

## Tulelake Colony

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## MESSAGE

My hearty thanks to each of you who came yesterday and who responded so willingly and graciously to all the problems of the first day.

Now we must ask your help in getting our project ready to receive many new colonists in the next few days. This job will mean long hours for all of us, but by working all together we can do the job.

We hope your own patience, courage, and high morale will be contagious and that we can readily assimilate the new arrivals.

Elmer L. Shirrell  
Acting Project Director

LAKE LEVEE DAMAGED  
FARMLANDS IN DANGERTULELAKE BANK  
TO OPEN BRANCH

Regular banking facilities will be available Friday afternoon from 1. to 3 p.m. in the Provost Marshal building, just below the postoffice, at the main entrance to the colony. A complete banking service, including withdrawals, deposits, and checking facilities will be carried on by the Tulelake Branch of the Bank of America. Additional banking hours will be announced at a later date and the frequency of service will depend upon the demand of the colonists.

## SITUATION GRAVE

LEVEE WORK GIVEN  
PRECEDENCE OVER  
OTHER PROJECTS

Rising heavy winds are causing considerable damage to the levies guarding a sizeable portion on the 2,630 acres farm land of the Tulelake colonies.

According to Mr. Cliff Kallam, farm superintendent, 25 colonists have been working day and night filling sand bags, and doing general repairs work to the eroding levies. Levee work has been given precedent over all other work because of the emergency nature and it is likely, according to Mr. Kallam, that many more men will be called upon to serve the colony in this way.

The urgency of the situation is revealed by Mr. Kallam in the statement that if the levee breaks the land will be flooded and no crops could be produced on this acreage this year. Seed has already been purchased for 1500 acres of potatoes, onions, carrots, rutabagas and other vegetables. The United States department of the Agriculture shows this part of the country, produced the highest production of vegetables in the United States. It as been anticipated that a

## FIRE GIJTS APARTMENTS

Fire broke out in the administration staff apartment at 11:55 this morning, but after heroic work on the part of the local colony and staff volunteers, the military police and the Tulelake volunteer Fire Department, the fire was brought under control. Mr. Ernest Hawes, who was one of the most effective fire fighters was the only casualty. He is at present hospitalized, having swallowed quantities of smoke.

The blaze, which originated in the water heater unit was discovered by Mrs. Elmer Shirrell, wife of the acting project director. She was quickly assisted by two unknown local colonists who grabbed a couple of fire extinguishers and arayed the roofs.

The staff members and colony workers ran to the scene of the fire and some aided in the removal of baggages from the burning building, and others with actual fire combat.

Conspicuous on the scene was Mr. John Bauman, colony fire chief, formerly battalion chief of Los Angeles. Mr. Bauman and his small group of firemen, greatly aided by the military police fought the fire with high pressure hoses. Among those who were rendered homeless by the fire were Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Shirrell, Mr. and

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RECREATION HEADS  
DISCUSS PLANS

With Ted Waller presiding, a recreational meeting was held last evening in the rec building across from the mess hall. With "Work out the program most beneficial to the project," as more or less the main line of thought, some twenty-four colonists discussed, pro and con, various programs to that end.

Since recreation is not a government project but rather the responsibility of the colonists themselves, such committees as voluntary work corps, finance, equipment distribution, and adult recreation were considered important after each of the participants were allowed to lobby for their interests.

Among the many phases of recreational activities listed were nursery schools, dancing, library, inter-block baseball, craft and manual training, concerts, go and shogi, choirs and other musical activities, swimming, and smokers. These were then broken down to twelve main categories: sports social, adult, nursery, library, dramatics, indoor, project work for youths from 10-16, movies, finance, construction, and publication.

To further facilitate the program, a committee to advise the placement bureau is headed by Ted

## JR. WORK CORPS

Those boys and girls wearing blue arm - bands, who scurry from one end of the colony to the other without pausing for breath are members of the "Junior Work Corps", assigned to messenger service. Already eight boys and three girls are serving as messengers for the warehouses, hospitals, placement office, administrative building, and recreational office. The following is the partial list of messenger boys and girls: Yosh Okita, Roy Usui, Hiroshi Yoshida Yoni Inami, Richard Fukai Noburu Shighihara, Tom Kayashi, Luis Inami, Tsuyako Kobayashi, Mary Mio, and Chiyo Oki.

Until the postoffice opens June 1, stamps, envelopes, and stamped cards will be sold at the store.

Waller, supervisor of community activities, and assisted by Tom Uyeno and Mrs. Suye Hayashi. Mr. Tom Hayashi, a physical education specialist from the University of Oregon, has already been named a full time recreational worker.

Another meeting will be held tonight to further the proposed program of recreation. All those interested are asked to attend. The meeting will start at 7 at the recreation hall # 408.

MANAGERS FOR  
BLOCK CHOSEN  
BY COMMITTEE

Ralph Shinbo, Robert Fukai, and Ben Kasubuchi were last night appointed temporary block managers by a committee consisting of Mr. Paul Fleming, Director of Community Services; Dr. Harold Jacoby, Chief of Internal Security, Mr. Walter Chambers, Assistant Project Manager; and Mr. Ted Waller, Supervisor of Community activities.

Each prospective applicant was personally interviewed by the committee and were selected after due consideration of his respective abilities in leadership, responsibility and sociability.

Ralph Shinbo, temporary manager of block four is well known among the restaurant groups of Seattle. He is the organizer and the first president of the Japanese Restaurant Union of that city. His offices will be located in bldg. 405 apartment D. Robert Fukai, Portland grocery store operator will help block five from his offices in bldg. 513, apartment A. The third appointee, Ben Kasubuchi, is the popular cannery foreman and merchant from Seattle. He will be located in Bldg. 1402, apartment C.

**INFORMATION BULLETIN**  
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**APARTMENT FIRE**

Mrs. Frank Smith, Mr. Paul Fleming, and Mr. Morton Gaba.

Mr. Sherrill pointed out that the water heater unit that caused the fire would be replaced by less inflammable types.

**FIRE PRECAUTION**

Fire precaution and general information bulletins are tacked on the wall of each of the apartments. These notices should be carefully read by all members of the family as they constitute, the basic rules which must be remembered and understood by all.

**MAIL & TELEGRAM  
INFO.**

The block managers are now receiving outgoing mail and are responsible for delivering incoming mail.

Collect telegrams may be sent from the telephone in the administration building. As soon as a pay telephone booth is installed, pay telegrams may be sent.

**DINNER BELL**

Until further instructions are issued one mess hall, #20 will serve all colonists. Breakfast is set tentatively from 7:00 to 8:00 lunch from 12-1, supper from 5:30-6:30.

**FIRST SETTLER**

"I feel almost as comfortable here in Tulelake as at home," asserts Miss Ruth Young, Mr. Shirrell's secretary and one of the first women to be quartered here in conjunction with this relocation project. She admits it took her very little time to adjust herself despite 'winter in July', her version of extreme climatic conditions and the absence of pet luxuries. "Of course, there was great confusion at first," continued Miss Young, "but when one is so interested in the development of the project, personal disadvantages are forgotten.

Housed in a woman's dormitory, Miss Young, a charming lady, is a former resident of Palo Alto.

Two brooms and two mops have been issued to each apartment building, and will be shared by each of the four apartment residents. The equipment will be found in one of the four apartments.

**WORK PLACEMENTS  
UNDER WAY**

Under the direction of Mr. Frank Fagan, the employment department will make placements as rapidly as possible. As soon as the occupational records of the colonists are assembled, messengers will be used to call in designated workers for immediate assignments. All colonists are requested to stay in or near their apartments for the first several days in order to enable the employment department to locate the colonists without delay.

The policy of the Placement Section will be to find employment for all desiring to enlist. More specific details will be announced later.

**LEVEE BREAK --**

colony vegetable surplus in the colony can be produced in this area. A levee break would seriously reduce the anticipated crop production.

The farm area is located 3 miles to the west and is surrounded all 3 sides by Tulelake. The lake itself covers 19,000 acres. The transportation to and from the farm area has been assured.

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