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RELOCATION NEARS HALFWAY MARK

GRAPEVINE PUBLISHED FOR LAST TIME TODAY

After five months of operation during which 44 issues were published, the GRAPEVINE, Fresno Assembly Center's semi-weekly newspaper, makes its final appearance today.

LEADERS PLAN FOR COMPLETE STUDY SYSTEM

By Carl Kurihara Staff Correspondent
Jerome, Ark.—Oct. 14---A complete educational system is being planned for this mushrooming community in the woods of southeastern Arkansas. A pre-school, grammar school, high school and a night school will be instituted. A junior college will be started if there is need for one.

The leaders are endeavoring to make the program such that when the evacuees return home, they will be able to re-enter the California schools without "making up."

Construction on the school buildings have not been started as yet so classes will probably be conducted temporarily in the empty barracks. Study is expected to get underway within two or three weeks after the movements to the center are completed.

Sixty to 75 per cent of the teachers will be non-Japanese with a non-Japanese principal for both the high school and grammar school.

A professional group will select the text books. A requisition has already been placed for the grammar school text books recommended by the State of Arkansas.

First appearing on May 23 under the working title, "Fresno Center News," the four page news sheet became the GRAPEVINE with the second issue published on May 27.

The Center's official source of news was enlarged to a six page paper on the third effort.

PAPER'S POLICY STATED

The policy of the GRAPEVINE was to support enterprises which the editorial staff felt would benefit the community; to encourage the Center citizens to cooperate with the administration and themselves; and to attempt to maintain and build morale by presenting the news impartially, simply, clearly and truthfully.

Service to the residents was considered of primary importance. Thus, complete coverage of all activities was demanded even at the expense of appearance.

It was the GRAPEVINE which announced the relocation destination to the residents on September 28 with an extra. The printed revelation was in the (Cont'd on Pg 4 Col 3)

FOURTH GROUP SCHEDULED TO GO TOMORROW

The great hejira to Jerome nears its halfway point Sunday with the fourth movement scheduled to reduce the Center population to 2,724.

Gila received 156 of the Center's sojourners yesterday while 472 others

Check baggage for ova-uoos living in Section II will be picked up on Monday morning.

Block F departees must have their baggage ready by Wednesday morning.

comprising the third movement embarked for the Arkansas center.

Leaving Sunday for Jerome will be the fourth movement with Johnson Kebo and Thomas Kofu as train monitors. Approximately 2036 former Fresno Centerites

Residents in Section I who are leaving for Jerome tomorrow, may receive their copies of the 100 page VIGIETTE from their block representative, G. Miyamoto in I-4-4 today.

The others must wait until Tuesday for their copies which may be obtained from their various block representatives. (Cont'd on Pg 4 Col 2)

RELOCATION NOTICES

Residents are asked to refrain from dumping garbage on the ground. Only paper placed in cartons may be left beside the garbage cans.

known so mail may be forwarded without delay.

Evacuees should notify the Fresno Post Office of their new Arkansas address immediately after it is

To speed up the forwarding of mail, residents should obtain several "Notice of Change of Address, Form 22-B" from the Center Post Office before leaving for Arkansas so correspondents may be notified.

EDITORIALS GREATER CHALLENGE AWAITS US AT NEW JEROME CENTER

It was a day in February when the proclamation issued by the Western Defense Command dawned upon us, providing for the eventual evacuation of all the Japanese living in the Pacific Coastal States.

After our evacuation to the assembly center, we readily adjusted ourselves to the strange new environment, and in a few weeks we had a thriving community with a self-governing organization and recreational and educational activities. These were made possible through the splendid cooperation which was shown by each resident. Also, the idea of community service has been paramount in the eyes of the people.

The attitudes with which the people have undertaken the tasks and assumed their responsibilities have been a contributing factor in making our short stay here a pleasant one. We are grateful for the considerate deeds which the people have offered to the society. These will be the pleasant memories in which we may be all proud of, no matter how it may have been trying at times.

When we are relocated to our new home in Arkansas, it will be the duty of each resident to further the reputation which we have built here at the Fresno Assembly Center. There will be a greater challenge for us when we are relocated.

Let us all go with greater hope, courage, vision and determination.

SPIRIT OF FRIENDLINESS

One of the most important preparations for our relocation to Arkansas is ridding ourselves of certain preconceived notions and prejudices concerning the people of that State. There is a large Negro population in that State, concerning whom our advanced crew reports, "friendly, cordial." We are to be the guests of their State. They are our hosts. We must reciprocate their friendship and courtesy with utmost consideration. We cannot do or say anything that may in any way contradict our common stand for the American creed that "all men are created equal." Of course, this attitude must be taken in a spirit of friendliness and not of defiance against the status quo in the South.

Some Californians, as well as some "New Yorkers," have certain distorted notions concerning the Caucasian citizens of Arkansas. This must also be replaced by genuine understanding before we expect to be welcomed or even tolerated in our new home State.

Our immediate and most urgent task will be that of establishing harmony within the Center. But of fully equal importance is this larger aspect of our relationship with the fellow Americans who are to be our hosts.

The natural human tendency to become friends will overcome any initial lack of understanding. Then we can be frankly cordial.

IN APPRECIATION

For the past five months the GRAPEVINE has been the chief source of information for the residents of the Fresno Assembly Center. At all times it has been the policy of the paper to strive for timely and reliable reports and to correct all unfounded rumors.

We are told that the GRAPEVINE has been of invaluable service to community. The members of the staff acknowledge this tribute and extend their sincere appreciation to the public for the splendid cooperation received.

Then it's '30' until we meet again in Arkansas.

-- THE STAFF



TOPAZ, UTAH

Topaz City's populace was treated to their first movie this week with a full-length feature, a comedy and a western booked for the same evening. The pictures will be shown in the dining halls.

According to the community welfare division, families with children two years and under; aged, 65 years and over and others who have doctor's certificates testifying to their need, may apply for immediate installation of stoves.

TULELAKE COLONY

The Sacramento JACL chapter took initiative last week to organize a United Citizens' league in Tule Lake. At the same time the group decided to make a special contribution of \$500 to the National JACL in Salt Lake City to help carry out the present emergency program.

GILA, ARIZONA

With a total enrollment of 3500 students, the fall school semester began last week.

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CHRISTIANS TO HEAR TALK BY REV. BONNER

Rev. Warren A. Bonner, pastor of St. Paul's Methodist Church of Fresno, will be the guest speaker at the Christian Youth Fellowship service to be held in Recreation Hall 1 from 8:15 p.m. His topic is "A Christian Example in a Time of Stress".

Rev. Bonner is also president of the Fresno Ministerial Union.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONTINUES

Christian Sunday school classes will continue as usual with the exception of the beginners and primary groups of sections H to K which have been discontinued.

The Juniors, intermediates, seniors, young people and young adults will meet in Recreation Hall 2. The Japanese Bible class will be held in Recreation Hall 1.

Rev. Hideo Hashimoto will preach on "Seek Those Things Which are Above", during the Japanese Worship service to be held in Recreation Hall 1 at 7:15 o'clock tomorrow night.

SEVERAL LEADERS INCLUDED AMONG GILA DEPARTEES

Included among the 156 residents entraining for Gila, Arizona were several prominent Center leaders, who headed many activities during their five months stay.

Among the departees were the following:

Ken Zenimura, Central California baseball organizer, who left with his wife, two sons, Kunso and Kenshi. Zenimura was instrumental in inaugurating baseball in the Center.

GRAPEVINE ADVISER GOES
A member of the GRAPEVINE advisory board, Tosa-tō Kawai was employed in the mess and lodgings office. Accompanying her was her brother Isosuke, active participant in forums and seminars, who contributed regularly to the newspaper.
Helen Sumida, profess-

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BUDDHISTS TO HOLD FINAL MEET. SUNDAY

At the final Sunday School session tomorrow from 8:30 a.m. at Recreation Hall 2, Helen Mikaido will be the chairman while Haruko Kawano is to be the speaker. Rev. C. Kai will conduct the service.

As his final sermon to the issei at this Center Rev. Kai will speak to the group at the same hall from 7:30 p.m.

"I wish to thank those who cooperated with me in carrying out the Buddhist work," were the parting words left by Mrs. Kinu Fujinaga before she entrained with her family to the Gila Relocation Center yesterday. Mrs. Fujinaga had been serving as the executive secretary of the Buddhist church while at the Fresno Assembly Center.

THEY DID THE HEAVY DUTY JOB

Members of the Works Division last crew who are assisting with embarkations and baggage shipments include the following:

Paul Tsuchiya, Toshio Teubota, Misa Inalara, Frank Isogawa, Kaz Morihiro, Setsu Kikuta, Frank Hayashida, Tom Furukawa, Yosh Watanabe, Akira Yokomi, Frank Inami, Ichiro Takeuchi, Milton Nagata, Miyoto Uyocoki, Tak Nomura, Harry Hashimoto, Fred Miyasaki, Sam Yamasaki, Harvey Aki, Mas Nakata, Shig and Tsugi Jofuku, Tak Hosoda, Monroe Fujisawa, Joe Kinomiya.

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THIS IS ALL, THERE JUST isn't any more. So it must be, for all things created by mortals, whether good or bad, must end. This columnist doesn't want to break out in a sentimental rash over sounding the death knell for the rank conception which has occupied Saturday's page 3, column 3 for five months---but it holds so many memories of people and events which were part of our life here that we can't help but shed some drops of brine.

OH HAPPY DAY... But how happy those who have tainted their minds reading this (***)! as some admirers have so lovingly described it, must be to learn this malodorous creation is going to the burial grounds with this final issue.

JUST ONCE MORE... But before we shake off the soil of the golden state from our clothes and begin the journey to the land of mammoth catfish and corn pone, let's take a last mental stroll between the barracks...the long mess lines of humanity waiting to sate their appetites...the blood-thirsty yell of youngsters as they happily played at war, little realizing the actual grimness of the real thing...black-topped horns clucking over their grains of gossip as they hushed a secret about from place to place...pursuing young skirt hunters on the trail of the elusive? dear...staggering small time "big shots" intoxicated from drinking too much of the potent wine of power...yes, they were all part of the vehicle that was Fresno Assembly Center, 1942.

THANKS A MILLION.... This corner then, flings a final batch of fresh petitions to the patient mess and to the fine bunch in administration row for their part in keeping this "scoop-snoop's" endeavors worth keeping up.

SERVICE DIVISION DIRECTOR WISHES RESIDENTS GODSPEED

I wish to express my appreciation to the many workers of the Service Division for their cooperation that made possible its efficient operation.

The number of employees of the division are so numerous that it is not possible to thank each one personally but I do want them to know that all of their help has been appreciated.

GRAPEVINE COMMENDED

I especially commend the GRAPEVINE staff for a first-class job in never failing to publish an edition on the day it was due and for extremely fast service in mimeographing the hundreds of forms, bulletins, and other items that they were called upon to do. Although the VIGNETTE has not yet been distributed generally, comments on those few copies that have been seen leave no doubt but that the publication will be acclaimed by everyone who received one. I personally wish to state that it is an outstanding piece of work.

My thanks go to the medical staff, the doctors, nurses and other hospital

aides who have taken care of the health of all residents. The recreation workers and members of the Education Department should also be complimented on their fine work. To the various workers in the libraries, I extend my thanks for efficient operation of the library facilities. To the workers of the Center Store and the Clothing Department is due credit for the way they have supplied the needs of residents. The Welfare Department has operated quietly but well as have the persons in charge of the Visitors Building. Though late upon the scene the barber shop has given fine service.

OFFICE STAFF CREDITED

Lastly, to the office staff must go a big measure of credit for what service that the division has been able to render. They have never failed to work long hours required to complete the volume of correspondence and other work they were called upon to do.

Thank you all and best of luck to you in your new home in Jerome.

W. E. Pollock

GRAPEVINE PRESS STOPS ROLLING WITH THIS ISSUE

(Cont'd from pg 1 col. 2) hands of its readers within an hour and a half after the information was released to the council and the press.

Other highlights of the organ's brief history included the publication of an eight page Fourth of July edition and a special Service Division "Holy Days" number on August 14 of the same size.

With but one exception, the entire staff of 25 will relocate to the Jerome Center in Arkansas. Both the editorial and technical department members have expressed a desire to continue working together as a unit.

DIVISION WORKERS THANKED BY HEAD

Compiling the rosters of movements and keeping records of all residents, the personnel department under C. I. Wohler has been working long hours in order to insure smooth embarkation.

Wohler thanks the following people for their industry in his department: Hiro Kamikawa, Sumiko Tsuji, Kiku Makanichi, the Matsushita, Mary Kishio, Helen Nikaido, Lois Yoshinaga, Mary Mochizuki, Chiyo Mano, Yuri Nishimine and Joe Inami.

SNELSON THANKS HIS EMPLOYEES

Mess and Lodging Director Clifton Snelson thanks all workers in his division for their "splendid cooperation" but would appreciate added assistance in the mess kitchens.

He points out that in order insure proper food preparation, help will be needed from volunteers.

NOTICE

Thursday, Oct. 22, will be the last day residents may purchase cash coupon books.

156 GO TO GILA

(Cont'd from pg 3, col 1) ional stage performer, who was one of the instigators of the girl scout movement. Alice Sumida, reporter for the GRAPEVINE, also left with the group.

FOURTH GROUP SCHEDULED TO GO TOMORROW

(Cont'd from pg 1, col 3) will have entrained for their permanent wartime home in Arkansas with this latest embarkation.

Yesterday's movement followed the route through Salt Lake City, Denver, Kansas City, Memphis and thence to Jerome. Sunday's group will be routed through San Antonio, Long View, Texarkana then to the destination.

An added feature of the supplies placed on each train are ice boxes for formula foods.

NOTICE

The Center Bank will be open this Friday.

EXHIBITION GAME TO BE PLAYED

The Bronco All Stars will engage the champion Bay Region quintet in an exhibition tilt tomorrow morning at 8:30 o'clock.

The Bay Region five has been strengthened with the addition of Dr. Mas Hara. Mo Domoto is expected to be sufficiently recovered from injuries.

George Morikane, leading class A scorer will also start.

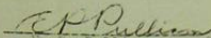
CENTER MOVEMENT

Any persons found moving from one apartment to another without authority from the Housing Department will be reported to the Interior Police.

Any person who has moved since October 12, 1942, is asked to report such movements to the Housing Department of the Mess and Lodging Division.

Hereafter any person who wishes to move is required to report to this department before moving.

Residents of the Center are requested not to use the vacant barracks for storing their excess baggage or freight.


E. F. Fulliam,
Center Manager