THE CITY: TOPAZ DELTA TO EXCHANGE RECEPTIONS

To encourage mutual understanding between the communities of Topaz and Delta, an exchange of receptions has been started. Four members of the Community Council of Topaz were guests of the Delta Lion's Club Wednesday evening at Delta High School. They were Masaaki Ishiyama, Vernon Ikehaza, James Hishihara and Kisho Moriyama. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Brandon Watson.

Plans for a return reception are now being made by the Council, with the date set for Wednesday, Nov. 4.

MEMBERS: Since Oct. 21, 3 more new block representatives have been added to the Community Council, raising the membership of that body to 22. The full membership will total 35.

The new councilmen are Tamie Baba, Block 36; Hachiro Yasui, 4; Takatomi Inoue, 36; Shinzaku Kayama, 36; and Hiroshi Nishimae, 46. Baba has been named to the constitution committee.

EDUCATORS VISIT CITY

To investigate the educational activities offered in Topaz, 3 state and 2 county officials of education visited the city early Wednesday morning.

The group included Charles H. Skidmore, state superintendent of public instruction; David Courley, assistant state superintendent of schools; Cecil L. Samuelson, assistant state director of vocational rehabilitation; W.A. Paxton, superintendent of Millard County schools; and Louise Henderson, primary supervisor of Millard County.

While here, they participated in an informal conference with the leaders of the Education Division, to encourage the school systems of Topaz, Millard County and the state.

SPOOKS TO TAKE OVER

Oh, chichimon for Halloween parties, promised today that: "Spooka go lore will take over Topaz this Saturday, and fun will be in store for everyone young and old."

Sponsored by the Community Activities Section, the parties will be held Saturday afternoon and evening and will feature holiday games, ghost-story-telling, dancing, and spooks.

Youngsters from 7 to 11 years old will have their parties in Room 9 and 27 from 1:30 P.M. In the evening, from 7 P.M., the junior high age group will share in the fun at Rooms 9 and 27; senior high age group, at Rooms 20 and 21; and the older group, at Dining Hall 36.

Leaders who will be in charge of the different parties are George Suzuki, Kiyo Fujii, Ichiro Kasaki, Isabel Koba, Yutaka Kobayashi, June Tanaka, Goro Suzuki, May Morikawa, Toma Asamiya, Yuki Nakamura, George Yonekura, and Ted Hirota.

PAYMENTS: A good number of notices will have to be crammed into this column today.

To begin with, there's the matter of paychecks. Wednesday night, a stream of people came up to the old Post Office to claim their checks, but the office wasn't open. Jack H. Minor, fiscal accountant, explained the next morning that lack of heating facilities in the PO building cancelled the arrangement announced for the evening. However, he added, checks will be given out Friday night (tonight) at the old PO from 8 to 9 P.M., as well as during the day.

ANITA'S HINTS, TOO: Also, Students With chores, covering the period from Nov. 14 to Sept. 15, will be available at the same place during the same hours.

And Paul Ockerland, assistant head of Community Enterprises, has announced that the checks may be cashed at the Post Office, Red 12, from 9 A.M. to noon and 1 to 4 P.M. "After the rush for cashing has subsided, checks may be cashed most anytime at the office," he added.

POST OFFICE: The entire Post Office has now been moved to the new building (part of the former PO), reports Hideo Iyeki, superintendent of resident workers. All packages should be claimed at the new PO.

The Placement Office has moved into the building vacated by the PO. SHING NAKAHARA, J.P. Naeper, of the Topaz High School industrial arts department, announced that boys 16 years and over who have access to a saw or hammer and who are not already employed in winterization work, are requested to volunteer for employment, at 2-9.
STATISTICIAN LEAVES CITY

Mrs. Fern B. French, who came to Topaz on October 21 to organize the individual record survey, left the City Thursday afternoon for Arkansas.

As associate statistician for the WRA, Mrs. French will continue her present assignment in conducting similar surveys in other relocation areas. In Arkansas she will visit the Jerome and Rohwer centers.

Mrs. French said Thursday, "I’ve become quite attached to this place and the residents with whom I’ve had contact. I’m going to enjoy my return visit, in 3 weeks, to observe the results of the survey."

OUTSIDE WORK FIGURES GIVEN

By Isao Kawakami

From Sept. 24 to Oct. 22, 700 residents took up outside work, according to latest figures released by the Employment Division.

Of this number, 570 men employed in agricultural work in Utah, Idaho and Oregon, including apple, carrot and potato picking and turkey feather plucking. One hundred and thirty others, commuting daily from Topaz to their work, are in construction work, domestic and industrial labor.

As an indication of the wide area covered by the sugar beet work, workers have gone to farms adjoining the following cities and towns in Utah: Salt Lake City, Ogden, Hooper, Price, Pleasant Grove, Smithfield, Low- isdale, Cornish, Hyde Park, Trenton, Wellsville, Morgan, Farron, Clearfield, Tayson, Sandy, Logan, Spanish Fork, Deer Park, Delta, Saltine, Richfield, Aurora, Spanish Fork, and Abraham.

In Idaho, Topaz sugar beet contractors are at Peestilo, Caldwell, Blackfoot, Shelley, Preston, Ashton, Clifton, Firch, Teton City, Idaho Falls and Wilder.

Oregon workers are at Nyssa.

An interesting fact was that among the 97 sugar beet contractors were: U. Sago of Peestilo, Idaho; Katsu Matsue of Sandy; Kiki Furgus of Abraham; and Fred Morita, Hiroshi and Mas Arosaki of Price, (all in Utah).

Starting Oct. 9, 23 apple pickers left Topaz. All want to Provo, Utah.

Sixteen apple and potato pickers left Oct. 13, 14 and 15. Four went to Alpine and 12 to American Fork, both in Utah.

Fifty-three turkey feather pluckers left Topaz on 2 days, Oct. 10 and 11. Their contracts were with A. T. Bailey and Sons Company in American Fork.

Among the residents who reside and work outside the center are 18 hotel workers, 4 domestics, 3 cooks, 2 metal workers and one butcher.

Of those who commute daily to their work from Topaz, sugar beet work near Delta claimed the largest number with 36, while farm work, including truck gardening and alfalfa harvesting, drew 30. For construction workers, Delcy Bros. led the list with 18; Tywan and Rosers, 18; U. S. Engineers, 2; Wendell Shurtliff, 2; L. A. Nickles, 6; Lee Cram, 1; L. A. Shurtliff, 2; H. R. Drilling, 2; and R. moss, 1: Ton work for Delta Milling. A scrap metal drive in Millard County called 2 workers, while a former Topaz resident is now employed as a linotypist at the Millard Chronicle in Delta.
By Harumi Kawahara

Seeds planted during the educational sessions from Oct. 1 to Oct. 17 sprouted Oct. 22, when the elementary schools opened and then flowered this week with the beginning of secondary school classes on Monday.

Out of the informal teacher conferences, which were held daily except Sunday for the 2 weeks, grew specific plans for the elementary and secondary school curriculum. The faculty, after studying a number of systems for merit and application to conditions here, approved a tentative plan of program which is now being used.

The school crisis workshop had the services of Dr. Robert S. Cision, assistant director of education and recreation for the WRA, who was here from Oct. 7 to 12 to interpret and inject the "community school" theme into the Topaz educational system. Under the authorization of WRA, then, the school was advised to promote good relationships with the community and utilize all phases of community life.

THE SYSTEM: A modification of the California and Utah state systems—a 6-6 division of grades—was adopted. Further, there was no distinction of "high" or "low" within a grade.

In order to prevent any confusion of the students in deciding which grade they should enter and what subjects they might best take, a counseling program was maintained during registration hours. The afternoons last week were spent in changing programs and increasing or decreasing classes.

Among the courses offered are social living and language arts, industrial arts, home arts, mathematics, social sciences, general science, drama, public speaking, library and supervised reading, music, art, foreign languages, agricultural science, business and physical education.

Special attention was focused on a complete college preparatory program. From the forms returned, the department discovered that the speech training and agricultural courses were the least favored subjects. Most popular were courses pertinent to college requirements, indicating a desire on the part of most students for college training.

Forty-three native teachers—14 in the secondary school and 29 in the elementary school—are working in the Education Department now, either as regular instructors or cadets, but it is expected that some of them will be replaced when more Caucasian teachers arrive.

CAUCASIAN PERSONNEL: So far 21 Caucasians are on the teaching staff. The medium through which they heard about the educational project at Topaz were varied. Several heard the news over the radio; others read about it in the papers and investigated. Still others were notified by the placement services of their universities or colleges. One instructor interested in social work was influenced by the reputation of Charles M. Taft and Lorna H. Bell, both well-known in social welfare work.

But most of the teachers said that they came to a remote community like Topaz because they wanted to see whether they could "take it," whether their ability was sufficient to meet the test of (cont.)
abnormal conditions. They recorded it as an experience which would later prepare the way to other vocational fields. A few, who were originally lured here by the cash, now feel that the adventure in a pioneering teaching movement superseded their original purpose.

Some typical statements follow:

DONIE WINTNER—former home economics teacher at University of Oregon: "The call appealed to me because it will be an interesting experience, for its abnormal conditions. As such it should prove a highly progressive venture, the kind you don’t get in ordinary schools. I’m not disillusioned at all by the situation here and I expect a smooth set-up by the end of the year."

L. S. MORRIS STRAND—formerly taught at Technical High in Oakland and San Francisco Junior College: "I consider this a real challenge, with the chief experience coming from the novelty of the experience, the kind you can’t find anywhere else. Having been in social welfare, I think the reputation of Mr. Traut and Mr. Bell brought me here as much as anything else."

MILDRED REPP—taught for 2 years in Utah high schools, was a process engineer for Remington Arms Co. in Salt Lake City: "I believe in the philosophy that people should move around, meet new people, embrace new conditions, and try to grow in the knowledge and understanding of those people and conditions. I’m here in this center not for lucrative reasons, but for the broader experience involved, which should prove a valuable experience for other types of vocations. Conditions here are poorer than I expected. We have promised facilities for housekeeping, and so forth, but then, the whole project has been delayed. It should improve with time. Then I expect to bring my family to join me."

LOTTE I. S. KUHNS—former teacher in Oregon schools: "I wanted this opportunity to meet different kinds of groups of people. I’ve formerly worked with Oriental and Indian and now I’ve come this chance to teach among the Japanese. This was my strong appeal to this place. It will afford good training for government service. Further I have this experience with its excellent background may prove a calling card to other jobs once this City is abandoned. Then again, since I consider this more or less a defense project, I’m getting the defense work I want."

M. H. J. K. BONTEMPS—former teacher, Motor Vehicles Department of State office: "The spirit of adventure as much as anything else brought me out here. Then I was a young girl, I was given a trunk for a gift. That trunk and I have gone all over the States, and it’s here with me now."

ALVIN JONES—formerly principal of Shelley Junior High School, teacher for 12 years: "Money as well as the attraction of a new system, conducive to progressive activity, induced me here."

LEON A. TERSTOY—graduate Bachelors Young University: "I want to know more about people that I’ve never known before. I’ve had some contact with Japanese in university classes, but not much. I think the residents here aren’t given much credit for their loyalty. I really want to help them, and I think this is the best medium of doing just that—teaching here. I had a better paying job in Salt Lake City, so I’m here for the salary by any means. This is going to be exciting, I think anything is different. You can’t ask for a better set-up if you really want to start from scratch. I liked the idea of teaching and being a part of such a system."

GEORGE L. MILLER—truck driver, drama teacher, radio announcer: "The salary attracted me first. Secondly, the unfamiliarity of the conditions intrigued me. I’m really enthusiastic about this venture now, and I’m looking forward to building a stage in every dining hall."

DON CAPTAIN: "Another aspect of work for 3 years and possesses a natural interest in unusual human relationships, I was mainly intrigued by the abnormal situation and how the residents might combat this condition. I was prepared for the unfinished conditions here. Therefore, not being totally unprepared, I’m not disappointed at all."