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## CENTER POPULATION DROPS TO 3812

### NO ALLIGATORS, SNAKES IN JEROME, SCRIBE SAYS

By Carl Kurihara  
Staff Correspondent

Jerome, Ark.-Oct. 11---Members of the administrative staff said there are no alligators and snakes to worry about, but the medical crew has plenty of anti-toxins ready--just in case.

We of the advance crew were told not to worry about malaria as long as we did not make breeding places for the mosquitoes. Mosquito netting should be brought since screens have not been installed yet.

This reporter discovered today that the highly publicized "city" of Jerome is made up of a gas station, grocery store and a post office with a population of 52 people.

#### NON-JAPANESE COOPERATIVE

The non-Japanese personnel is meeting us more than halfway. Many of them are sleeping in the same barracks and eating in the mess hall with us. Although many of the women stenographers will lose their jobs at the end of this month, they want to live here and work with us.

Kind you, these are the members of the staff, not common workers. So you can see that we won't be  
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### CURTAIN SLOWLY COMING DOWN ON ACTIVITIES HERE

The curtain is slowly lowering on the Fresno Center.

Already closed is Hospital 3 with all patients removed to the other infirmaries.

Busily packing books is the Education Department with pupils attending their final classes and receiving reports cards last Friday.

#### BARBER SHOP DOORS LOCKED

Administering their last hair-cuts on Friday was the barber chop.

No longer available for use is Recreation Hall 3.

The library staff has started to pack books but magazines are still available.

The GRAPEVINE prints (30) with Saturday's edition.

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### RESIDENTS OF K EMBARK FOR PROJECT SITE

With 473 residents leaving for Jerome this afternoon, more than 1100 local Centerites will have had embarked for their wartime home with 3812 sojourners remaining in the Center.

The latest block movement is composed mainly of K residents formerly of the

Check baggage for I residents should be ready for pick-up by Saturday morning, asserts C. H. Merrill, Works Division Director.

Those going to Arizona must have their freight and baggage ready for pick-up tomorrow morning.

Florin-Elk Grove district. Slated to entrain on Friday are 471 evacuees from Section J and approximately 180 Gila-bound residents with tubercular family  
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## SPECIAL NOTICES

September paychecks are here. Workers may obtain them at the Center Cashier's office from 9 to 11:30 a.m. and from 1:30 to 5 p.m.

New Center Store hours as of today are 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 4 to 5 p.m.

Evacuees should notify the Fresno Post Office of their new Arkansas address immediately after it is known so mail may be forwarded without delay.

All vegetation should be removed immediately from all barrack areas.

### FRANKENSTEIN'S GHOST WILL PROWL IN LAST FILM SHOW

The hospital staff will be ready to accept all those who suffer from heart attack and ambulance service will be available between the Center Bowl and hospitals 1 and 2 when the "Ghost of Frankenstein" visits the Center screen on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

This spine-tingling movie starring Lon Chaney Jr. and Lionel Atwill will be the last film to be shown here.

In the other portion of the twin bill, John Mack

Brown has the lead role in the melodrama, "Man from Montana."

Green, yellow and grey ticket holders will be admitted in that order.

EDITORIALS

# UNITED WE STAND OR DIVIDED WE FALL

Much to our encouragement, numerous favorable reports of the Jerome Relocation Project have been reaching this Center from the advance crew. This is surely a timely sign that our home for the duration holds much promise and that we have every possibility of building the center into a strong, well-organized community.

With such a foundation laid down for us, it will be up to the residents to pick up the hammer and the hoe and build on until our plans for a modern and up-to-date Center have materialized, until we have built a society of which we can all be proud.

There should be 7000 of us, perhaps more, striving to attain this mutual end. The work will call for great sacrifices, understanding and cooperation on the part of all of us. We cannot have petty jealousies or differences obstruct our intentions.

The Authorities have made a wise decision in bringing together two farming groups in a center with great agricultural promises. Together with the Santa Anita residents, the people of the Fresno Center should be able to accomplish much through mutual cooperation and through their past experiences in farming.

Not only will this hold true in agriculture, but whatever we undertake. Our activities should have the common interest and the support of the entire community.

This spirit of oneness will determine the success of our new home, for now even greater is our cry, **UNITED WE STAND OR DIVIDED WE FALL.**

## OUR COMMON GROUND FOR ABUNDANT LIVING

Many of us make barriers of race, sex, age, vocation, religion and ideology without realizing that we all share much in common; that we have, in other words, a common ground. Yes, we have the common ground of desiring happiness, pleasure, love, security; we have the common ground of like senses with all the varied forms of pleasure therefrom. Through sight we can all enjoy the beauties of nature in all their manifold manifestations; through sound, touch, taste, smell we can share a symphony of pleasurable sensations. Not only have we the common ground of sense impressions, but we also have the sympathy of common ideals--love, humanitarian service, socialized individuation, individuated socialization; and with such, the common ground of social problems, common needs. Then, too, paradoxically we have the common ground of differences from which a higher unity can be achieved. Marriage and friendship are examples wherein the common ground of love and understanding transcend the differences between the persons involved. Thus, we realize that our common ground is fertile with significance, the importance of which, when cultivated, reaps meaning to life.

By cultivating this common ground, we acknowledge the possibility of improvement, the realization of progress. It thus behooves us to be discriminate, to choose wisely among the many manifestations of life's common ground. This may now mean the difference in choosing between Hamlet and Superman; it ultimately means the difference between an abundant life and a dismal existence.

Will not these choices create differences? True, but that does not prevent us from developing our common ground of mutual understanding, appreciation, and service. If we do develop and cultivate our common ground through study and participation, we will reap a life of abundant meaning and that, paradoxically, is uncommon.

--Kiyochi Hamanaka

# CENTERS ELSEWHERE

## TULE LAKE

With a total investment of \$3,200 involved, the Colony's movie house will be constructed in the near future. Japanese motion picture censorship, will be shown along with American shows and newsreel films. The price of admission has been set at five cents for children and 15 cents for adults.

An organization of the Parents of American Soldiers has been formed. The membership consists of parents whose sons are serving in the U. S. armed forces.

## GILA, ARIZONA

Carrying out their policy of beautifying the camp, a number of cottonwood trees have been planted to enhance the grounds.

Since the colony is in the military zone, all persons of Japanese ancestry, including soldiers, will not be permitted to visit the Gila Relocation Center, it was recently confirmed. This ruling also applies to students who have left the center for universities in other states.

## JEROME HERE WE COME



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# "CONDITIONS GOOD" SAY QUERIED ADVANCE CREW

What do you think of the Center? This question was asked various members of the advance crew by Staff Correspondent Carl Kurihara. Their answers varied but they all agreed the future home of Fresno Center residents is better than they had anticipated. Here are their impressions:

**Dr. Kiku Taira**--My first opinion taken from the train was that this place looked very good. After meeting the non-Japanese personnel at induction time, that opinion was more favorable.

**GOOD OPINION NECESSARY**  
The main thing we of the advance crew have to create is a good opinion of the Japanese people and we are trying to work towards that end. I would like to have it stressed to the Fresno Center people that they have it in mind to try to continue the good impression when they come here.

**Bob Itanaga**--This place is way above our expectations.

**GENE NOT COMPLETED**  
S. Hermi--Much better than I expected. Everything is still incomplete yet and we must start from the bottom. The weather is very nice. The temperature last night at 11 p.m. was 72 degrees and was 52 degrees at 7 a.m.

**Everett Sasaki**--Yes, this place is better than I expected. Haven't had a chance to find out much about the farm project.

**Chef Ito**--Although the kitchen is not completely equipped, what equipment we have is good. The mess halls are well constructed. The whole place is better than I expected.

**"SWELL" FOR OPINION**  
Mrs. Lewis Teshiyuki--From a woman's point of view this place is swell. The facilities are very modern and so convenient. Rooms are nice and have grand possibilities for making them home-like.

**K. Matsumoto**--From an issei's point of view, it is a very good place considering that we came here with grave doubts. Please tell the Fresno people that there is nothing to worry about.

**Isao Uchi (Santa Anita)**--Better than we expected and better than Santa Anita.

## INTRODUCING JEROME STAFF OF LEADERS

The Jerome Relocation Center's administrative staff is for the most part made up of men who are new at this type of handling thousands of people.

In addition, they are also strangers to each other. Their positions, and past experiences are given:

**Paul Taylor**, center manager--has been in Washington for the past ten years, three of which were with the triple A and seven years with Milton Eisenhower in the Land Use Coordination Office.

**MELTON IS NATIVE SON**  
W. O. Melton, assistant manager---is a native of Arkansas and was connected with the Soil Conservation Service in Little Rock.

**W. E. Ballard**, agriculture director---also a native, was employed by the State Agriculture Extension Service and the Federal Security Administration.

**J. D. Wells**, senior administration assistant---another native of Arkansas was the administrative assistant of the FSA's regional office in Little Rock, Arkansas.

**CHIEF STEWARD EXPERIENCED**  
Doc Hudson, chief steward---native, was head of the steward for the CCC for six years.

**T. Thompson**, educational head---is also a native-born 14 miles from Jerome. He is a long time high school superintendent of the state.

**Guy B. Smith**, chief engineer---was for six years FSA regional chief engineer for four states.

**Roy Sellers**, community enterprise director.



## FORLORN THEY STAND

As the barracks in the Fresno Center are emptied one by one, we cannot help but think of the fine people who once lived in them. Someday this redbrick should prove to be a colorful chapter in the annals of the oweucous. And now as more and more vacated barracks stand bare in contrast to our once teeming community, it is our fervent hope that those people who are pioneering to Arkansas will carry on even more progressively and cooperatively than they have done here. We have much to build for the future.

**OF THE VIGNETTE**  
The VIGNETTE, which is now donning its finishing coat of glamour, will be the result of a month's research and compilation and two weeks of sleepless nights of printing and assembling. The technicians and others who volunteered to work until the wee hours deserve much credit for their work. We also toss a bouquet to MESS HALL D for the refreshments.

**WE SAY THANKS**  
Since this is our thirty, we must not forget to mention the various people who have shown their deep interest in our work and who have extended us a helping hand at numerous times. Especially do we acknowledge Isomak Kawai (who, much to our loss, will move to Arizona) for running to our rescue with his philosophic and timely editorials on such short notices. Thanks a million, Sookie!

**OBLIVION**  
And now as we clean out the drawers, take down the curtains and prepare to do a little packing ourselves, we cannot help but imagine how our little secretary will love to have no more deciphering to do for the "Peanut Portrait", as she has so graciously renamed this corner.

Meanwhile may this swan song be the end to all misery until you hear from us again in Arkansas, period.

# NO ALLIGATORS, SNAKES IN JEROME, SCRIBE SAYS

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restricted or have regulations imposed on us as long as we can prove our willingness to cooperate.

The way the blocks are being occupied, it appears as if people from Santa Anita and Fresno will be all mixed up.

Beds are the same as back home, steel cots, but with cotton ticks. Two army blankets are furnished for each bed.

## WATER REPUTED TO BE GOOD

Water, which lathers up quickly, is so soft that you have to use a little bit of soap or you can't rinse it off. It has a slight sulphur taste. However, it is reputed to be the best water in the state. Water will be supplied from two deep wells, 850 feet deep, with a reservoir tank holding 750,000 gallons.

About three-fourths of a mile in the woods, a modern sewer plant is being built. It is expected to be completed about the middle of November.

## RESIDENTS LEAVE FOR THREE OTHER LOCATION SITES

In addition to those un-banking for Jerome, 19 evacuees have left for other localities.

The following have gone to Mansanar: Kiyoko, Matsuo, and Jitsuo Ogawa; Senjiro Tamura; Ito, Robert, Gladys and Shigeroku Matsumoto; and Yuki and Takushiro Ota.

Bound for Tule Lake: Mook Fukings, Kaneta Morinaga, Sukoichi Nakano, Teunomatsu Sugimoto, S. Yashida and Haruko Hibino.

Mrs. Hido Ota has gone to Topaz, Utah and Iomic Matsuda has been transferred to Marin County, preliminary to being relocated to Granada, Colorado.

## NOTICE

All persons moving to Section A must report to the Housing department of the Mess and Lodging Division first.

Roofing on the buildings are made of heavy tarpaper pressed to look like shingles.

The center store is open with Seichi Hommi temporarily in charge. Real soda pop is sold for five cents a bottle.

## CENTER HAS 12,000 ACRES

The center proper covers 520 acres, nearly a mile square. Outside, on the east side of the center, there are 12,000 acres of there are 12,000 acres of hickory and oak woods with about 700 acres under cultivation. The access to the wooded area will probably not be allowed for some time as it has no outside boundary to keep out the public. Then too, there are about 500 deer in the woods which will be hunted for the next two months by rangers with high-powered rifles.

There will be sentry towers and military police all around the center as in Fresno, but their main purpose is to keep curious people from coming in.

## CURTAIN SLOWLY COMING DOWN ON ACTIVITIES HERE

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Visitors' doors were slammed shut with get-togethers on Sunday.

Baseball will no longer be played with the closing of Fig Garden.

Fresno's hot-spot, "Butler Avenue Palladium" entertained its last "concerts" last Saturday night.

Offices of the Para Project is now located in Jerome, Arkansas.

The auxiliary police has abandoned nightly check-ups.

## FRANKENSTEIN TO APPEAR

Frankenstein will score movie-goers here for the final night Saturday.

"G.I." clothes will be issued in Jerome.

Basketball season has been concluded.

A complete summation of this Center's history will appear in the huge VIGNETTES slated to appear the latter part of this week.

Yes, Fresno Assembly Center is being constricted to a slow death.

# TREASURY REPORT MADE BY MOVIE COMMITTEE

The Center movie committee made the following financial report:

Section	Donation	Section	Donation
A	15.00	F	15.00
B	15.00	E	15.00
C	15.00	I	15.00
D	15.00	J	15.00
E	15.00	K	15.00

Balance of Gifts---	.65
Received from Block Chairman and Council---	4.40
Directory---	2.90

Total Assets \$245.26

Expenses:	
9/11 Universal Film Exchange	60.22
9/21 Universal Film Exchange	60.00
9/21 1 Gal Genuine Simlux Oil	2.24
9/21 Express Charges	33.00
9/21 Universal Film Exchange	60.60
9/21 Stamps and Money Orders	.75
9/21 Bank Book	7.00
9/27 American Home Assurance Co.	17.32
9/27 Stamps	.37

Total Liabilities 242.00  
Balance up to Date \$ 3.26

# SPORTS

## CHAMPION BAY REGION FIVE ENDS SEASON VICTORIOUSLY

The Bay Region champs shellacked the Fresno Bees 32 to 30 in the final men's basketball league game at Fresno Center, Sunday.

Fresno Center's cage season closed last Sunday. The Bay Region proved to be the strongest team in the circuit. The champs were strengthened when Dr. M. Hara, formerly of the F. Mikado's was added to the Bay Region roster. Dr. Hara is well known in Northern California for his shooting accuracy and all-around floor play.

### HANFORD TRIP TROJANS

After beating the West Fresno Seals by a wide margin, the Fowler Trojans maintained their Class BB lead although they were tripped by the Hanford Spartans by one point. The North Fresno Reds made an impressive showing in the single B league encounter. In the Class C loop, the Fowler Hurri-ames, coached by George Kurikane, Bay Region star, went undefeated in the second round.

In the Amazon loop, the Fresno Ayes took the spotlight by remaining undefeated. Coached by Teruo Chono, the Hanford girls gained top honors in the B circuit.

### FOWLER BEES FINALLY LOSE

After their surprising double victory over the Fresno Bees, the Fowler Bee pastimers, took on the Hanford Dodgers, only to lose by the close margin of 4 to 2. The final exhibition games were played last week.

Fresno Bees will greatly miss Ken Zenimura, manager of the Bees and renown baseball player, when he leaves for the Gila River Aliagation Center in Arizona. He has two teen age sons, Kenshi and Konso who formed a strong keystone combination.

This inquiring reporter closes this column with his final bit of scribbling--So it's 30.

### DEL KING BEATS FRESNO SEXTETTE

The Del King Amazons trimmed the Fresno B's by a score of 16 to 4 in the final B basketball game Monday.

M. Kebab, Del King star, potted eight baskets, while T. Arata made four digits for the Fresno girls. Del King used their height advantage against the Fresans.

The coast onaba tossers went into a scoring spree with George Norikane leading the way. The ex-backersfield JC ace snagged the twins for 11 points.

Mo Demott, out with a leg injury, was replaced by Dr. Mar Para, former San Francisco Midget star, who scored six points.

The Broncos Babes coached by Fred Yoshikawa, were minus their usual steady scoring eyes. Hiro Suda potted seven points for the losers.

### RESIDENTS OF K EMBARK FOR PROJECT SITE

(cont'd from PG 1 col. 3) members. The latter group will join former Stockton residents and proceed to Gila.

Center Manager E.P. Pulliam reiterates his warning that hand baggage must be kept to a minimum of bare necessities in order that there will be enough room for comforts on the cars. Those going on pullmans will not need blankets.

Hugh King serves as train monitor for the latest contingent leaving today while Max Uneda heads Friday's passengers.

Entraining yesterday for Manzanar to join family members were ten evacuees and seven others embarked for Tule Lake. Tomio Matsuda also left Tuesday for Marin County.

### FOWLER TROJANS RALLY TO BEAT MONTEREY FIVE

The Fowler Trojans came to the fore in the last quarter to beat the Monterey five 34 to 26 after trailing for three periods in a Class BB game.

The coast five's attack was throttled after the Trojans switched to a man-to-man defense.

Forwards George Toyama and Roy Kato paced the victors with 12 and nine points, respectively.

Oda was high for Monterey with nine points.

North Fresno crumpled the Firefighters 27 to 16 paced by John Esrita who netted seven points.

The Florin quintet were quelled by the Buckeroos 21 to 13. B. Fujii, Buckaroo, garnered eight digits.

The West Fresno Seals routed the Broadway Clewms 29 to 20. Min Tekunote and Hiro Kunishige were the highest scorers with seven and six points for the Seals. F. Tekunote made six points for the losers.

### WHEN MOVING

To insure delivery of mail without delay, residents leaving with the last contingent who have moved into Section A are asked to notify Mae Kiura at the post office extension.

### HAYASHIS GET ADDITION

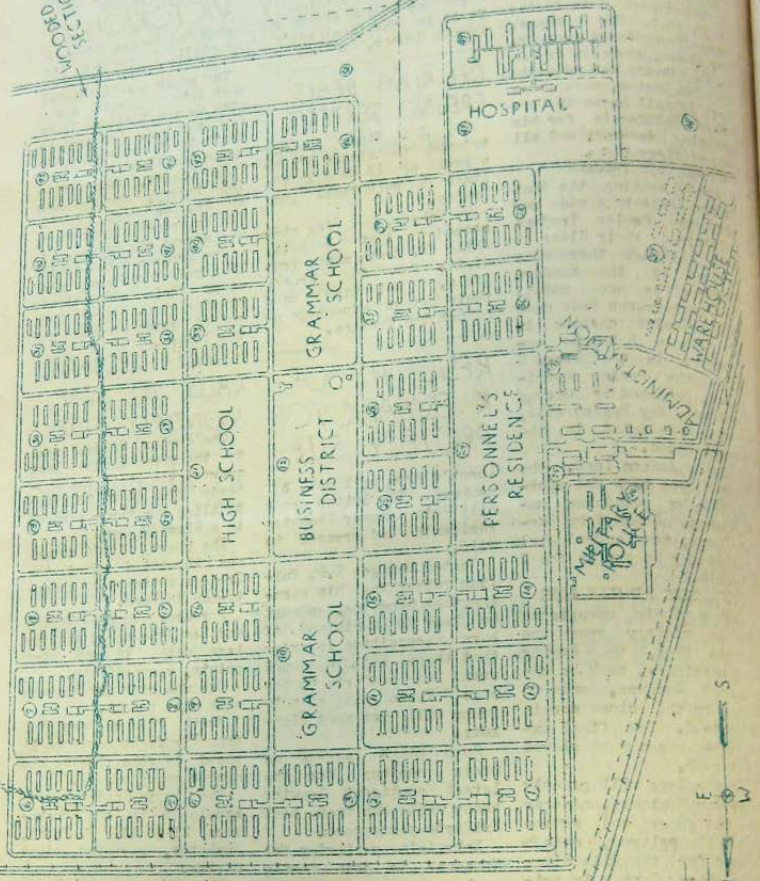
Mr. and Mrs. K. Hayashi, formerly of Lindsay, became the parents of a 6 pound 12 ounce baby girl Friday. The child was named Eiko Helen.

### RETURN LIBRARY BOOKS

All books belonging to the Center must be returned to the Education Department immediately, announced Inez Nagai.

# JEROME CENTER

WOOD SECTION



STREET HOW ONE BLOCK LOOKS

