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A HAPPY ENDING

The relocation office is tapping the Poston Chronicle on the shoulder, and telling us that we have just time enough to say a brief goodbye to our neighbors. Relocation is certain, and from it there is no equivocation.

So we say goodbye. Our job has been to serve you in telling you the news, and we have done that, a t times better than at others, of course, but always keeping at the job, and doing what we could.

I am the last editor. And thus, I guess, it was that I was asked to write a farewell message for the last issue. I reflect upon the past three years, and I recollect m y many predecessors; and I remember that nearly all of them answered the call of relocation which took them out of the project. There were; Hisaye Yamamoto, Susumu Matsumoto, Henry Mori, Isao Fukuba, Kaz Oka, Yoshiye Takata, Margaret Hirashima, Bob Hiratsuka, Kenny Kurase. There were others too, too many to mention right off. I recall that once we were a large group, and that a f t e r 1943 almost everyone went out and completely new staffs came in.

We have seen WRA face the bitter words of the anti-forces and largely succeed i n their program against prejudice. We have frozen in the winter-time and melted in the summer. We have known bosses like Fanny Connolly, our present reports officer, Pauline

For many weeks the story of Poston has unfolded in the pages of the Chronicle. It is the story of people who have made the best of a tragic situation; the story of their frustrations, their anxieties, their heartaches --and their pleasures, for the story has its lighter moments. Now Poston is finished; the story is ended. And we should be glad that this is so, for the story has a happy ending. The time of anxiety and of waiting is over. Life begins again.

DUNCAN MILLS, Project Director

CLOSING DATE SET FOR TULE LAKE

February 1, 1946 has been announced by Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes as the termination date for the Tule Lake Center.

In line with the scheduled liquidation date, plans have been completed for an intensive relocation program at the center.

All center residents not on the Department of Justice Detention lists are eligible for the same types of relocation assistance as the residents of other W.R.A. centers.

Persons who are detained will remain in the custody of the Department of Justice awaiting the final decision regarding their deportation or continued internment. Any questions regarding the future status of the detainees, or of family members who may wish to remain with them, should be addressed to the War Division, Dept. of Justice, Washington D.C.

Toward the final liquidation of Tule Lake all farm operations are to be discontinued immediately, center schools will be closed by December 21, and the Business Enterprises Association should begin closing procedures at once.

GOOD NEWS FROM CALIFORNIA

Bringing with them news of interest to all center residents who are planning to return to Orange, Riverside, or San Bernardino County, Relocation Officer, Frank S. Gumble and his co-worker Newton Taylor arrived in Poston, Thursday, Oct. 18. Their object in visiting the project was to pass on to the evacuees first hand information regarding housing, community sentiment, and employment opportunities in the three California counties.

The largest number of all those returning to this area will be going back to Orange Co. and temporary housing is assured for the returnees. By November 1st, army barracks administered by the Federal Public Housing Authority will be opened to evacuees returning from the centers. These barracks are located at Santa Ana Heights on land adjoining the Santa Ana Air Base. In Riverside and San Bernardino counties, FPMA housing may be obtained, first priority being given to servicemen's families.

The way has been paved for the return
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POSTON'S SERVICE RECORD

Over 1,200 names appear on Poston's honor roll. Casualties total 117. The record of Nisei in uniform has been given many times and their story of valor is known throughout the world. Poston is particularly proud of its service men and women. The Chronicle has carried reports of individual recognition in the form of decorations to its heroes, lists of boys called to active service, and interviews with visiting servicemen. We should like to list below, with reverent respect, the boys who gave their lives for their country and the principles of democracy:

S/Sgt. James Shiramizu
Pfc. Shichizo Toyota
T/Sgt. Atsushi Sakamoto

Pvt. Joe Shiomichi
Pfc. Johnny Yamamoto
Pfc. Harry Madekore
Pfc. Paul Horiuchi
Pfc. Fumitake Nagato
T/Sgt. Abraham Ohama
Pfc. Hachiro Mukai
Pfc. Henry Izumizaki
Cpl. John Narimatsu
Pfc. Torao Hayashi
Pvt. Tom Nishimoto
Sgt. John Ogawa
Pvt. Tadao Hayashi
Pfc. Lloyd Onoye
Pfc. Daniel Tsukamoto

GRANTS PICKED UP BETWEEN 9:00 and 12:00

Beginning yesterday, October 22, cash grants were paid out only between the hours of 9 and 12. No grants can be picked up in the afternoon. Payment of grants will not be made on Saturday or Sunday, so that persons planning to leave on those days or on Monday, must get their money on Friday.

This plan will be in effect until the closing of the center.

WARDLAW DIES OF HEART ATTACK

Internal Security officer James C. Wardlaw died in St. Monica's Hospital in Phoenix early Thursday morning, Oct. 18 of a heart attack. He was stricken in Poston and taken to Phoenix the Sunday before.

Mr. Wardlaw's wife, daughter-in-law and granddaughter live in Poston. His only son is believed to be in Tokyo and a married daughter lives in Georgia.

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of the remaining residents by the many evacuees who have already gone back to this area and by the work of WRA officials. Mr. Gumble mentioned the outstanding work done by Rev. Okamura who returned to Riverside from Poston in helping other relocatees find work and housing. Small agricultural groups, economically concerned about the return of land owners and laborers, still attempt to discourage the evacuees by noise and talk. However, the law-enforcing agencies are doing their job well.

There is an abundance of jobs for farm laborers throughout the area. For the American-born Japanese who may elect to stay temporarily in the barracks at Santa Ana, jobs with civil service ratings are available at the nearby air base. These jobs are open for gardeners, maintenance men, and janitors.

Mr. Gumble in conclusion stated that the people should have no fear in returning to those three counties. He is located at the W.R.A. office in Santa Ana.

SILVER STAR AWARDED POSTHUMOUSLY

Former Poston residents Mr. and Mrs. Kunzo Ohama recently were informed by the War Department that the Silver Star had been posthumously awarded to their son, T/Sgt. Abraham G. Ohama. The citation was awarded "For gallantry in action on 20 October, 1944...when a comrade was wounded, and left exposed to further injury, he disregarded enemy sniper fire to go to his aid, and as he reached the fallen man's side was mortally wounded".

Mr. and Mrs. Ohama relocated to Vincetown New Jersey last April. They have another son in the army, Pvt. Ben Ohama who is stationed at Ft. Snelling, Minn.

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Bates Brown, and Norris James.

The Chronicle began as the Press Bulletin, in May, 1942. It called for volunteers, and soon had Unit I, II, and III news bureaus. A 5-man editorial board was set up, which managed the paper, which was first on a 50-50 sponsorship by C. E. and W. R. A., and sold at 30¢ a month. The paper went completely over to WRA in August 1943, and was distributed free to all families. It acquired a new name in December, 1942. A printed edition on Sundays appeared from April 18 to July 4, 1943. Until fall, 1943, the Chronicle was a daily except for Mondays; in the fall, 1943, it began appearing three times weekly; it later became a twice-weekly, and lately a weekly. It has been multilithed and micrographed when not printed.

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Before the advent of the Chronicle's Japanese section, in Feb. 1943, there had been translations of news in English into Japanese. And before that, all Japanese bulletins had to be cleared with the Issei translators of Mr. James. Masao Iwatate, Toshio Kitamura, T. Ishimaru, R. Fukumoto, Japanese section editors, and others, have faithfully served the Issei population by their writing.

Since 1942, Units II and III published their own sheets, which were combined with Unit I sheets, and the whole put together into one issue. These pages had long-established columns. Camp III's was called Dust'n-Desert, and was anonymous, often editorial, and mainly subjective. Camp II had many columns: Via, by Fuku Yokoyama; Gleanings, by Manabu Fukuda; and Briefly, by various writers. Camp I had no such universal columnular treatment; it did however, provide two columns about Rehabilitation. Sports in Unit I were always treated importantly by the staff.

And now in behalf of the Chronicle, may I say it's been fun serving you as your newspaper, and we've gained a lot by it, and want to thank you all for always being courteous, helpful, and generous towards us.

Goodbye now,
Edith Fukaya

RETRACTION

The article appearing in the Chronicle of Oct. 16, concerning community fund was reprinted from the minutes of the Poston Consolidated Community Council, but in error quoted a report on council funds from the Rivers Center.

CONSOLIDATION OF MESS HALLS

With the rapid decrease in population, mess operations have been compelled to consolidate many units, according to John Burdick, chief steward.

October 16 saw the closing of mess hall 28, mess 54 closed on the 17th, and the units in blocks 14 and 17 were closed by October 22.

It is anticipated that residents now eating in Block 5 will soon have to change to the mess hall in 21, and when Block 39 mess closes, the Block 26 residents will change to 21 and those from Blocks 39 and 42 will eat in 38.

Mess halls 35 and 46, being nearest the center of the community, the administration area, food warehouses, and the hospital, will be the last kitchens to close. Sometime in November, it is probable that these will be the only operating kitchens.

In the final stages of closing Unit II, Block 220 had the only kitchen to remain open to the last because it was in the most central location. In Unit III, each roku had a kitchen open until closing time.

It is becoming difficult to obtain sufficient workers to handle the food distribution, and it is sincerely hoped that it will not become necessary for the block people to have to go to the warehouse.

Even with the consolidation of the Unit I mess halls, the diet office is still open at 21-10-A. Operated now by Rosie Fujii, of Block 27, it is open as posted for the service of baby foods and will be kept open as long as there are people to operate it.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION PERMITS ISSUED TO ALL

In the court hearing on Oct. 15, the Calif. State Board of Equalization agreed to reverse its policy on the issuance of permits to Issei. It has agreed hereafter to grant all permits without any delay.

Dr. Kenzo Sugino now has his sales tax permit to engage in the optometry business, and 15 Board of Equalization Permits that had been held up, have now been issued.

STORAGE TIME LIMIT

According to Administrative Notice No. 316, center residents who are planning to return to temporary housing on the West Coast and who may need storage beyond the initial period of 60 days, may request W.R.A. storage for center property as well as property stored in West Coast warehouses.

Property in Government storage will be held until February 28, 1946, at the latest.

If shipping instructions are not received by the Relocation Officer in the area before Feb. 28, 1946, W. R. A. will have the option of shipping all the property to the temporary relocation destination, or, if that is deemed impracticable, of disposing of the property and remitting any proceeds to the owner.

CURRENT POPULATION FIGURES ---

As this last issue of the Poston Chronicle goes to press, the remaining center population is - 1643.

This figure is less than 10% of Poston's original population.

Large departures are expected Tues. and Wed.

米谷の新聞

横濱正金の預金者は 清算申込を急げ

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の半分にし、か違してゐない。當該者は出るだけ早く申込んで欲しいと、若し遅ければ、それだけ清算事務も後れると、尚清算申込先は左記の通りである。

MR. GEORGE H. MILLS
The Commissioner of Banking
The State of California
San Francisco, Calif.

身寄なき死者の 遺骨は日本へ

米國內に身寄りなく死んで行つた人達の遺骨が、今圓日本政府代表スミス公使の

手を通して日本へ送り届ける途が開かれた。マイヤー局長の発表に依ると、死者の親類が米國に一人もなく且つ日本に死者の親類がある場合にのみ、スミス政府は日本送りの手續を執るのでもある場合は許可されない。

遺骨の送り先は左の通りであるが、その前に華府 WRA の MR. RAFF STARR 氏に照會した方がよい。

THE SWISS LEGATION
DEPT. OF Japanese Immigrants
25-1/4 Massachusetts Ave. N.W.
Washington, D. C.

尚この遺骨を入れた箱には、

1. 死者の氏名
2. 死亡の日と場所
3. 日本の親類の氏名と住所

を附すること。

「鶴湖」は 二月一日より 司法省へ

マイヤー局長は去る十八日附を以て「鶴湖」センターは來年二月一日を期し WRA より司法省に移管する旨発表した。

其れに由れば WRA は移管當日に至る迄向小三ヶ月間に亘り司法省リストに載つてない居住者の再住を許す由で他センター出所者同様の補助が講せられることになつてゐると。

「婦人會」解散

去十五日解散した「婦人會」は基金残額金十五弗廿七仙を第二館府より病院に移された養老院各同

「終刊に際し」

一九四三年三月九日

発刊以來四百十三号に及んだ本紙も、今更を以て終刊とするに決した。ホストンの餘命は、あといヶ月、懺てお互が當所の生活を回顧する日も遠くない。

更めて終刊の辞でもなかり。たゞ再出版途上にある諸兄弟の幸運を祈るのみである。

出所御挨拶

川口 逸
川口 洋
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會葬御禮

故妻とよ儀葬送際
は御多忙中にも未拘御會葬、御禮申上候
十月十八日
喪主夫 相原初者
外遺族 友人一同