FARM WORKERS Sought HERE FOR SUGAR BEET HARVEST

Vernon W. Baker, from the regional office of the WFA, and representatives from 4 sugar companies arrived in Topaz early this week to meet persons interested in sugar beet harvest.

"We appeal to every available farm worker to contact us immediately," Baker said, "in order to alleviate the acute labor shortage of this region. We can use everyone as work is plentiful. In view of the great need for peak agricultural production, residents of the project may consider their cooperation at this time as a patriotic gesture in behalf of the defense effort."

Baker and the 4 representatives have been meeting prospective workers at Recreation Hall #3 since Monday afternoon. They will remain for a few more days, and residents may see them from 9 A.M. to noon and 1 to 5 P.M.

It was emphasized that no charge would be made for dependents' lunch in the relocation center, that workers would be paid in cash, and that all enlistments would be on a voluntary basis.

Recruiting of workers in other assembly and relocation centers has already begun with successful results. Between Sept. 10 and 28, 1200 to 1400 workers were secured from all the centers. Before recruiting is completed at Topaz, it is expected that about 1000 workers will be hired.

Besides sugar beet work, farmers will need help for

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Most of the dining halls will be opened after the City is filled and the kitchen equipments arrive, according to Brandon Watson, chief project steward.

At present, except for a few exceptions, each hall is serving residents from 2 blocks. When the halls begin to function on the intended basis of one hall for each block, each hall will have a maximum staff of 36 workers. A total of 1,500 persons will eventually be working in the halls and the commissary.

FOOD: As to the food served at the halls, Watson reassured newcomers to Topas that the food was not to blame for the abdominal ailments now common among the residents here. He pointed out that this condition was prevalent among some construction workers and administrative officials even before the City's dining halls were opened.

MILK SUPPLY: The City's milk supply is coming from Delta, where it is pasteurized at 160 F. and chilled to 360 F. before delivery. All perishables are coming from California, where Nevada supplies the milk available for babies and elderly persons, and attempts are being made to increase the supply. He explained that "As requisition for food goes to the regional office in San Francisco about 50 days ahead of time on the basis of population needs, we must sometimes accept the supply to the demand, as when the requisition exceeds the estimate on which the requisition was based."

START DUTIES: Watson arrived in Topas on August 25 to set up the dining hall system. Prior to coming here, he was at Manzanar studying the conditions there.

As chief project steward, it is Watson's responsibility to order the City's food supplies from the regional office and to store and issue the foodstuffs as they arrive. The latter function includes that of daily transportation of adequate foodstuffs to the City's dining halls.

Charles Crawford and Ed Allen assist Watson in the stewarding department.

HOUSING

The housing department reported this week that the majority of the families coming to Topas from Tenforan fell into the categories of married couples or families of 3 members, and this situation has created a major housing problem for the A and F apartments (out of every 6 units) have been designated for such small families.

To meet this situation, Claude E. Cornell, chief of the Housing Division, last Thursday advanced a recommendation to Lee H. Softs, chief of the Public Works Division, advising that a group of 26 apartment buildings be divided into 12 units, instead of the present 6 units, for occupancy by married couples. Cornell maintained that a majority of the couples have expressed themselves as willing to accept smaller space if this would enable each couple to have their own room.

ADJUSTMENTS: Meanwhile, Arthur Eaton, head of the Quarter Section, has appointed Ernest Iwama as chief of provisions of adjustments, the Rev. Manzaaki as head of the family adjustments bureau, and Kenji Fujii as the head of the single men's adjustments bureau. These bureaus are housed in the Quarter Section's temporary headquarters, in the east area of the City.

MATTRESS PROBLEM: Two-day delays in the arrival of housing supplies, such as mattresses and blankets, have caused temporary shortages in these supplies and have added to the problems of the Quarter section. By Saturday, according to a survey made by the distributing group, about 30 percent of the families have been provided adequately with cotton mattresses and army blankets.

FIRST MOVEMENT: A total of 4,080 persons had been housed in Topas City by Thursday evening when the first movement from Tenforan was ended. This movement (exclusive of the advance group that came here on August 11) covered the period from Sept. 17 through Sept. 24, with an average of 500 persons arriving each day. The families averaged 4 members.

SECOND MOVEMENT: The second movement began Monday, according to the following general schedule of arrival:

- Sept. 20: residents for blocks 27 and 28; Sept. 26, blocks 29 and 30; Sept. 30, blocks 35 and 37; Oct. 1, 31 and 32; Oct. 2, 32 and 39; Oct. 3, 33 and 40; Oct. 4, indefinite.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Edwin B. Frodle, commissioner of the division of Public Safety, this week cautioned residents of Topas to remain within the occupied area of the project.

He stated, "This regulation is made in the interest of the construction work now on, rather than to limit the activities of the residents. It would not be wise at this time to say that number will be distributed to residents by the proportion system, to be fair to all."

Due to this measure, there is no need
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for any hoarding of lumber at present." Drivers: Drivers of vehicles were
decided to observe the present: Project speed limits of 15 miles per hour, in
order to reduce the dust hazard and mini-
mise the possibilities of accidents to
pedestrians.

When the Community Council is or-
organized to the extent that it can draft
ers, the division will concern itself
with the enforcement of such measures,
Fridley added.

STAFF: A Gaussian deputy commis-
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ioner will assist Fridley. The remain-
ing officers will consist of residents.
In order of ranking, they are: chief
of public safety, contains, fire chief
inspectors and wardens.

PUBLIC WORKS

The Public Works division, through
its irrigation project, will contribute
to the fight against the dust problem
now troubling Zononta City, according to
Lee E. Hoots, division chief.

The division's plans are that irrigation
water will be brought to the south-
est corner of Topaz, and a system of
ditches will be laid throughout the City
for irrigation and dust alleviation. The
irrigation project will include the irri-
gation of 3,040 acres, one mile east of
the City proper, for alfalfa and other
agricultural products.

Another important task planned by the
division is that of making a topographi-
cal survey of the entire Project area,
which consists of 27 sections or 17,488
acres.

CITY BUILDINGS: As to construction
buildings, it was indicated priorities
have been secured for the City's pro-
posed high school and 2 elementary
schools, and construction work on these
buildings is being planned.

Included among other buildings planned
for immediate construction are 3
machinery sheds, carport, plumbing and
garage repair shops.

STAFF: There are now some 30 resi-
dents employed in the Public Works divi-
sion as architects, civil engineers,
draftsmen and surveyors. -W. A. Keppler

FIRE PREVENTION

In the expectation that the City's
fire hazards will be increased appro-
ciably with the use of coal stoves in the
apartments, the following points
were called to the residents' attention
by Samuel V. Owen, chief of the Fire
Protective Division:

1. Don't let rubbish accumulate.

2. Don't hang clothing too close to
stoves and electric globes.

3. Take extreme care in the use of
electric irons, hot plates, pats, and
other electrical appliances.

4. Do not allow extinguishers filled
with water at all times so that they may
be available for instantaneous use.

"Fire is like a disease," Owen said,
"Just as doctors quarantine any source
of infection, so must we accumulate
all fire hazards and quarantine
any person who permits any such
condition to exist."

ORGANIZATION: A fire alarm system
will be installed shortly, and members
of the Internal Security force will co-
duct with the fire department in estab-
ishing fire patrols. Two engines
will be acquired and will be manned by
15 men at an engine, with 3 shifts of
crews on duty 24 hours of the day.

Serving under Owen will be a resident
fire chief and assistant chief, a cap-
tain for each crew, a chief mechanic and
a contain in charge of fire prevention.
The entire organization will have about
50 members.

FACTORS: Some of the unfavorable
factors for fire control in this City,
Owen said, were the low humidity of the
region, high winds, frame buildings and
central heating. He expects to offset them
by instituting greater vigilance and
higher efficiency among the crew.

BEAUTIFICATION

A program for community beautifi-
ation, calling for trees, shrubbery,
lawn and athletic fields, is now being
formulated by the City's landscape de-
signers under the direction of Romeo
Bell, chief of the agricultural division.

A statement by the designers have
practically completed their designs,
which will be submitted to the Community
Council as soon as possible.

The present plans, according to Bell,
are as follows:

EACH BLOCK: Each block will be provid-
ed with its own miniature park in the
shape of a piece of land, and it will also
have trees, shrubbery and lawns,
to be laid out in accordance with the
desires of the residents of the block.

Considerable care is being provided
for expression of individual initiative
and taste, and the final appearance of
the City will depend largely upon the
amount of effort the residents are will-
ing to spend for beautification.

ATHLETIC FIELDS: The main athletic
field will be situated in the broad
stretch of land adjoining the City
blocks on the south side. In it will be
located a skating rink, baseball dia-
mond, softball grounds, football field
(over)
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End possibly a golf course, according to present tentative plans. The open space to the east of the City blocks will probably hold tennis courts.

COMMITTEE: The community cemetery will be laid out on a plot located southeast of the City proper. It will be marked by a central court for memorial services.

SIAFA: Working on the plans are Tom Tekakii and Jon Arakats, both graduates, in landscape architecture, of the University of California, and Joe Norematsu, landscape designer.

SIAFA: Residents were asked to wait until the Community Council has approved the general plans before beginning any extensive work on their blocks so that provisions may be made for roach eradicating and such necessaries as walls, paths and service areas.

Some 10,000 cuttings for shrubbery, suitable to Topea's climate, and 15,000 are now available and will be planted this fall.

HOPE: The trees and shrubs, together with the improvement of roads and streets, will largely eliminate the dust clouds that now plague the City.

AGRICULTURE

(1) The following information on agricultural plans for Topea was released this week by Bosco Bell, chief of the Agricultural Division.

PROJECTS: According to the present plans of the administration, crops to be grown here will differ from the general produce of Central Utah. Sugar beets and a wide variety of truck crops, including spinach, celery, tomatoes and carrots, will be grown, together with melons, cucumbers and sunflowers. Some field crops such as alfalfa, barley and wheat, will be raised, but their use will be limited to that of feeding the cattle and poultry on the Project. Poultry and hog farms are definitely planned, and it's possible some beef cattle will be kept to consume surplus fodder, but no dairy cows are expected.

William C. Farrell, head of the Agricultural Production Section, has advised the division of possibilities of establishing a bee farm with an initial stock of 100 hives, but this is yet to be approved by the Project Director. There will be no orchards because of unworkable climate and soil.

Harvesting: The size of the entire area is approximately 18,000 acres, of which about 10,000 acres are irrigated for agricultural work. It's planned that 7,000 acres will be planted for the first year.

WORK PLANS: At present, approximately 20 persons are working under the agricultural division. A part of this crew is surveying and selecting the land to be farmed next year, while the others are starting to clear the grasses for planting. Results of the survey are not yet available.

About 75 men will be employed as the regular farm crew. More workers will be employed for related work; and as many as 300 to 500 workers may be working at any time for harvesting, which will start as early as next June, unless unforeseen difficulties arise. Harvesting of field crops will come between mid-September and October 31.

EQUIPMENT: There is no agricultural equipment at the present time, but adequate machinery is expected for the planting and harvesting seasons. About 2 caterpillar and 15 wheel tractors, along with all necessary accessories, are expected to arrive any day. If necessary, farm equipment will be rented in order that farm work may be started immediately.

Irrigation: The irrigation is done through major canals flowing from the Gunnison Bend Dam and Reservoir, which flows the Sevier River (which runs southwards along the western rim of Delta). The canals were originally constructed by the Mormon pioneers of the mid-nineteenth century and have undergone a number of repairs. Workers from Topea are expected to develop these canals further.

PROFITS: Bell expressed the belief that the agricultural project will show profit. "It is certain for one thing," he said, "that we shall have a great deal of self-sufficiency in regard to food. The quality of the food here will be improved since we shall have really fresh vegetables."

PRODUCTION: The soil of the farm area is not consistent, at least one year will be needed before the division, through experience, can gain knowledge as to what are the specific possibilities of the area. Farrell explained that: "It is known that most crops will grow somewhere in this area. The real problem is where is the consistency of the area soil; that is, the soil of certain parts of the proposed farm is suitable for agricultural development, while the soil of other parts will grow hardly anything. We have to manage to get the right crops on the right land."

Daniel Ota
sent in the administration recreation hall, west of the administration buildings, the postoffice will move within 2 weeks to a nearly completed building by the fire-house.

Since mail service began Sept. 13, with Benji Murota ‘as the lone mail carrier, an avalanche of new arrivals has necessitated the increasing of the PO personnel to 5, Besides Iyeki and Murota, the other members of the staff, including clerks, sorters and carriers, are Susumu Taki, Kiniko Yamada, George Kido, Toru Yamashita, Walter Makata, Frank Oshida and William Hirano. Also assigned to the PO area will be Tomo, from the Division of Public Safety—San Yamamoto and John Oshida.

ACCIDENT

A truck carrying 3 persons went into a deep pipe ditch near the northeast corner of Block 19, Monday night at 7:30 PM.

The driver, Kyoschi Akita, 7-E-A, received 2 stitches in the right temple for lacerations, at the Topaz Hospital.

Frank Saegawa, helper, was thrown into a gravel pile, while Kazumichi Tajii, riding on the back of the truck, escaped without injury.

Akita and Saegawa were taking Tajii’s freight boxes to his apartment at 28-6-B.

BIRTH

Topaz City’s second birth was recorded a little after 7 AM on Saturday, Sept. 26, when a 5 lb. baby girl was born to Mrs. Aki Moriwaki, 19-9-5. Dr. Eugenia Fujita was the attending physician.

The girl was named Suga Ann, after her aunt (Suga Ann). Ann is 4 days younger than Eugenia Takaki, born Tuesday morning, Sept. 22, at the Infirmary.

Mrs Moriwaki, the former Soku Saka of S.P., when interviewed, said that she wished Suga Ann "to become a useful citizen to help the people." Also, since she used to be a music teacher, Mrs. Moriwaki hoped Suga Ann would take up music when she grows up.

The father, happy and excited, could only mumble, "We’ll build her a nice home." Later, he was able to agree with his wife that the train ride from Tanforan must have hurried the birth, and that the Topaz medical staff had their fullest confidence.

Because of his wife’s expectancy, Aki, who came here with the Sept. 18th contingent as a train captain, did not apply for steady employment, but worked as a volunteer with the baggage crew and at the induction center. Aki was a wholesaler florist in San Francisco.

WATER

Regarding the city’s water supply, Capt. E. F. Dyer, area engineer of the U. S. Engineers, stated: "Analysis of our water by the State Board of Health revealed that there are some dissolved contaminants in the water, but the water is safe for drinking." The same view was also expressed by Dr. W. S. Ramsey, the City’s chief medical officer.

As to diarrhea, Capt. Dyer pointed out that various factors could contribute to its occurrence, including the high altitude and the extreme change in climate.

To insure safety from pollution, the water is given chlorination treatment, and as an improvement to the rudimentary systems of chlorination used previously, a chlorinator was installed this week for constant chlorination. At present the City is consuming water at the rate of approximately 100 gals. per minute. Capt. Dyer added that he expects to build enough wells to provide 1,000,000 gals. in 16 hours.

SAFETY

Ralph B. Friddle, commissioner of Public Safety, today said: "Drivers of all vehicles are cautioned to observe the Center speed regulation of 15 miles per hour. "Do not park within 25 feet of buildings unless loading or unloading. "Keep on main roads; drive carefully. "Drive slowly over roads covered with dust."

MORE ON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

shown in Block 55, where 126 voters out of 209 eligible turned out. Chiraru Kosakuma, one of the councilmen at Tanforan, won the representative’s post with 106 votes.

But while certain blocks were electing their representatives, others—formed later—were preparing for their elections. Election committees filed the machinery for booking in Blocks 9, 10, 11 and 15, which held their nomination meetings last Monday and Tuesday.

It was emphasized that block managers were eligible to run for the Community Council, but if elected, they must resign their block managership.

In the 4 blocks, the following residents were appointed election committee members:


BLOCK 10—Koschi Tatsuo, Tom Tanese, Hajime Yoshizawa, Hideo Ikeda, James Yamamoto.


BLOCK 16—Masato Onishi, Masazo Shinozuka, Tatsuya Kataoka, Paul Fujii, Osuke Takezawa.
MORE ON WORK FURLoughS

various truck crops. Not only men, but women are welcomed.

All workers will be paid the prevailing wage, which is determined by the Department of Agriculture for each given locality. For instance in Cache County (see above), the following figures are quoted for topping and loading: the maximum wage is $1.55 per ton for acreages that yield 6 tons or less; the pay is then graduated to $1.10 per ton for acreages that yield 18 tons or above. These figures are also observed in Utah County.

In addition to the counties already mentioned, Millard County has requested workers, as well as Franklin County in Idaho. More counties are expected to be named as their requests receive clearance from the state and county officials regarding the safety and protection of the farm workers.

Though workers have already been hired on a day-to-day basis for farms adjacent to Topaz, the WRA is concerned with recruiting farm laborers on a contract basis.

Workers are assured free transportation and meals to and from the place of work. Some employers have also expressed their willingness to allow workers to send for their families, with the proper clearance from the WRA. The employers will furnish housing for both workers and their families.

In many cases, farmers will find other jobs for the workers, which will extend beyond the harvest season into the winter. The WRA has allowed a certain period after the completion of the contracted work, wherein the worker may seek other employment if he desires.