work on Landscaping Job

The Center's landscape project of laying walks between the barracks has been enhanced by the presence of women workers.

According to Byran Stearns, maintenance head, women are equal to men when it comes to digging, picking and wielding heavy tools if not better.

"This important work is progressing well with co-operation shown by all," said Stearns.

## PROJECT WORKERS HALF-DAY OFF TODAY

In observance of Thanksgiving day, Project workers will get the afternoon off today, Project Director Paul Taylor announced.

A special Thanksgiving dinner will be served in all dining halls tonight.

## WOOD-CUTTERS IN FULL SWING

With the sign-up for wood cutters nearing its quota, the wood-cutting project is expected to get into full swing by Monday, announced W. H. Ballard, agriculture head.

There will be six 30-man crews with each crew supplying five blocks with fuel wood.

In order that wood will be equally distributed, six workers from each block have been employed.

General foreman is Satoru Okada and crew foremen are Shigetaka Kawamura, Tokuju Shibuyama, Kunishi Tani and Fred Watanabe.

## SUGAR-BEETERS HERE

Fifty sugar-beet workers from Box Elder, Utah, are expected to rejoin their families here Saturday.

Other workers from Montana have been coming in during the past week in groups of threes and fours.

## First Council Meeting Held

The first meeting of the Temporary Community Council of the Center was held yesterday afternoon with 26 of the 30 block representatives elected last week being present.

Project Director Paul Taylor, who chaired the initial session to give the new councilmen a chance to get acquainted with one another, and Robert A. Leflar, WRA regional attorney, explained the functions of the Council.

"The Temporary Community council, as its name implies, is a transitional body to effect the change from complete administration to self-government."

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## Administrators' Homes Started

Staking and foundation work have been started on Block 24 for the construction of 10 barracks to be occupied by the administrative personnel. Each barrack will be 90 feet x 26 feet and will house four families.

According to Aulsy W. Mills, construction superintendent, the buildings will be finished about Jan. 15.

## CENTER'S FIRST GRID TILT TODAY

Denson's first football game will be played today when the Denson Drips and the Jerome Jerks meet on the Block 21 athletic field starting at 2 p.m.

The Center squad has been divided into two outfits and named Jerks and Drips just for the Thanksgiving tilt today.

The Drips will be led by Teizo Koda, triple-threat back, who has shown up well in practice sessions. Sus "Rocky" Ishikawa, speedy tailback, will spark the Jerk attack.

The Drip-Jerk contest replaces the proposed Jerome-Rohwer game which was banned by a recent WRA ruling.

Reserves will be used by both elevens, according to Coach Dick Kunishima who is in charge of the game.

The lineups:

DENSON DRIPS	Pos.	JEROME JERKS
Mas Nishibayashi	E	Jim Kai
Frank Omatsu	E	Fred Ikeguochi
Harry Yoshida	T	Sumi Yokota
George Omatsu	T	Tom Hayashi
Tosh Mori	G	Mas Nishikawa
Al Nakashima	G	Manabu Okada
Sam Ozaki	C	Mas Onishi
Tak Abo	Q	Shag Okada
Buddy Kasai	H	Sus Ishikawa
Teizo Koda	H	Osamu Chiono
Jimmy Okura	F	Eso Masuda

Reserves: Shig Yasuda, Tad Yamokido, Joe Hamada, Ko Hirata, George Dakusaku, Isao Tabata, Koji Arihara, Yosh Tsukamoto, George Hamada, Shiro Ego, Susy Takeshita, Jim Nakayama, Dick Ishikawa, Harumi Tanouye, Russ Iwanaga, Tom Mukai.



# THANKSGIVING EDITION



## 'Democracy' Means More Today

A year ago today, the word "democracy" did not have the full meaning for us that it has today. It was obscured by abstractions but today it is something vital and alive. We have learned to appreciate the word more fully and in all its realities.

We have learned, too, to appreciate our many friends on the outside who write and say, "We should not abandon democracy just because the sledding has become tough. We should fight all the more for it."

This war has more sharply focused and brought to the fore our enemies, both within and without. It has taught us the meaning of true friendship. It has also taught us, as a friend writes, "That we never know an American if we see him merely when things are going good. Only when the going gets tough do we see him as he really is. So far, when that time has come, he has shown devotion and loyalty and a willingness to endure hardships and to take joy in sacrifice which have brought him through every crisis." --JO

## WHAT'S ON

- TODAY**  
 2 p.m.--Intra-squad football game, Block 21  
 7 p.m.--Thanksgiving dance (couples only), Hall 17
- TOMORROW**  
 6:30 p.m.--Troop 68, Hall 5
- SATURDAY**  
 9 a.m.--Touch football organizing meeting, Hall 16  
 2 p.m.--Girls' get-together (Blocks 40-46), Dining Hall 45  
 7 p.m.--Issei talent program, Dining Hall 33
- MONDAY**  
 7:30 p.m.--Adult forum, Hall 4

## MORE ON

### Holiday Socials

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Blocks 9 and 16 have slated a joint entertainment program using home talent. Block 8 residents will have a dance and a musical program tonight with Yuri Yamashita in charge.

Jimmy Kato will be master of ceremonies of Block 6's program which will include songs, games, musical numbers and a dance.

The New Era club will sponsor a post-Thanksgiving social for Block 17 residents Saturday night. Another post-holiday party, the Royal 7 invitational affair, will be chairmanned by Eiko Hayashi.

### TOUCH FOOTBALL

All team managers and interested persons are to meet in Hall 16 at 9 a.m. Saturday to organize a touch football league.

## SOLDIERS VISIT IN CENTER

Many nisei soldiers found the Center the nearest thing to "home" this year as they spent the Thanksgiving week with their families and friends.

### MORE ON

### Council Meeting

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 tion control to a democratic form of government," said Leflar.

As such, the Council will have no governing power but will set up the governing body. Among other duties will be that of appointing various committees to cover all phases of community activities.

It was stressed by Leflar that whereas elective positions were open only to citizens, aliens may serve on committees and commissions.

### HOSPITAL BLAZE CAUSES EXCITEMENT

Fire originating from one of the temporary stoves in the unoccupied outpatient department of the hospital caused a flurry of excitement Tuesday.

Fire department members who had spread out the hose for drilling rushed to the scene, but the blaze had already been extinguished by construction workers.

Damage was one gypsum board and a window sash.

### BODY-BUILDING

Registration for body-building and weight-lifting classes will begin Monday at 7 p.m. in Hall 18.

Mits Masuda, body-building instructor, will initiate sessions on the arrival of equipment.

Sgt. Jin Ishikawa, Camp Crowder, Mo.--"This place is all right although it's slightly congested. But I couldn't ask for more when my folks from Florin and the rest of my friends are here."

Pvt. Kuwa Iwataki, Camp Robinson, Ark.--"This is my third trip to visit my family and friends. The last time I was here, I had a good time."

PFC Tom Asaki, Camp Grant, Ill.--"I intend to take in everything while I'm visiting with my family and friends."

Corp. Kay Kiritani, Camp Grant, Ill.--"I couldn't get a permit to visit my family in Arizona, so I did the next best thing by coming here." --AEN

## Two Center Stores Renamed

The designations of the two Center stores have been changed although their locations are still in the same places. The store in Block 8 is now officially Store 1 and the new one which opened this week in the administrative block is Store 2.

Newspapers have been added to counter sales at Store 2, temporarily managed by Jiro Omata. Besides a complete line of groceries, laundry supplies, paper items, canned goods, tobacco, drugs and cosmetics, shoe polish, threads and stationery are now on sale.

Shoes and dry goods, including women's washable cotton dresses, are expected to be on sale soon.

Negotiations are being made to handle fresh meats and cold cuts at the Administration store.

## Block 40 to 46 Girls To Meet

Girls in Blocks 40 to 46 between 16 and 25 years of age are asked to meet in Dining Hall 45 at 2 p.m. Saturday, announced the Girls' recreation section. Yoshiko Nakamura will be in charge of the meeting to discuss plans for the organization of girls' activities.

## Fair Practices Group To Promote Work Harmony

All seven representatives are expected to be chosen by next week for the Fair Practices committee to be set up for promoting harmony among the workers.

One member, James Hashimoto, already has been selected to represent the administrative workers.

Divisions requiring rep-

resentatives in accordance with WRA regulations will be the agricultural, professional, industrial and mess groups.

The chairman of the committee is expected to be picked by the first of December. As a full-time paid worker, the chairman will conduct investigations of all cases coming to his

attention and will keep records of committee activities.

Any evacuee employee may report in writing any complaint to the committee for a satisfactory solution.

The complaints must be in regard to employment, working rules and compensation.

## RECORDS CLASSIFIED

The individual record census form used in the present census is almost identical to all employment application forms used by the personnel departments of large, private industries, said the Employment division.

Since it will be the only complete record made to aid the evacuees in securing future work, it is important that all information be given freely.

The record will be kept in strictest confidence, it was assured.

More than 35 interviewers are now coding and classifying the records for the Employment office.

## Drinking Water Should Be Boiled

Residents were again reminded by Dr. Donnell W. Boardman of the advisability of boiling water before using for drinking purposes.

"The block chefs are still working under inadequate conditions but wherever possible, they will cooperate in supplying boiled water for drinking," Dr. Boardman added.

## DENSON P.O. ONE OF LARGEST

The largest post office in southeastern Arkansas, the Denson Post Office is manned by a staff of 17 evacuee employees and three Caucasian workers headed by Fred E. Paris, superintendent.

Arrival of the mail truck each morning from the Dermott post office, junction point for six outlying towns, means the handling of approximately 6000 pieces of incoming and outgoing mail for the employees.

After the mail is sorted, nine carriers make house-to-house deliveries twice daily, starting at 9:30 a.m. and 2 p.m.

In addition to approximately 3000 pieces of first class mail received daily, there are 25 to 50 sacks of parcel post and 50 to 100 pieces of COD articles.

Outgoing first class mail for November so far amounts to almost 40,000 pieces, according to Mas Hironaka, dispatcher.

## Little Bit of Hawaii in Arkansas

Soft strumming guitars and the plaintive melodies of the Islands make Block 40 where the evacuees from Honolulu are now living, a little bit of Hawaii in the heart of Arkansas.

Some of the youngsters said that they were homesick for the beach at Waikiki where they could swim the year around.

They also claimed that this was the first time they had to chop wood as heating stoves are unknown in the Islands.

Unfamiliar to mainlanders are the pidgin English vernacular spoken by the Hawaiians and their custom of leaving shoes, boots, slippers and geta on the porch and entering homes with either bare- or stocking-feet.

## Beet-Toppers Play Football

An all-evacuee beet-toppers football eleven was one of the features of life in Montana for nisei harvest volunteers, according to Eiki Nakamura who recently returned from Malta, Mont.

The grid team was composed of nisei formerly of the Delano, Calif., district.

The makeshift aggregation challenged the Malta high school varsity after Malta had flattened Chinook high school, 76-0.

Although outweighed some 40 pounds per man, the nisei managed to hold the Maltons to a 6-0 score. A second contest ended in a scoreless deadlock.

Nakamura described the people of Malta as friendly and reported that fine treatment was accorded the workers.

## Newcomers Given Warm Welcome

Community spirit was brought to a high peak Tuesday afternoon when the Block 45 boilermen went out of their way to prepare a hot bath for the recent arrivals from Hawaii.

There being no fuel available in Block 45 because of a coal shortage, the fuel for the special bath had to be carried in from a neighboring block.

The first hot bath in two weeks for the evacuees was made possible through the efforts of Boilermen Hikobei Nakata, Chohei Fujii and Otoichi Oba.

## PROJECT'S MILK SOURCE INSPECTED

To inspect the source of the Project's milk supply, three administrative officials visited the milk plant in Warren, 70 miles from here, Monday.

"We found conditions excellent," said William O. Melton, assistant Project director.

Melton was accompanied by James H. Wells, administrative officer, and Dr. Donnell W. Boardman.



## WAITERS RECEIVE PAY BOOST

A meeting between the administration and a committee representing all waiters resulted yesterday in settlement of the group's major dissatisfactions.

A new working arrangement was announced by Dee Jay Hudson, Mess Management head, stating that all waiters and waitresses who

were working before Nov. 1 will now receive 16 dollars a month.

All waiters and waitresses hired subsequent to that date will draw 12 dollars but will be reclassified on Dec. 1.

Employees over the 36-man limit for dining halls will receive 12 dollars.

## Forum: 'Work Readjustment'

"The Nisei and Vocational Readjustment" will be the topic of the adult forum at 7:30 p.m. Monday in Hall 4 with Minnie Lee Mayhan, Education vocational counselor, as speaker. Rene Miyake will be the forum chairman.

## School Head's Living Room Becomes 'Marriage Parlor'

Located at the edge of beautiful Lake Chicot in Lake Village, School Superintendent A. G. Thompson's home has been the scene for three of the Center's four marriages.

Thompson, acting as chief of Community Services, has accompanied the couples to his lovely home surrounded by natural scenery. The attractively furnished living room, appropriately nicknamed "The marriage parlor," has given a homey touch, making up for the drabness that marks within-the-Center marriages.

There, Lake Village's

Justice of Peace H. R. Sessions has officiated at the simple but dignified ceremonies.

Most recently to enjoy the Thompson's cordial



hospitality were Doris Asaye Domoto, 42-5-C, and PFC Sam Yoshiharu Matsumoto of Ft. Bliss, Texas, on Nov. 6.

"It's been indeed a

pleasure to assist these couples, and Mrs. Thompson and I hope that in this small way we may help them to embark on a most successful life together," Thompson said.

According to Thompson, Lake Chicot is 18 miles long and three-fourths of a mile wide and its beach is reputed to be the burial place of the Spanish explorer, De Soto.

Chicot county was named after the Chicot Indian tribe who frequented south-east Arkansas and made it one of their great hunting grounds. --TO

## St. Shinran Day To Be Observed

In commemoration of St. Shinran day, afternoon and evening services for both issei and nisei will be held by the Buddhists Sunday.

The Rev. Gyodo Kono will deliver a sermon, "In Reverence of St. Shinran," at 2 p.m. in Dining Hall 5 while the Rev. Shizuo Kai will continue the Ho-Onko service at 7 p.m. in Dining Hall 41. The Rev. Kotaro Hirohata will be chairman for both services.

The regular Sunday School services will be conducted simultaneously at two locations at 9 a.m. The Rev. Kono will be speaker at Dining Hall 28 with Kiyomi Nakamura as chairman while the Rev. Kai will preach in Dining Hall 42 with Hideo Ito as chairman.

## INJURED LINEMAN RECOVERING SLOWLY

Cecil Koyama who received head injuries last week while replacing a fuse on one of the telephone poles is doing as well as can be expected, reported Dr. Donnell W. Boardman, medical chief.

## FIVE-MAN STAFF OPERATES LAUNDRY

Extending its services, the Center Laundry is taking in clothes from the 329th Military Police Escort Guard Company stationed at Denson.

Since the local charge on laundered items is much cheaper than outside prices, residents are urged to take advantage of the new service.

Staffed by a five-man crew under Mrs. H.K. Chono, acting supervisor, all items are hand-laundered until machinery is installed.

## FACULTY SET

With a sizable faculty already chosen and new offices set up at 33-1-A for the secondary schools and 23-12-F for the elementary division, preliminary procedures for the opening of schools are advancing rapidly, reported William F. Hays, assistant high school principal.

"Tomorrow will be the deadline for filling out questionnaires for adult classes," announced C. E. Reaves, adult school director. All those interested are to sign up with their block managers.

## Dr. Herron Smith To Preach Here

Dr. Frank Herron Smith of Berkeley, Calif., will preach at both Protestant services Sunday in Dining Hall 32.

Chairman of the Protestant Commission for Wartime Japanese service, Dr. Smith will speak at the English service at 10:30 a.m. and will address the issei at 2 p.m.

Tonight's Thanksgiving service will be held in Dining Hall 32 with the Rev. Tatsuo Sakaguchi and Shinpachi Kanow as speakers and the Rev. Hideo Hashimoto as chairman.

Sunday School classes will be conducted in Dining Hall 32 starting at 9 a.m.

Martha Mizue will be chairman of the young people's fellowship, featuring a candlelight devotional, at 7 p.m. in Dining Hall 32.

## TROOP 68 TO HOLD PATROL CONTEST

An inter-patrol contest will be conducted by Troop 68 at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at the campsite.

The contest will include fire-building, water boiling and cooking.