

First Report From Beet Farms in Wyoming, Montana

Five hundred fifty-three picked Heart Mountain colonists today are scattered in various parts of Montana and Wyoming doing back-breaking work in the sugar beet harvest. All have gone out voluntarily to help meet a critical labor shortage, and none of them seem to regret the decision.

This is the story from the workers themselves, whom a bulletin staff reporter interviewed in a hurried trip to the Fromberg and Billings areas yesterday.

Mas Kanamaru raised 80 acres of beets on his farm in the San Gabriel valley of California last year. Now he's working on the J. R. Spencer ranch at Fromberg. He knows the work is hard but he respects Spencer and the way he runs his farm. The living quarters are better than average, and Mas likes working for Spencer. Ten of Mas's friends are with him and they'd like to get several more boys.

"We think we're lucky," says Mas, and Sam Ohira, Carl Koto, Fred Koto, Hiroshi Nagaoka, George Kimura and others agree with him.

Not distant is the Lawrence Bowen ranch where a group of issei are employed. Here living quarters are considerably poorer than at the Spencer ranch and the men have been busy cleaning bedbugs from their room. But they get along well with Bowen and like being there. So far they haven't started on the beets yet, but they've been thrashing beans for 40 cents an hour with an excellent lunch thrown in. Katsuhiko Shimizu, spokesman for the group, who raised beets for five years in Washington's Yakima valley has a deep respect for the soil's potentialities and he's thrilled at the prospect of working it himself in the future.

Just south of Billings is the Oscar Quarburg ranch where Gard Yokoe and six others are living. They were at the end of the first day's heavy work when they talked to the reporter, tired but confident that they could do better when they became accustomed to the job. Yokoe declared that his group was well satisfied with conditions generally, although they had to go to town and buy a gas lamp since they had no electricity. They found the townspeople friendly and the Quarburgs very decent.

Quarburg explained he did not have time to fix up living quarters for the workers but that he intended to make improvements as soon as supplies are available.

Generally the reporter found a wholesome relationship between the colonist-workers and their employers, with both satisfied with each other. The work is hard but the colonists feel themselves equal to it and feel no hesitation in recommending it to others.

The harvest is now under way in both Montana and Wyoming and a still larger labor supply is urgently needed.

Wyoming Governor Visits Heart Mountain

Governor Nels C. Smith of Wyoming was a visitor at Heart Mountain Wednesday and Thursday making a brief inspection of the project. The governor conferred with Guy Robertson, assistant project director, and B. R. Paulley of the U. S. Employment Service on the beet and bean harvest workers situation.

Community Dry Goods Store to Open Monday

Monday, Sept. 28, has been announced by Douglas H. Todd, director of community enterprises, as the opening date of the community dry goods store located next to the main postoffice in the Administration area.

In addition to merchandise announced previously, the store will carry yardage, draperies, yarn, notions including items as curtain rods, buttons, snaps, hoops, thread, etc. Todd emphasized that merchandise was selected on the basis of reasonable price and serviceability.

Statement on Compensation Released

A comprehensive statement regarding employment and compensation was released today by C. E. Rachford, project director. He said that the center will be voluntary, he said, and an effort will be made to provide employment for all those able to work.

Merit rating board will be appointed by the director to select individual workers for membership in the order of merit. Workers cited by the board will be given preferential consideration regarding preferred employment.

Compensation will be made to workers in three groups; the new workers receiving \$12 per month with promotion to higher group being possible upon recommendation of section head. Majority of the employees will receive \$16 per month while workers classified as "professionals" will get \$19.

Workers assigned to less than 20 eight hour days per month will be paid on a part time basis of 50, 70, and 80 cents per day for Groups I, II and III, respectively.

Any employee who fails to report to work without reason will be liable to discharge or to deduction of three days pay or both.

Fair practice committee, elected from the work corps for a six-month term, will hear all cases of complaints. Each of the following groups shall be represented by at least one member on the committee: agricultural, professional, industrial and mass employees. Any employee may file a written complaint with the committee.

Colonists involuntarily unemployed will be eligible for unemployment compensation according to the following monthly schedule:

Unemployed man (18 or over)	\$4.75
Unemployed woman (18 or over)	4.25
Dependent child (13 to 17 incl.)	2.50
Dependent child (under 13)	1.50

Persons unemployed through his refusal to work will not be considered involuntarily unemployed.

Block Administrators, Chairmen Listed

Temporary lists of block administrative officers and block chairmen have been completed, the community service division announced.

The block officers and their addresses are: David Nitake, 1-D-22; Min Yonemura, 2-EF-23; Noboru Zaiman, 6-B-9; Robert Yamasaki, 8-A-1; George Shintaku, 9-E-4; Ted Chiba, 12-F-21; Katsumi Nakamura, 14-D-2; Masato Yamamoto, 15-D-11; Masaru Hata, 17-B-10; Rikio Tomo, 20-F-6; Roy Nishimura, 21-F-7; Clarence Nishizu, 22-A-10; Henry Mitarai, 23-E-6; Fred Hoshi, 24-D-17; James Hisatomi, 25-A-12; George Okawa, 27-E-9; Arata Shibayama, 28-C-9; Hidenobu Nakaki, 29-E-7; and Masao Nagata, 30-A-20.

The block chairmen and their addresses are: Genichiro Iwasaki, 1-B-9; Satoru Tsuneishi, 2-CD-7; Fred J. Fujioka, 6-A-2; Minejiro Hayashida, 8-E-2; Sohei Yoshinashi, 9-D-24; Shoji Nagumo, 12-AB-24; Kazuyoshi Okazaki, 14-B-12; Shini Fujimoto, 15-B-18; Mark S. Tsunokai, 17-C-17; Tsunejiro Kaneko, 20-D-10; Shintaro Hara, 21-A-16; Choichiro Kikumochi, 22-D-13; Charles T. Oka, 23-C-9; Kunisaku Mineta, 24-B-7; Takayoshi G. Ishikawa, 25-D-4; Tamotsu Gorai, 27-D-19; T. Yokota, 28-D-17; Teiji Koide, 29-G-13; and Nagamori, 30-F-15.

Dramatic Classes to be Held Bi-weekly

The weekly Monday night meetings of the dramatic group will be discontinued until Oct. 5, Dave Yamakawa, dramatic coach disclosed. From Monday, Oct. 5, dramatic classes will be held bi-weekly under the direction of Philip Barber, head of community services.

Workers' Permits Not Transferable

Permits granted to colonists leaving Heart Mountain for outside employment are positively not transferable, cautioned Joe Carroll, housing and employment officer.

Upon returning to Heart Mountain, the worker should have his pass cancelled at employment office thus guarding it against loss and abusive use by another individual. This is for the worker's own protection, Carroll added.

Announce Clinic Hours for Specialized Cases

New clinic hours for specialized cases are now in effect at the hospital clinic building, No. 15. Dr. Wilfred Hancock, medical officer, disclosed today. All specialized clinics are open from 10-11:30 a.m. The weekly schedule is as follows: Monday--Heart, chest, ear, nose and throat. Tuesday--Prenatal. Wednesday--Venereal diseases. Thursday--Prenatal. Friday--Well baby and preschool children; also ear, nose and throat. On Saturdays the clinic is open from 9 a.m.-12 M. only for those cases necessitating medical attention. On Sundays the clinic is closed except for emergency cases. Daily afternoon clinic hours are from 1 to 4, except on Saturdays and Sundays.

Insurance Premiums Studied

Inquiries have been made by the WRA to insurance companies as to what arrangements if any are being made for handling insurance policies where the insured because of their confinement in relocation centers are in no position to pay premiums. John Nelson, administrative officer, announced yesterday. Definite announcements are expected shortly.

Sign-up for Arts and Craft Under Way

Persons interested in any phase of arts and craft are urged to leave their names, addresses and types of work and class desired to four designated persons. They are Robert Kuwahara at 24-21-B, Hideo Date at 23-4-B, Benji Okubo at 1-3-B, and Yukichio Ogawa at 24-3-D.

Talented artists and instructors from Pomona, Portland and Santa Anita centers are being recruited to head classes. It was revealed that 64 persons have already filed applications with the Administration office for jobs. These persons are also urged to sign up at any of the above mentioned addresses.

Textbooks Arrive for Center Schools

Arrival of new textbooks for Heart Mountain schools was announced today by C. D. Carter, superintendent of schools. More than 60 teachers are ready to go to work but due to housing shortage definite date for the opening of schools cannot be set, it was said. Carter asks the cooperation of the residents in the matter of housing in order that schools can be started as soon as possible.

General Information

Care should be taken in the disposal of coal ashes as unextinguished remains constitute a serious fire hazard, announced "Rösie" Matsui, acting chief of police. Ashes should be stamped out or hosed with water.

The colonists are asked not to wander away from the center grounds and to stay within the paved street area.

In addressing mail to friends in Granada Relocation Center, Heart Mountain colonists were requested by James J. Lindley, Granada project director, in a wire to C. E. Rachford, project director here, to use the following postoffice address: Granada Relocation Center, Amachi Branch, Lamar, Colorado.

Applications for employment in the post offices should be made through W. B. McFarlane, placement officer. Only qualified applicants will be selected, it was stated.

Catholic Services Slated Saturday

Catholic services will be held at 14-25 on Saturday, Sept. 26, at 7 a.m. Father Kimmett of the St. Barbara's church in Powell will be ~~present at 6:40 a.m.~~ hear confessions. After the mass and breakfast Catechism classes will be held in the same hall.

Recitation of the rosary will be held at 7 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 27. Father Kimmett invites all friends of Maryknoll to attend both services.

Seventh Day Adventists to Hold Service

Seventh Day Adventists will hold services at 23-25 Saturday, Sept. 26. From 9-10 a.m., there will be Sabbath school for adults and young people. Pastor Nozaki will preside at a service from 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Afternoon services from 2-3:30 will be devoted to missionary volunteer for young people and to adult bible study. All those interested are invited to attend.

What to Do in Case of Faulty Electrical Wiring

In case of trouble with electrical wiring or the sanitation system, colonists are asked to call Extension 33, or contact the messengers at the phone boxes, or notify the Information office, 21-25. Both the plumbers and electricians call at the Information office hourly. In the hospital area, two men in the boiler room are to be notified in case of trouble.

Electrical Repair Shop in Warehouse #9

Richard Busted, communications head, announced that colonists may have repair works done on hot plates, electric irons, etc. at the electrical repair shop at warehouse #9.

Colonists Aid in Celotex Lining

To speed up work in installing celotex, some of the colonists have aided the carpenters by nailing in the two-by-fours in their own apartments.

In answer to queries about people lining their own apartments, Ben Imanis, project engineer, stated that anyone may do so, but advised that the ceiling be left to the experienced carpenters.

Recreation Meeting Notices

A general meeting for all women and girls interested in girls' club organization will be held on Friday, Sept. 25 from 2 p.m. The group will meet in front of the fire station.

Boy Scout troop meetings slated for Friday, Sept. 25 were announced as follows: Troop 379 from 7 p.m. at 22-26; Troop 35 from 7 p.m. at 25-26. All boys interested in scouting are urged to attend one of these gatherings.

The Boy Scout executive staff and the honorary advisory board will assemble at 22-26 from 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 26. All leaders and those interested in leading scout troops are requested to attend.

Young men interested in boys' club leadership are urged to attend an important organizational meeting in the Administration building Thursday, Sept. 24, at 7:30 p.m. Discussion will concern tentative program and immediate problems, according to Yosh Kodama, boys' club coordinator.

Packages for Former Pomona Residents Here

Two packages from May Co. in Los Angeles addressed to former Pomona assembly center residents can be claimed at the Police station, 21-25, it was announced by "Rosie" Matsui, acting chief of police. They are addressed to Chic Ikeda, 110-B Main St., Pomona, and George M. O'Hara, 153-B Third St., Pomona.