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CENTER POPULATION REACHES 3,855

CENTER HEAD WELCOMES EVACUEES

PULLIAM SAYS 'HELLO'
E. F. Pulliam, Center Manager, issued the following greeting today to the people in the Fresno Assembly Center:

"Welcome to your new temporary home. This Assembly Center is not an internment center in the usually accepted meaning of that term. This Center has been established in compliance with military necessity for the protection not only of the American people as a whole, but also for those who will occupy this Center.

You will have all the personal privileges that are not inconsistent with the national well-being. Beyond this, your personal privileges will be limited only by your own actions. Briefly your actions should not disturb your neighbors.

Let's work together, and by so doing, assure ourselves of a smooth running Center."

PLANS MADE FOR LIBRARY

Although no definite date has been set for the opening of the public library in this Center, plans are being made by a committee in charge. Bob Kimura has been appointed chairman.

The books in this library will be checked by the officials of the assembly center. The location of the library will be announced later.

AVOID SUN STROKE

In order to avoid sun-strokes, these suggestions were issued by the Hospital. 1. Avoid visiting friends who lie fur away. 2. Use salt on your food during meals. 3. Children should avoid playing in the sun continuously.

INTRODUCING THE CENTER SUPERVISORS

The Fresno Assembly Center is under the direction of Ellis F. Pulliam. As Center manager he has complete authority over all the activities in the Center. All the administrative officials are directly responsible to him.

The mess and lodging division is managed by F. U. Bliss. He sees that the Center grounds are kept clean. He also is in charge of the housing arrangements, supplies for the lavatories, shower buildings, and wash laundries.

D. T. Cowart directs the accounting division. He is responsible for all the records on individuals, family, and housing. He also takes all the inventories for the Center.

J. D. Chipman is in charge of the employment division. He issues all work orders which is necessary for the maintenance of the Center.

The service division is managed by W. B. Pollock. He is in charge of hospital facilities, health services, recreation, education, welfare services, and information services. He, also, manages the Center store and publication.

C. H. Merrill heads the works division. He is in charge of all the working maintenances and equipment at the Center. He, also, directs new construction and repairs.

All the ordering and receipt of supplies is under the direction of F. Goblirsch, the head of the supply division.

SPECIAL!

Hereafter, all the incoming baggage and express will be handed out from 5:30 to 6:30 P. M. daily. Anyone expecting packages are requested to come to Section G, warehouse area.

COWART SAYS FOUR FIFTH CAPACITY

With the present population of 3,855 evacuees, the Fresno Assembly Center is now almost four-fifths of its capacity of 5,200 according to figures released by D. T. Cowart, Property Accounts Officer.

Most of the Center's population are lodged in family units with only 425 single men in the barracks. Tulare, Madera, Fresno, Kings Counties are represented in the Center.

Facilities are in readiness for the future evacuees who will eventually fill the Center to capacity. The Center is now fully equipped with cots.

"We would like to have everyone to stay in their present lodgings," advises Cowart, "until the Center is full. Then we will be able to make necessary adjustments."

"Thus far, we have tried to fix the arrangements to the wishes of our Center's populace and I think that they are quite satisfied," said Cowart.

CENTER STORE OPENS

COME AND GET IT

With Head Storekeeper Charles Wheeler in charge, the Center store was opened yesterday in the room next to the post office.

Coupons, the only means of trade in the Center store, are sold for cash or checks. Refreshments, tobacco, fruits, men and women's ready-to-wear goods, toilet articles, drug sundries, and laundry supplies are in stock.

The temporary opening hours were announced as follows: 10:00 A. M. to 11:30 A. M.; 2:00 P. M. to 4:30 P. M.; 6:30 P. M. to 8:00 P. M.

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THE BIRTH OF OUR PAPER

FOR COMMUNITY COOPERATION

In stressing the fact that everyone participate in the management and the direction of the affairs and activities of the center, Ellis Pulliam's explanation on the Center's policy in the Tuesday's bulletin gave us an added incentive to work for better community.

Ours is a boom town which mushroomed overnight. Ours is a great community teaming with excitement and fervor of a growing population. And we are here 5,000 strong.

Away from home and away from the familiar conveniences, we are making the necessary adjustments that go with the new life in new surroundings. We have come here with a strong determination to make the most of our stay as our part in the war effort.

We will endeavor to follow the normal course of life as much as possible. With this thought in mind, comes the birth of our semi-weekly newspaper, an organ which will attempt to be of community service. Our policy is to give an impartial presentation of all news, present facts and abide by the rules of simplified journalism.

Our faults will be many, our improvements still forthcoming. We are open for constructive criticisms at all times. This is your newspaper, and you'll get it as you make of it. We of the staff are ready to serve. What about your share?

Also many problems will arise that will require an active participation by everyone in finding solutions and remedies for such dilemmas. Consequently, the progress and efficient functioning of the Center will depend primarily upon the attitude taken by the people.

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OPPORTUNITY FOR SELF-ANALYSIS

Unfortunately, sometimes a catastrophe such as a war with its concomitants of deep suffering and privation is necessary to jolt us from our former complacent attitude toward life.

Perhaps the necessity for gaining a livelihood or other reasons have hitherto prevented us from making a critical self-survey.

Now that we are in this Center, we may feel that all that we have striven for in the past, has been in vain. That, of course, is natural at first. However, a great opportunity for a self-analysis presents itself. Some questions such as these may arise:

Have I been striving in the right direction in life?

Have I been giving as well as receiving?

Do I have a proper balance in the various phases of life?

Do I possess a sense of values?

Have I really developed all my latent talents for the good of society as well as myself?

What are some of the opportunities for self-improvement while I am here?

In answering these questions, the truth sometimes may hurt. Yet far better is it to answer these vital questions and to orient ourselves now, than to wait until it is too late.

Will we be able to face ourselves later and look upon this time now, as a stepping stone to higher endeavors?

Only we can answer for ourselves.

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The Assembly Government that is to be established in the near future will perform an essential function in helping to effect the coordination of all the activities and affairs of the Center.

Perhaps if the new government constantly bears in mind that it is representing the entire people in the community, we are confident, that with the people's cooperation, we will have a better community for a better living.



TRUTH IS STRANGER THAN FICTION...who would have thought six months ago that we Central Californians in Fresno, Madera, Tulare and Kings Counties would be rubbing shoulders? It's a dream come true for many lads who no longer have to choose between conserving tires and paying court to their heart's desire.---What a happy hunting ground for free lancers who save the cream of the valley practically in their laps.

MESSING AROUND.....hats off to the kitchen and waiters' crew! Their job of supplying us with three squares daily is no cinch. An army travels on its stomach, so they're really cooking with gas.

NOTES from a beautician on the uses of the skin:
1. Makes your appearance more natural. 2. It doesn't show your ribs or your insides. 3. It keeps part of the wind from getting in.----but for gosh sakes, keep your shirt on.

ACROSS THE TRACKS?.....a rivalry has sprung up between the men folks living in the "uptown" district and the boys in the "Fig-Garden" section on the South side of Butler Avenue. Each side lays claim to having a corner on feminine pulchritude.----By argue, I like 'em in both sections.

TODAY'S PRIZE DEFINITION by a four year old in Block E: PIG--TO SELECT.

LOST

- 1 pair of dark glasses.
- 1 rice sack with shoes and overalls---Family No. 29030---Mr. Tsujimoto.
- Large white canvas bag containing clothing. Fred Koyama.
- British tan purse (oblong) Mary Ochi 3-10-3
- Gold, lady's wristwatch evening of May 17th. Left her watch on shelf to go to bath, but mother was there in the apartment while she was gone. Possibly another thievery case. Yoshiko Saki C-2-3.
- Brown wallet. Kusu Nakamichi E-6-5

IF YOUR LIGHTS GO OUT

Oscar Fujii, the head electrician, announces that during emergency electrical disorders the following electricians may be called: Tom Nakagawa, H-3-2; Hiroshi Niino, H-14-1; Frank Inami, H-17-4; George M. Wada, A-7-2; Hap Tanabe, B-14-a; John Yosi, C-6-1; Milton Nagata, C-20-3; Frank Sasaki, D-20-1; Tak Yamaguchi E-18-5; Kikuo Ogawa, F-18-3.

The frequent practice of placing pennies in the fuse boxes must be stopped or the people will have to relinquish electric plates, fans, and radios, according to Fujii.

POST OFFICE RULES

Clarence Johnson, the Center Postmaster, announced the regulations of the post office as follows: The postal hours are from 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.. Packages must be called for between 12:30 P.M. and 1:30 P.M.. Newspapers and letters will be distributed by carriers in the morning hours.

Money orders for purchasing outside of the Center are available in addition to Victory Bonds and Savings Stamps. The sale of Defense Bonds is being encouraged by the Assembly Center officials.

The Manager asked that all letters and packages be addressed to their own barracks and avenue numbers.

Incoming mail arrives at 9:00 A.M. and the outgoing leaves at 2:00 o'clock.

125 WORKERS ARE NEEDED

Jack D. Chipman, head of employment, announces that more cooks, dishwashers, and general kitchen worker are in demand.

One hundred and twenty-five laborers are also needed for carpentry and other general works.

All applicants should apply at the back entrance of barrack #20.

FIRST CENTER HOP HELD MONDAY NIGHT

Under the supervision of Henry Yoshikawa, the first Center hop was held on Monday night, May 16, at Recreational Hall E. The musical numbers were announced by Juichi Kamikawa.

All sponsors of dances must receive the permission of W. E. Pollock,

RECREATIONAL LEADERS MEET WITH POLLOCK

"Americanization of our young nisei evacuees will be the main objective of our educational program," declares Inez Nagai, temporary Director of Education of the Assembly Center.

"In order to offset the disadvantages brought on by the segregation of these young Japanese Americans during their formulative stage of life, we are planning an educational program based on a better understanding and a working knowledge of the American way of life."

Miss Nagai is outlining a program for the development of interests and health of the Center's populace in cooperation with Walter Pollock of the Service Division.

Miss Nagai is being assisted by her volunteer committee composed of Shige Matsuyama, John Koyama, Ted Ono, Kiyoshi Hamanaka, Reiko Mano, Kay Mano, Henry Sugimoto, Seichi Mikami, Kazue Sekiya and Toshi Magota.

The temporary director, (Cont. on page 4)

REPORT FOR TYPHOID INOCULATION ON TIME

Typhoid inoculation will be given next Monday to persons who live in Sec. A, B, C, and D and those who have not already taken it. The remaining sections will get their inoculations Tuesday.

All persons taking the injection should be present at the Hospital #2 promptly at 8:30 A. M. No one will be treated after 10:00 A. H.

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WORK WILL BE GIVEN EVACUEES

Japanese more than sixteen years of age in the Assembly Center will be given an opportunity to enlist in a War Relocation Work Corps which is being formed by the Federal Government.

According to N. S. Eisenhower, Director of the War Relocation Authority, enlistees will aid in the development of natural resources, production of food, manufacture of needed articles and operation of community services.

Enlistees must affirm to the loyalty of the United States and will serve for the duration of the War and thirteen days after.

The compensation will include cash and other allowances. Basic housing, food, health services, and educational facilities will also be provided.

NOTICES

All persons who have moved from their barracks must report their change of address to the Post Office promptly.

All groups or persons wishing to use the recreational hall must have the approval of Walter E. Pollock, director of the Service Division. Requests should be sent in advance.

GIRL SCOUTS WILL HOLD FIRST MEET

The formation meeting of the Girl Scouts will be held on Monday, May 25, from 7:00 P. M. in the Recreation Hall on Block E. All girls who are interested in leadership and those who are interested in such a movement are encouraged to attend.

FOUND

- Wristwatch found in Ave. B in front of Men's shower.
- One small key on string.
- Six keys attached to skull-top hat. Found on Ave. F.
- A bluish green boys' hat in C-10-3.
- A white baby shoe.
- Call for these articles at E-11-1.

CENTER MESS KITCHENS ARE UNDER IMPROVEMENT

Additional improvements are under way by the Army Engineers to improve facilities in the mess kitchen and shower rooms, announced E. P. Pulliam, Center Manager.

More room for dishwashers and larger sinks are being provided through the building of additions to the kitchens. Installation of new equipment in the kitchen will also be made.

New showerheads with individual controls are featured in the new improvements. Women's shower rooms are to be partitioned with individual stalls.

Eight new army trucks have been provided for by the Works Department and a new ambulance for the Service Division. The trucks are being used to carry out extensive improvements by the departments. The Works Division is planning to install new toilet seats and concrete floors. It has already carried out alterations in the offices, warehouses, and hospitals. Soon the mess hall will be covered with gravel.

Although handicapped with a scarcity of workers, the Works Department has taken care of plumbing difficulties and provided new signs for the assembly center.

"FOR PILES ONLY"

It was reminded today that the red pills that are fastened to the water barrels are to be left on the barrels and not used for parts around the several parts of the Center. Not the barrels and the pills are essential for fire protection.

RECREATIONAL LEADERS MEET WITH POLLOCK

Amateurs, talent parades and other recreational programs were planned during the meeting of the recreational directors with W. E. Pollock, director of Service Division, as chairman.

The details of the forthcoming talent night will be worked out by the committee. According to the chairman, Sam Nakano, the program will be held as soon as a public address system is available.

Ping-pong tables, volley ball nets, and croquet sets are on their way to this Center, announced Pollock.

The directors are: Ken Zenimura, Fred Yoshikawa, Jiro Omata, Tom Fujita, Mamoru Noguchi, Nori Masuda, Ed Tsukimura, Inez Nagai, Mary Kasai, Sam Nakano, and Mitsugi Hamanaka.

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who will be in charge until the beginning of school in the fall was a former

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

Buddhist services for this Sunday are as follows: 9:00 to 10:00 A. M. regular Sunday School with Rev. C. Kai presiding in recreational hall #2, and Rev. Gyodo Kono in recreational hall #1, section B; 10:00 to 11:00 A. M. Issei service with Rev. Kono officiating in hall #1 and Rev. Kai in hall #2 section E.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH:

Rev. Neal K. McGowan, pastor of the First Christian Church of Fresno, will be the guest speaker in recreational hall #2, section E from 2:30 to 4:30 P. M. Rev. Hideo Hashimoto will preach the sermon.

The Christian services throughout the day are as follows: 8:00 to 9:00 A.M. in recreational halls #2 and #3; 2:30 to 4:00 P. M. regular English church service at hall #2; 7:30 to 8:30 P. M. Japanese service, Rev. K. Inori presiding; 8:30 to 9:30 P. M. "Young Peoples' Christian Fellowship" Rev. Hashimoto.

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physical education instructor at Edison Tech.

Interviews will be held on Monday, May 25, between 8:30 to 11:00 A. M. at Recreation Hall #2 for all those who are interested in assisting in the program.

つぎノ集会所新聞

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発行所 挨拶 野間

有吏以未入獲の最大悲慘事
 といへる蕭らさ北に日米兩國
 間の戦争は米國に住居する
 同胞は一層深刻なる不幸に
 直面せしめられたるに遂に
 内戦以未忍れら北に居る同
 胞が汗と涙に依つて築き上
 げたを悉く社会的地位事
 業と投つて戦事敵國人床合
 所に入所せざるを得なきに
 到りました。而して我々が環
 繞の地と期いオニの祖國と
 して居た米國を防止に心寄
 せたらば我々は繁きよく恋
 てを諦めて敢然として入所
 せらるゝとありませす。當分
 では場内にこの諸取極規則

其他毎日行はれ居る諸團
 体の行動其他心中事と知ら
 ざるを存め英日面話の新
 聞刊行を許可され水一号を
 発行するに際し一言挨拶
 甲い上りませす。共に本紙を
 場内御一同の新周として御
 愛讀と御後援とを功望す
 ものであります。

我々の生命を司る
 食堂部員への感謝

入所前にはワレスノ市内に
 ても床合所内の諸設備につ
 きては種々デマが飛はさ
 水で聊か恐ろしく居た人
 水入うづりフレスノ床合所
 食堂とは悉く頼小

イミの専門家庭、奉仕にて
 毎日苦心の御馳走を頂いて
 人肉の一番大切な食事に肉
 子限りは入満足であるが其
 のバックに依ける食堂員チ
 一コツクサーを始めウエト
 レスに到る迄一致して水
 腫り如きは涼いき日陰と
 へ白度と起える炎暑にも
 抱きかかたる入ストブの前
 びり仕事は到底金銭に依る
 打算では未だもりでは無
 り不秋創刊に際し場内一同
 と代表して深き敬意と感謝
 と表し尚ほ我々を存め將來
 の御健康を祈るもろごあり
 ます。

御見舞

月最高温は一九一〇年五月
 廿日に百丁度が記録され
 居る此の爲め場内生活に
 此さる人々の間に非常な
 病人を生じて一時は其
 原意策に抗殺され、不幸に
 殆ど快氣一つあるも陽風
 一同は代表して深く御同情
 申し上げると共に將未か
 ら不祥事の再発せざる事を
 祈るもろごあります。

社勸者募集

当集会所存り社勸者部マ
 ンイヤーナップマン代は場
 内インパールブの爲め百
 十名の建築其他の工事に従
 事する人々及び場内各食堂
 附の料理人、皿洗、ウエーク
 等は多数入用につき振つて
 甲い込マル友一甲込空は
 二十号室ごありと。

日曜の宗教集会

△陽内キリスト教集会

日曜学校午前八時九時
半迄一二五天に

△午後集会 英語サービ

二時半三時半まで
特別説教 布市カー組
教会のヨングレブ教師

ニキリム席を望む
△日本語サービ

は陽内E区カニールに
集合開始

二時前七時半八時半迄
司令者 持教師 説教

改口教師 聖書朗読 橋本牧
師 折橋 今井少佐

△親交集会 午後八時半
九時半 司会 橋本牧師

△陽内佛教集会
日曜学校 午前九時

拾時迄

△禮拜説教 午前七時十
一時迄(日本語)以上甲斐師

△日曜学校 午前九時十
時 禮拜説教 岡下時

△移轉屋出に附いて 今回
集合所に移轉された方は新

便向まで通知して下さり
○賣店が用ハルマ

食堂及び宿所休急グリ
氏(望)の場内賣店は係

會計、決定次第了ぐ用ハ
ます取次きはモーボン

食料短草フルソバ化粧
髪白及洗濯用品等をす

△日射病の豫防法 所内
病者ある昔から食

△施設改善 集合所長
アム氏は場内改善の

功り台所の改善新備
是等すべしと考慮

午前七時

午後二時 四時半
同 六時半 八時

一日中遠方の知人等
せざる事 二食事時少

三子供は 一區は断水
流行堅固を誇った

べなるかな。 〇食堂
て居る不感さん方

さいくと親切に感
い食王進玉が教多

は食堂王我もの頼
食もゆつくり笑

と食事中途に〇
る松剣もほろり

るコッまで落こん
最少一親切氣を持

底ともうらみ

ゴシツブ

人同は何と言つても
と飲まず水か一番

居るか? 生きたる
既に議論は盡され

集会所内の生活は果
づれか? 去る二日

〇食堂内ばかりく
て居る不感さん方

さいくと親切に感
い食王進玉が教多

は食堂王我もの頼
食もゆつくり笑

と食事中途に〇
る松剣もほろり

るコッまで落こん
最少一親切氣を持

底ともうらみ