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Construction of School Buildings to Start Soon

Colonists' dreams of school buildings are on the way to reality as the project received permission from Washington to let contracts for the construction of the buildings. Ben Lummis, project engineer, announced that it was previously planned to build the schools using center labor, but in consideration of the time element, the administration decided to engage contractors and secured the necessary permission.

A corps of draftsmen under Leon Goodrich, head designing engineer, is revising the original plans to fit the needs of the center's enrollment. The completed plans and specifications are expected to be submitted to the bidders by the 20th of this month.

Contracts for each of the three buildings will be let to the lowest bidder and there is a possibility of two firms working simultaneously. Since they will receive priority ratings, no delays are anticipated in obtaining the materials.

Work is expected to start around the middle of November and Lummis expressed belief that the buildings will be ready for occupancy by the start of next semester.

First Heart Mountain Court Case Dismissed

The first center court case, Heart Mountain versus Kenry Kanroku Takeda, was dismissed yesterday morning at 25-25.

The defendant, Takeda, was charged with assault against George Kumagai, a steward, on Sept. 6, with a knife. Takeda pleaded not guilty to the charge.

A written statement signed by Kumagai stating that he did not wish to prosecute this case was presented by Deputy Prosecutor Susumu Umemoto together with a motion that the case be dismissed because of lack of evidence and witnesses.

Upon the request of Kiyochi Doi, chief commissioner, the police department through "Rosie" Matsui, acting chief of police, submitted supplementary evidence concerning the case.

The commission then retired to the conference room. It returned with the verdict that Takeda had no right to take the law into his own hands but that the case would be dismissed in accordance with the motion of the prosecution.

Doi informed the court that any decision made by the commission may be appealed to the project director.

Formal opening ceremonies of the court preceded the case. C. E. Rachford, project director, made the principal address, declaring, "I can assure the residents of a fair and just trial for each defendant. I hope that the residents will support this court as they have supported the other departments of this community."

Other speakers were Philip W. Barber, head of community services; Robert O. Griffin, internal security chief; Jerry Housel, regional attorney; John A. Nelson, administrative officer; Douglas M. Todd, superintendent of community enterprises; Glen Hartman, agriculture industry chief, and Ben Lummis, senior engineer.

Sawmill Secured to Provide Lumber Here

Glenn Hartman, chief of agriculture and industry division, today announced that a sawmill has been secured in the national forest, 34 miles west of this Center, for the purpose of providing needed lumber here. The sawmill is expected to be in operation sometime this week.

Machinery to Be Rented for Work on Canal

A contract for the rental of heavy-duty machinery to complete work on the main project canal is expected to be signed soon, according to Glenn Hartman, chief of agriculture and industry division, who hopes that the machinery will be ready for use next week. This is the initial step towards the development of the land here for agricultural purposes, as no farming is possible until water can be brought to pass through the canal.

General Information

In accordance with the nationwide sugar rationing regulation, colonists are rationed half a pound of sugar a week per person, Fred J. Haller, new chief steward, disclosed. One teaspoon per cup is allotted to each person at meals.

Only patrolmen wearing arm-bands with serial numbers are authorized members of the Police department and persons wearing unnumbered bands should not be recognized, R. O. Griffin, internal security chief announced. Persons having complaints regarding a warden should report his serial number to the police station, 21-25.

Mothers with bottles and nipples from the milk stations are requested by the office of Dr. Charles E. Irwin, principal medical officer, to return them as soon as possible. The cooperation of every mother in seeing that bottles are returned promptly will be appreciated by the hospital, it was said.

A new two-ton International ambulance is the latest purchase made by the WRA for the Center hospital. The white and green ambulance is furnished with emergency field equipment.

Colonists were asked by "Rosie" Matsui, acting chief of police, to return "borrowed" fire buckets attached to the water barrels.

Friends of Tameshiro Fukusawa, formerly of Los Angeles, who passed away at the Granada Relocation Center in Colorado on Oct. 2, are asked to contact Masataro Kida, 12-5-B, who is planning memorial services here.

There are two drawers full of lost clothing at the police station, 21-25, according to "Rosie" Matsui, acting chief of police. Owners are asked to call for them immediately.

FOUND--Brown jacket at softball diamond in front of the Administration building. Owner may identify and claim jacket at the police station, 21-25.

WRA Will Defend Rights of Nisei Evacuees

The War Relocation Authority recognizes and will defend the citizenship rights of evacuees in the United States, writes Philip M. Glick, WRA solicitor in a letter to all project directors.

The letter was sent to kill all rumors that Congress had adopted a bill abolishing citizenship status of nisei and another bill providing for internment of evacuees.

Glick's letter stated that the rumors were probably due to a misunderstanding of a bill recently introduced in the Senate to amend the Constitution to permit Congress to regulate conditions under which persons subject to dual citizenship may become citizens of the United States. This bill did not pass.

"Congress has not adopted any legislation that would deprive evacuees of citizenship or would provide for their internment," continued the letter. "The War Relocation Authority recognizes and will defend the citizenship rights of those evacuees born in the United States."

Clothing Situation Clarified

To clarify the clothing situation, Section 10-A of Administrative Instruction 27 dealing with outside employment is quoted below.

"Evacuees who accept private employment and reside outside the relocation center, may retain all earnings received, but shall forfeit for the period of such employment any right to share in the distribution of the "Evacuee Trust Fund" which may be provided for under this instruction. Such evacuees and their dependents, if any, shall not be eligible for the period of such employment to receive any compensation or allowances from the War Relocation Authority except that any of their dependents who remain within the Relocation Center shall be entitled to subsistence."

Buy Additional Celotex from Nearby Towns

Arrangements are being made with several dealers in outlying towns to secure 200,000 square feet of celotex needed to finish lining the barracks, it was revealed by Ben B. Lummis, project engineer. Due to delivery difficulties in dealing with a wholesale firm, the celotex will be bought at retail prices so that installations may be completed as soon as possible.

About 300 barracks have been lined and carpenters are being transferred to unfinished quarters upon the completion of their own blocks. Twelve blocks have been finished.

"If the celotex from the local dealers arrive in time, we can still finish the job by Oct. 20, the previously announced deadline," Lummis said.

1063 Colonists Now Aiding in Beet Harvest

To date 1063 Heart Mountain colonists are aiding in the sugar beet harvest, according to Joe Carroll, placement and housing officer. Additional workers are urgently needed for the southern Colorado territory as well as in the Montana and Wyoming areas.

Our Attitude to Affect Our Future, Says Bishop

"Your attitude and progress here in the center will affect tremendously your life during the coming assimilation period," stated Dr. C.S. Reifsnider, vice president of the Protestant commission for the Japanese service, in an address before the center residents, Oct. 11, from the outdoor platform in Block 14.

Dr. Reifsnider, who has engaged in many humanitarian, educational and religious activities for the Japanese people, first set foot in Japan in 1901. Stationed at Fukui, then a strong Buddhist area, he built up a Christian congregation, starting with one member and increasing it to 168. Dr. Reifsnider studied the Japanese language nine hours each day for three consecutive years. He taught English to the populace and soldiers stationed at the army post there.

In 1912 he became president of Rikkyo university in Tokyo where he served for 28 years. He saw his school grow from 67 students to 2200 enrollees.

Dr. Reifsnider became a suffragan bishop for North Kwanto in 1924 and two years later became a regular bishop for that area. In 1938 he was elected director of St. Luke's hospital in Tokyo.

The bishop has travelled in the Philippines, Korea, Manchuria and the China coastal cities of Hongkong, Canton and Peking.

Laundry and Dry Cleaning Service planned

Community Enterprises is working on plans to have a dry cleaning and laundry service for residents of the center, according to Douglas M. Todd, division head. The Powell laundry company, the largest dry cleaning and laundry establishment in this vicinity, has been contacted for the business. Service is expected to start in the near future.

Three Colonists Leave for Colleges

Three more students received releases to attend various colleges, reported James Ito, secretary of occupational coding and records. Albert Mineta left for Brothers college in Madison, New Jersey on Friday, Oct. 9. On the following day Samuel Nishi departed for the University of Wyoming at Laramie, Wyoming, while Frank Watanabe went to the University of Utah at Salt Lake City, Utah.

Social Planned by Student Group

The Student Relocation group will have a social this Wednesday, Oct. 14 at 14-25 from 7 p.m. All students who are interested in entering college are cordially invited. There will be games, folk dancing, songs, and light refreshments.

Japanese Civilians Visit over Week-end

Several Japanese civilians visited relatives and friends during the week-end, according to Elsie King, secretary to C.E. Rachford, project director. They included Mrs. Larry Tajiri, Ted and Calvin Tajima, Seiji Kiya, Kay Yamate, Utako Takasu, Mr. and Mrs. Sammy Yamada, Mrs. P. Honda and Kenneth Matsuyama. Most of them left for home Monday morning.

8 Blocks Form Volunteer Fire Forces

Eight blocks have formed volunteer fire fighting forces, Frank Kurihara, assistant fire chief, revealed. They are blocks 6, 12, 20, 23, 24, 25, 27 and 30. Each block force is composed of 40 men who are divided into four squads. Each squad is headed by a captain and lieutenant.

From blocks 23, 24 and 30, a group of 120 men will supplement the hospital fire force of seven men. There are approximately 60 patients in the hospital who will have to be removed immediately in the event of a fire, Kurihara pointed out.

The fire department is now working on a general mobilization plan for the entire center.

Checks for 805 Former Santa Anitans Here

Additional 805 checks from Santa Anita assembly center covering the period, July 16 to Aug. 15, will be distributed beginning tomorrow, Oct. 14, at 21-25 from 8 a.m.-12 M. and 1-5 p.m., John A. Nelson, administrative services officer, announced.

Division heads should arrange to permit workers to take sufficient time off to get their checks, he added. Such time will not be considered as time off without pay so long as the individual does not take more than a reasonable amount of time for this purpose.

As soon as most of the checks have been distributed, arrangements will be made with the First National Bank of Powell to cash them.

Beebe Speaks to Co-op Study Group Tuesday

S. C. Beebe, general manager of Big Horn Cooperative Marketing association, will speak to the co-op study group Tuesday, Oct. 13, from 7 p.m. at 7-15, Lafayette Noda, chairman, announced. A discussion period will follow the talk, it was said.

Douglas M. Todd, superintendent of community enterprises; Scott Taggart, associate superintendent, and Clarice Chase, instructor of the study group, are among those expected to be present. Colonists interested are invited to hear the address, Noda said.

It was also announced that a limited supply of co-op reading material is now available at the information office, 21-26.

Money Orders Should Be Signed at P. O. Window

Persons wishing to cash money orders at the main post office should not sign them before presenting at the window, according to E. T. Ebert, superintendent of mails. Many residents are bringing them in incorrectly signed, he said.

Anyone who changes his address should report the change to the post office sub-station which serves his new address, and also to his previous one. He should call at the old sub-station until necessary adjustments are made.

Boy Scout Mass Meeting to Honor State Executive

Colonists are invited to attend the first Boy Scout mass meeting, honoring Lyman Osam, state executive of the Boy Scouts of America this Wednesday, Oct. 14 from 7:30 p.m. at 25-30. A drum and bugle exhibition led by bandmaster, Seishi Nako, plus a community sing and a talent show presented by David Yamakawa, head of community entertainment, will highlight the program.

During the day, Osam will confer with the local Boy Scout executive staff and the administration staff to establish a Boy Scout move in the center.

A last minute drum and bugle rehearsal for the mass meeting has been called for Tuesday, Oct. 13 at 17-28 at 6:30 p.m.

Recreation Activities, Meetings, Announcements

Hiro Murakami and Moe Yonemura hurled the Wracs to an easy 14-4 victory over the Mountain View softball nine in a classic held last Sunday afternoon, Oct. 11 on the administration field.

A twilight softball league, which will start at 6 p.m., is now being organized, according to Joe Suski, head of athletics. Teams or boys interested should sign up with Frank Shimada, softball chairman, at 15-26.

Both "A" and "B" leagues in the Boy Scout six-man football league will start on Saturday, Oct. 17, it was announced by Joe Suski, head of athletics. Lincoln Shimura is in charge of these leagues.

Girls' activities club meetings were released by the Recreation department as follows:

Women over 21 years, Wednesday, Oct. 14 at 21-28 at 7 p.m.; Girls 16 to 18 years on Tuesday, Oct. 14 at 6-28 at 7 p.m. and Wednesday, Oct. 15 at 15-28 at 6:30 p.m.; Girls 13 to 15 years on Tuesday, Oct. 13, at 28-28 at 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 14, at 6-28 at 4:15 p.m. and Thursday, Oct. 15 at 6-28 at 4:30 p.m.; Girls 19 to 21 years on Wednesday, Oct. 14, at 12-28 at 7 p.m. and Friday, Oct. 16, at 15-28 at 7 p.m.

Contract bridge will be taught to beginners by Dr. Francis F. Tanaka at the north end of 17-25 from 7 to 10 p.m. nightly except Sundays, it was announced by the recreation department. The first half hour will be devoted to rules and principles while the remainder of the session will be used for supervised play and practice.

Registration for dressmaking and pattern drafting classes will be taken Wednesday, Oct. 14, at the north half of 24-25 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., it was announced by Iana Takaichi, costume designing instructor.

Vital Statistics

Births

To Mrs. Fujito Kinoshita, 6-8-E, a boy at the Center hospital, Friday, Oct. 9, 4:40 p.m.

To Mrs. Shizue Yamachita, 6-12-O, a girl at the Center hospital, Monday, Oct. 12, 1:40 a.m.