BLOKS 3, 5, 6, 14 TO ELECT COUNCILMEN NEXT MONDAY

The vision of establishing Topaz into a model city came another step nearer to its realization as the machinery for self-government was being rapidly set up this week-end through the cooperation of the residents and the Project administration.

Present plans call for formation of a representative legislative body to be known as the Community council, which will consist of one representative from each residential block.

Mass meetings for the nomination of candidates for councilmen were held Friday night by Blocks 3, 5, 6, and 14, in their respective dining halls. These blocks will hold their election on Monday, or 3 days after nominations.

Block 7 will nominate its candidates Saturday night from 7 PM and the election will take place in Laundry 7 on Tuesday from 1 to 9 PM.

Other blocks will hold their nominations and elections at the dates and in the manner prescribed by their respective election committees, which are being appointed by the Project Director at the recommendation of the block managers.

The Community Council will be authorized to establish such regular and special committees and commissions as may be necessary to carry out its duties and functions or to cooperate with the Project Director in promoting the general welfare of the residents, according to a statement approved by Project Director Charles Ernst.

U.S.S. OFFERS OUTSIDE JOBS TO RESIDENTS OF TOPAZ

The arrival of 3 officials at Topaz set in motion a plan whereby residents will be offered outside jobs through the United States Employment Service in cooperation with the employment division of the Project.

The three officials were George J. Brown, executive secretary of the Utah Agricultural Advisory Board; H. M. Clancy, regional farm placement representative of the U.S.S.; M. C. Nashua, farm placement supervisor of the U.S.S. for the State of Utah.

Work to be offered will be predominantly agricultural. Procedure for employers seeking workers among the residents is to place requests with their nearest U.S.S. office. These requests, in turn, will be forwarded to the W.R.A. officials.

At present, the U.S.S. office is in receipt of requests for labor from farms, to be recruited from the residents of the project.

Not only farm labor, but white collar and domestic work has been offered by employers of Cache County, as well as Logan, Salt Lake and Provo areas.

Prevailing wages will be offered, but as to disposition of the wages by the W.R.A., information is not available.

Actual recruiting of workers depends on the speed with which project officials file available workers to meet U.S.S. requests.

This is the second pre-issue of the Flnzn. Publication will actually begin when certain necessary supplies and equipment arrive.
COMMUNITY CENTER

Concentrated in the 33 corner of Block 4 are the canteen and the headquarters of Community Activities, Community Government, Community Welfare, Lost and Found, and the Division of Safety. Probably most familiar to residents in the canteen, which opened the second day after the first contingent arrived. At present it carries over 200 items and rings up $300 of sales daily.

Fastest moving items are ice-cream and beverages. Twenty-four hundred cups and bars of ice-cream move out easily in half a day. This week, a shipment of 240 bottles of grape-juice was gone in 2 hours.

The canteen is operated on a co-operative basis, with rebates to be made monthly. However, it was pointed out by Walter W. Hendrick, chief of community enterprise, that the operational policy of the canteen was contingent upon the approval of the residents, and he welcomed any suggestions for improvement.

In addition to its grocery store function, the canteen serves as the temporary postoffice of the City and also operates a Sears mail order service. It is open 11 hours a day during the week, 9 AM to 6 PM, and 5 hours on Sundays, 9 AM to noon and 1 PM to 5 PM.

But the canteen is not the only service functioning in this district. Community Activities, for example, was responsible for recruiting the drum and bugle corps that greeted new arrivals.

The chief function of this division is to keep the mental climate torrid through socials, entertainments, sports and special events. The art phalanx of Community Activities is at present operating at top speed, turning out signs for other divisions.

In general the functions ramify into all the activities supervised by the Rec Department in the assembly center, with the addition of religious activities.

Located next to Activities in Barrack 11 is the Community Government office. Its primary function at present is clarifying nomination and election procedure and generally expediting the birth of self-government in the City.

Also in the same building is the headquarters of Community Welfare. The personnel of this department involve counseling and social work. It arranges for furloughs, relocation, funerals, marriages, etc.

Across the street, in Barrack 16, is the office of the Division of Public Safety, which enforces the

EVENTUAL EMPLOYMENT ASSURED FOR 3000 TO 3500 PEOPLE

It is expected that eventually between 5000 and 3500 persons will be employed here in Topaz City. Such was the assurance given by James W. Jennings, head of the Placement section, in presenting the general employment situation of our new-born city. He declared that the dining halls, taken as a group, employ the largest number of workers at this time, but the Maintenance and Construction division and agriculture will eventually take the lead.

Interviewed this week, Jennings said: "While we have no definite figures as to the exact number of people who will be employed eventually, it is expected that there will be employment for 50% of those who apply for work."

"Placement for work is based upon the occupational survey conducted in Tanforan. Through a future survey workers' qualifications will be evaluated for additional skills to enable each person to render the greatest service within, or outside, the community."

Jennings emphasized the point that "Persons are not being placed until they have made the proper application and expressed willingness to work. This is to maintain the concept of voluntary work. It is understood that family situations, such as illness, fatigue or physical unfitness, may cause persons here to hide their time before applying for jobs."

"However, while jobs are filled on a strictly voluntary basis, it is hoped that full cooperation will be offered by the people in assisting in the development and beautification of our new city."

Regarding wages and work hours, Jennings explained: "The wage scale is $16 per month for general employment and $19 per month for those in the professions and these whose positions require a high standard of responsibility. The latter group includes doctors, engineers, dentists, certified teachers, qualified social workers, fire captains, editors and others."

A training program will be instituted whereby trainees will receive work experiences in a trade for which they have interest and aptitude part-time and classroom instruction in theory and related information needed in the trade part-time. Trainees will be compensated at the rate of $12 per month while in training. Uniform work hours are 44 hours per week."

The city also has a public library and a school system, which will be discussed in a later issue.
MORE ON ELECTIONS

A candidate for councilman must be a citizen of the United States, 21 years of age or over. The duties of the council will have to act as a legislative body regarding policies and measures within the framework of the WRA regulations. The council will also act in a liaison capacity between the residents and the administration.

The first meeting of the election committee, consisting of 5 members from each block, was held Wednesday at the Community Services headquarters, 4-11-D, under the chairmanship of Robert S. Ikei, junior administrative assistant to Norm E. Bell, Chief of the Community Services Division.

Ikei explained that any resident 18 years of age and over is eligible to nominate and vote, and nominalization will be made by acclamation from the floor at the general nominating meeting which will be open to all. He also stressed that announcements of the nominating meeting must be made through the available channels of information at least 6 days prior to the election.

While the position of councilman will be honorary and non-paying, there will be attached to the Community Council a full-time paid executive secretary, according to Ikei.

No block manager may be a candidate for councilman, he further clarified.

"We are desirous of getting this Community government started as soon as possible," he declared, "in order that Mr. Ikei, the project director, may have a consultative body representing the residents. In this way he hopes to achieve a maximum of harmony and reduce dissatisfaction to the minimum."

Block 7, first residential group to initiate machinery of self-government, elected house captains for each of the 12 buildings within the block. The house captains, in turn, at the direction of Block Manager George Onoe, recommended the 5 members of the election committee from their block.

If the system of house captains prove useful, other blocks are expected to follow Block 7's example.

The election committees so far announced follow:

Block 3—Roy Takagi, Vernon Ichikawa, the Rev. Z. Okayama, Kinjo Otsu, the Rev. Taro Goto.

Block 5—S. Fujii, Dr. Henry Takahashi, Dr. Ben Kondo, Dr. K. Isaya, Dr. Hirota.

Block 6—George Kondo, Susie Yamashita, Yuen Shikizu Ed Kitow, Mari Kyogoku.

Block 7—Key Nakahida, Yo Kanai, S. Hayashi, Hiro-Yuki Hirakawa, Hidehito Ishiyama.

Block 10—K. Nakajima, T. Matsubu, Dr. Carl Hirota, Harry Nomura, Dr. Fujita.

Block 15—Kana Akagi, S. Eikuma, S. Iwao, Takashi Tsuchuki, Toshi Koba.

Block 16—Takao Suzuki, Harry Nakamura, Inamaki Yamagawa, Shigetomi Suzuki, Shigeto Haraguchi.

Mie Ishida and Inagaki are connected with the National JACL Headquarters in Salt Lake City while Tsuchiya is a former Alama resident.

ARE JAIL TRAINS WOULD PUT IT. Keiji Urakabe, well-known nisei boxer, declared that reports of his death were "slightly exaggerated."

Many of Keji's friends remaining in Tanforan were mourning his passing after a story was circulated in the San Bruno center, reporting that Keji had been bitten by a scorpion at Tanforan, become delirious after blood transfusions failed and finally died. A telegram describing his death was then sent to Tanforan.

Along the first visitors to greet residents of Tanforan were Teiko Ishida, Mr. and Mrs. Nikkuru Tsuchiya and George Imagi. A message from the National JACL Headquarters in Salt Lake City while Tsuchiya is a former Alama resident.

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CHURCH NOTES

The Inter-Faith Church Council of the Topaz Relocation Center mapped plans for a religious center at its organizational meeting under the leadership of Lorne Bell on September 22 at the Community Service headquarters.

Using the recreational buildings as the basis, the Council set up temporary locales for the church meetings as follows: Catholic, 3; Buddhist, 11, 10; Protestant, 4-10-A, B; Seventh Day, 4-10-P.

The Council unanimously elected Rev. Taro Goto as its chairman and Rev. Kuruma as secretary. Due to the absence of the latter, Rev. Howard Toriumi was selected to serve as temporary chairman.

The following were selected to aid in religious publication, through the Topaz Times, for all church activities: Tad Hirota, Buddhist; M. Nishimura, Protestant; H. Komami, Catholic.

Rev. Taro Goto stressed Americanization as the central theme of the council.

Church programs released at this time for this Sunday are as follows:

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST AT REC #10

Adult Japanese-speaking—Saturday: Sabbath School from 9 to 10 AM; morning service from 10 to 11 AM under the chairmanship of Mrs. Motoyoashi; morning service from 10 to 11 AM, Wednesday: prayer meeting from 2 to 4 PM.

English-speaking church—Saturday: Sabbath School from 9 to 10 AM; morning service from 10 to 11 AM; young peoples meeting from 2 to 4 PM, Wednesday: prayer meeting from 2 to 4 PM.

PROTESTANT CHURCH AT REC #12


Adult Bible classes will be started Sunday, Oct. 4.

English-speaking at Rec #5, Sunday: Sunday School at 9 AM with message to be delivered by Rev. Howard Toriumi and George Hirose serving as chairman; service at 10 AM with message to be delivered by John Yamashita and Rev. Issa Wakami presiding as chairman. Wednesday evening service at 7 PM.

BUDDHIST CHURCH

Adult Japanese-speaking at Rec #8—Sunday: morning service at 10 AM with message to be delivered by Rev. Z. Okiyama and with T. Okamoto as presiding chairman.

English-speaking at Rec #10, Sunday School at 9 AM with message to be delivered by Rev. T. Kashima and Kay Harano as presiding chairman; service at 10 AM with message to be delivered by Rev. I. Kyogoku and Tad Hirota as chairman.

ON SCHEDULE

DANCE: Topaz’s First dance will be held tonight (Saturday) from 7 PM at Dining Hall I. The music will be provided through recordings, and Goro Suzuki will be the emcee. The Community Activities section is sponsoring this event.

DRUM AND BUGLE: A drum and bugle corps class will be held daily from 1 PM at 4-9-D. Tom Tsujii will be the instructor, and the class will be open to all interested boys.

HANDICRAFTS: Classes in various handicrafts will be held daily from 1:30 PM at 4-9-B. Instructors will be George Suzuki, Toby Hirobayashi, Ichiro Sasaki.
DIRECTOR’S MESSAGE

(From the Sept. 17 issue)

This Central Utah Relocation Project has been dedicated by the leader of
the advance contingent, Rev. Taro Sato, to the Glory of God. In that spirit we welcome every man,
woman and child who comes to help us fulfill through Divine Guidance whatever
Destiny lies before us.

We are the first to establish a collective home in this great hospita-
able State of Utah. We can obtain much encouragement from the
success which has been gained in spite of hardships of every description by the
early pioneers of this State.

You will find that the various agencies of the United States Government
have been mindful both of your material needs and of those opportunities which
you desire in the fields of religion, employment, education, health and recreation.

You will be shown every respect as besite the dignity and importance which
belong to every human being. You will in turn be expected to join your best efforts to those of your
fellow residents in the common objective of developing our community to
the greatest degree possible.

The adjustments will be many and difficult. With God’s help and blessing we can have faith and hope
for the future.

Charles F. Ernst
Project Director

SKETCH OF CHARLES F. ERNST

Charles F. Ernst, director of the Central Utah Relocation Project, was born in Boston, Mass. While a student at Harvard College in 1907, he was a
volunteer at South End House, a social settlement in Boston. It was there
that he met Mrs. Ernst, and together they have been actively engaged in
the general field of social service ever since that time either as staff
or as Board members.

In September 1927, the Ernst family came to the
Pacific Northwest and
settled in Seattle, Washing-
ton. Ernst was then
the manager of the Seattle branch of the Good Rubber
Company whose factory is
in Waterford, Mass.

By this time the family
had grown to the extent
of two sons. One, Charles, is now in Washington, D. C.
in the Naval Reserve; and the other, David, is a
post-graduate student at the
Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy in Med-
ford, Mass.

Ernst became active in the
problems of unem-
ployment relief first in
Seattle in 1931, then
later with the State of
Washington in 1935. For
eight years he was the
director of that depart-
ment, serving with the
then Governor Clarence D.
Martin.

In 1941, he joined the
staff of the American Public Welfare Association in Chicago; of which he has been
the president for two years.

In June of 1941, Ernst
joined the American Red Cross in Washington, D. C.
as liaison for the National Office of the Red Cross to the Office of Civilian
Defense under John Landis and to the Office of De-
fense Health and Welfare under Governor Paul McNutt.
The work with the Red Cross brought Ernst to the
Pacific Area Office in San Francisco in February
1944.

In August, Ernst joined
the War Relocation Authority and was assigned to
the Central Utah Pro-
ject, coming to Delta on
September 1.
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