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- JULY 28 - Colony census taken.
- AUG. 4 - Uniform meal planning established throughout the 64 mess halls.
- AUG. 13 - Canteen No. 3 suffered \$4000 fire damage.
- AUG. 22 - Indian skeleton found under barrack #5111.
- AUG. 24 - Project farm began harvest.
- AUG. 29 - Bill Marutani awarded first place honor in the Oratorical Contest in the Senior Division, Ruth Hijikata, in the second division.
- SEPT. 1 - The right of freedom of religious worship shall not be jeopardized announced officially by the W.R.A.
- SEPT. 6 - Shiz Tamaki, sponsored by Canteen No. 3, elected queen of the Labor Day Festival. 102-foot flag pole erected in the center of the colony.
- SEPT. 14 - Project elementary and high schools opened for 3,800 students.
- SEPT. 16 - More than 500 left the Project for sugar beet harvest.
- SEPT. 19 - Gila River Center residents expressed gratitude for the Tule Lake grown vegetables shipped to them.
- SEPT. 26 - Shipment of 600 hogs for the farm expected here.
- OCT. 2 - Rally held at the outdoor stage to discuss "Nisei's Responsibility As Citizens."
- OCT. 6 - Governor C. A. Sprague asked for sugar beet laborers in a letter to Project Director Shirrell.
- OCT. 7 - 400 high school students assisted in harvest of Project farm crops.
- OCT. 12 - W.R.A. Director, Dillon S. Myer, visited Project.

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- OCT. 15 - Legal steps for formal recognition of Tule Lake Cooperative Enterprise as a corporation taken with the State of California.
- OCT. 20 - Movie theater building project turned down in a city-wide election.
- OCT. 21 - City charter accepted by the community council.
- OCT. 26 - Planning board election held.
- OCT. 27 - Block 48 selected a model community unit.
- OCT. 31 - Harvest festival.
- NOV. 7 - Army Japanese language school at Camp Savage opened enlistment for qualified Japanese-Americans in the relocation centers.
- NOV. 26 - Colonists enjoyed turkey dinner for Thanksgiving.
- DEC. 4 - Project sent largest delegation of volunteers to U.S. Army School at Savage, Minn.
- DEC. 7 - Little Theater group performed before first-nighters. Press Club sponsored Red Cross benefit dance.
- DEC. 12 - More than 2,000 toys donated by various churches and organizations throughout the country received here to be distributed among young children for Christmas.
- DEC. 22 - Harvey M. Coverley appointed to replace Project Director E.L. Shirrell.
- DEC. 25 - Colonists spent Christmas quietly attending church services and choir concerts.
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- JAN. 1 - City council established judicial panel.
- JAN. 13 - 450 volunteers relieved coal crew labor shortage.
- JAN. 26 - Parent-Teacher's Association organized at project grade school.
- JAN. 30 - Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson announced the formation of special nisei combat team.
- FEB. 6 - Army representatives arrived to recruit volunteers for the combat team.
- FEB. 9 - Registration of all colonists began and project schools closed to enable teaching personnel to assist. Mass clearance program announced.
- FEB. 11 - First chicken egg hatched on the project poultry farm.
- MAR. 1 - Registration of aliens began.
- MAR. 10 - Male citizen registration ended.
- MAR. 20 - Senator Wallgren, author of the bill to transfer control of W.R.A. back to the army because of reported coddling of evacuees, visited the project.
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- APR. 26 - Volunteers for the nisei combat unit given physical examination by the army examining team.
- APR. 30 - High School student body held Kanaka Karnival."
- MAY 5 - In a new administrative instruction, W.R.A. allowed issei to hold elective offices in the community government.
- MAY 6 - Co-op reported a total of unallocated net saving of \$85,993.52.
- MAY 8 - N.Y.A. opened vocational training opportunities for 25 Tuleans.
- MAY 12 - Community Activities Section planned U.S.O. for nisei servicemen visiting the Project.
- MAY 19 - Nisei citizenship upheld in Supreme Court ruling. Colonists may now apply for return of contraband goods.
- MAY 21 - Six volunteers for the Japanese Combat Unit leave project. Four marines, wounded at Guadalcanal, visit project.
- MAY 27 - Tulean Dispatch anniversary issue makes appearance with "Famous Firsts" as the theme.
- MAY 31 - Project All-Stars drub Klamath Falls Pelicans 16-0.
- JUNE 2 - It snowed yesterday!
- JUNE 4 - NYA-WRA agreement is cancelled.
- JUNE 10 - Five more volunteers leave for combat unit.
- JUNE 15 - Project census was taken.
- JUNE 17 - Proposal made to amend charter so issei may hold offices.
- JUNE 19 - "A Tule Lake Interlude," produced in observance of the first anniversary of this project, was ready for distribution.
- JUNE 21 - Six dentists depart; all dental appointments cancelled.
- JUNE 29 - Quota of project workers to be set. Preliminary study places Tule Lake maximum at 4,300.
- JULY 3 - Sumo, ball games, talent shows and dances high-lighted three-day 4th of July celebration.
- JULY 6 - Fire causes \$5,000 loss at poultry farm. 5,740 chicks die.
- JULY 9 - Co-op fish market opens.
- JULY 10 - Baccalaureate services to be held tomorrow for first graduating class of Tri-State.
- JULY 12 - Announcement made that segregation is to start in September.
- JULY 16 - 397 seniors receive diplomas at new high school auditorium.
- JULY 20 - Tule Lake designated for those considered disloyal. Local All-Stars dump Cal-Ore. team 16-8 in game which was halted in eighth inning by a big dust storm.
- JULY 23 - Director Coverley gets ranking of Captain, and leaves to attend Military Governor School.
- AUG. 2 - Relocation officers arrive to give info to residents.
- AUG. 3 - Construction on high school nears completion.
- AUG. 4 - New project director, Raymond Best, greets Tuleans.
- AUG. 7 - Governor Snell and State Senator Cornett, of Oregon visit project. Three graduates receive scholarship grants.

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- AUG. 9 - Information centers open. Residents face physical exams before leaving.
- AUG. 20 - Two minor robberies at canteens.
- AUG. 24 - Miss Akiko Mikami is only WAC enlistee from project.
- AUG. 26 - Spanish Vice-Consul visits.
- AUG. 28 - Physical exams begin for those who are leaving.
- AUG. 30 - Today and tomorrow is the last chance for first hand relocation news.
- AUG. 31 - 10,279 persons to arrive here during the segregation program. Tables and chairs being moved to new high school buildings.
- SEPT. 1 - The first heavy frost of the season last Monday morning did severe damage to vegetable crops on the project farm.
- SEPT. 2 - Due to the necessity of remodeling all available barracks into living quarters, it has been found necessary to close the elementary schools, high school, nursery schools, and adult education classes for an indefinite period.
- SEPT. 3 - Scholarship Fund hits a new total of \$1137.13.
- SEPT. 4 - A three-day Labor Day Program has been arranged, which includes ball games, a dance, raffle drawing, and issei entertainment programs.
- SEPT. 8 - A message by Project Director R. R. Best, says that all train lists and train schedules are to be considered final as of today. The first train will leave Tule Lake at 8:00 a.m. Monday, September 13.



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# In Retrospect



Felicitating the New Year, the eighteen thousand inhabitants of this center once again look to the eastern sky seeking celestial omen of delivery from the aching pains of long adversity.

Night withdraws with the coming of daybreak, but yesterday's accomplishments remain as constant reminders that the future is rooted in the past. And in anticipating what tomorrow may bring, we seek in part an answer from what has transpired in the bygone yesteryear.

January, a year ago today, was overcast with a gloom of abject depressiveness, and it was not until a half a month had elapsed that with the gradual return of workers to their jobs, a ray of hope broke through the grey clouds of anxiety. A momentary distraction was offered with the simultaneous reception of the newly arrived segregants from Manzanar and the shipment of imonin from the Japanese Red Cross. And with the lifting of curfew on February 22, the long awaited return to normalcy was officially launched, thus initiating the more normal entries into the annal of Tule Lake Center.....

## THUS RUN THE EVENTS:

March 9 -- NEWELL STAR makes debut publishing news of farm work registration, pre-induction calls for two Tuleans and of the recording of 39 births for the month of February.

March 17 -- Dillon Myer visits center and expresses satisfaction on gradual return to normalcy.

March 18 -- Gala three-day welcome program for new arrivals held in gym.

March 30 -- Best announces ruling on family employment and also releases policy on Japanese schools.

April 20 -- Eighty-two in center receive notice to report for physicals. SOCIAL GADABITS column adds human interest to the newspaper.

April 22 -- Representative Committee formation is approved.

April 24 -- Danjo Seinenkai puts on grand one-week exhibit at auditorium.

April 27 -- One-hundred-and-eighty acres planted on farm.

May 14 -- Advance contingent of segregants arrives from Jerome and Rohwer, augmenting population to 18,029.

May 18 -- Stockade confines 319.

May 24 -- James Shoichi Okamoto shot when returning from work through main gate by army sentry.

May 25 -- Okamoto dies...Army investigation ordered. Army hands control of stockade over to WRA. Second Anniversary Tule Lake Center...More segregants arrive from Heart Mountain, Jerome, Rohwer, Granada to swell population to 18,526.

May 31 -- Nine thousand attend final rites of James Shoichi Okamoto.

June 25 -- First Japanese movie shown.

June 28 -- Nineteen Tule Issei sent to Santa Fe Internment Camp.

July 1 -- Two-day center-wide carnival opens.

July 2 -- Co-op General Manager slain.

July 6 -- Court martial proceedings begin for sentry who shot Okamoto.

July 13 -- Presidential signing of Denationalization Bill reported. Approval of colony irrigation project awaited.

July 16 -- High school graduates 120 seniors. Bon Odori held at various wards.

July 19 -- Colonial Police staff resigns. Twenty-seven Nisei draft violators taken to Eureka to await trial.

July 25 -- Draft charges dismissed as judge decrees due process of law not accorded internee of Tule.

August 2 -- Civic Organization renamed Block Managers Headquarters.

August 4 -- Newly organized Colonial Peace Department assumes duties.

August 10 -- Hog farm slaughterhouse opened.

August 15 -- Employees of WRA total 5,961, marking increase of 950 workers since March. Hospital Koenkai formed.

August 18 -- Tule Lake Segregation Center with 18,698 found most populous of nine centers--population, 79,484.

August 26 -- Stockade vacated for first time since its creation.

September 7 -- Renunciation bill under review--Myer.

September 10 -- Joint Kokumin Gakko track meet held.

October 8 -- Fire Prevention week to be observed.

October 13 -- Imonin drive nets \$952.

October 23 -- Outside purchase of bread discontinued as bakery produces enough for center consumption.

October 31 -- Peak of farm harvest reported with 2,551,659 lbs.

November 3 -- Meiji Setsu observed.

November 16 -- Initial procedures clarified on renunciation process.

November 20 -- Sixty-seven Nisei housed in Block 99. Thirteen families leave for Crystal City to rejoin heads of families.

November 24 -- High school days end for 230 seniors.

December 6 -- Department of Justice official arrived to hold citizenship hearings.

December 14 -- Queries on renunciation procedure answered by John L. Burling, Department of Justice official.

December 16 -- Tri-State High School begins showing 35mm movies with equipment purchased from Co-op.

December 17 -- Western Defense Command lifts West Coast Exclusion Order.



# OUR CHURCHES

## BUDDHIST CHURCH

The Tule Lake Buddhist Church, newly organized in April by the entire Shin-shu followers, conducted regular Sunday School classes, YBA and adult services and other weekly lectures in all eight of its ward churches.

Organized under the church are the Sunday School Teacher's League, YBA, and Sonen-kai. These organizations in conjunction with

the Buddhist churches successfully sponsored Hanamatsuri, Bon-odori and the mass memorial service for the War Dead as highlights of the Buddhist activities for the year.

Since segregation, major Buddhist denominations to remain active were the Shin-shu and the Nichiren-shu, but with the arrival of interned reverends from other centers in Kay, other sects including Zen-shu, Jodo-shu and Shingon-shu

came into existence.

All Buddhists will long remember the numerous activities in which they have attended and participated during the year in order to brighten their dark center life through spiritual enlightenment. Now, with all the various sects perpetuating the entire Buddhist movement of this center, a much more extensive schedule of religious activities may be anticipated for the coming year.

## UNION CHURCH

The Tule Lake Union Church was organized soon after the establishment of the Tule Lake Project in the summer of 1942. The activities of the church have reflected a continual strife toward a higher degree of unity among the residents of the center as well as unity with the Christian Church.

The members of these Christian groups have kept secondary their own denomination as being a Baptist, Episcopal, Presbyterian, or other Protestant denominations and have unselfishly worked to operate the church activities on an inter-denominational basis, thus the official name Tule Lake Union Church was adopted.

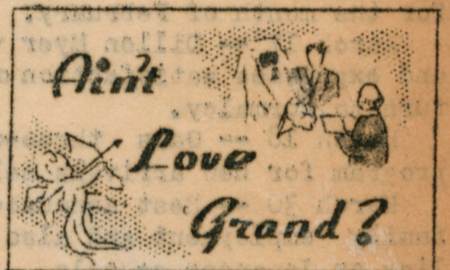
With its Headquarters located at 3001-D, activities are planned both for the Issei and Nisei. Sunday School, Sunday morning worship, and evening Bible movie classes are conducted every Sunday. The Young People Fellowship group

held its regular evening gatherings at the high school.

formers, by whose virtuosity this may become the applauding point of the show.

### SO ONCE AGAIN

...as time turns back upon the old and forwards into the new, all things, material and spiritual, prepare to enact their parts with more perfection, courage and sincerity.



Judging from the number of marriages in this center, there evidently is a Shakespearean Puck at work who goes mischievously about anointing the eyes of innocents with a love potion which results in effecting...love!

As might be expected, June was the most popular nuptial month with 24 couples middle-aging. October saw the next most united with 16 pronounced man and wife. The youngest bride and groom were 18 and 19; the oldest 43 and 44.

Weddings totaled 127 averaging about 12 each month...all told, the fabulous Puck may be credited with having had a successful year.

### A YEAR

...365 days, 5 hours, 48 minutes, and 46 seconds, continuously rotates.

Likewise, Individuals from the dawn of history have played their roles as actors of the universe. Their role in life corresponds to that of Antonio in Shakespeare's play, a role which has been played repeatedly by each succeeding generation of players.

### THOUGH INSIGNIFICANT

...our roles may seemingly be, there is a distinction in each performer, setting and story. Every minute feature and peculiarity adds variety to this drama. The tone of the player's voice...the shade of the stage curtains...the sequence of events...alters the importance of the incidents.

### THUS AMIDST

...a dull setting of grey, tar-papered barracks...sandy and gravel roads...desolate firebreaks...we follow the identical pattern of life--the journey to work, meeting of friends, spare time chores, and the chimes of dinner bells from day to day. But the enchantingly majestic Castle Rock...the picturesque and characteristic Abalone...the consoling beauty of the distant snowcapped mountains...stand symbolic of future aspirations...

### WITH

...evacuation, new acquaintances, harvest festival, hard water problem marking the progress of our first year...shell-flower making, adult education, public schools, loyalty question climaxing our second year...segregation, Japanese school, morning calisthenics, "bozar-atama" characterizing our third year...this melodrama prolongs.

### THESE PASSING EVENTS

...are but imitations of the happenings occurring in some decade or century. But novel is this setting...momentous this story...talented are the per-