

II

ACTIVITIES UNDER WAY

I. FINE ARTS

- A. Art classes (sketching, portraits, still life and landscape) for boys and girls 12-16, have now disbanded with the opening of public schools. Three instructors have transferred to other departments of the Project.

1. On Labor Day, the art students held an exhibit in which works of thirty-one students were displayed.
2. Commercial art classes

B. Dance Group

1. The opening of schools on September 14 resulted in a drastic change in schedule for students. Since the majority of students are attending school the time schedule has now been changed so as to allow students to take dancing lessons in the evenings, Saturday and a few hours on Sunday. Those not attending school are taking lessons in the afternoon.
2. The enrollment to date is 600 with five instructors. The average daily attendance is approximately 60 students between the ages of 3 to 35 years old.
3. The Dance group together with the Music studio held on August 22, a Music and Dance program with everyone in costume.
4. The Dance group also gave a performance for the benefit of the Caucasian school teachers who had come to the Project.
5. On Labor Day the Dance studio participated in a Fine Arts recital program and also held an open house at which time thousands of spectators had opportunity to see classes conducted. Rumba, tango, ballet, acrobatic, tap and Japanese classical dance (odori) were the types demonstrated at the open house. These classes have become popular with the Project staff members as well as the Colonists.

6. With the approaching of cold weather, performances may not be staged at the outdoor platform so the dance and music groups plan to entertain the Community people within their respective wards with cabaret type of entertainment. The tour is expected to begin October 30.
7. On October 31, the dance group will participate in the costume parade which will be one of the feature attractions for the Harvest festival which is to celebrate the first harvest in this Community's farm.

C. Drama

1. Enrollment of this group increased to nearly eighty but activities have been limited to short skits because of lack of plays. The group participated in the Labor Day program with a mock wedding in rhyme. At the present, the Little Theater group is endeavoring to produce several one-act plays and will also collaborate with the Writer's group in the production of plays. The group has been encouraged by the addition of several members of the Caucasian teaching staff, who have had experiences in drama.

D. Floral Arts

1. This is one of the most progressive departments from the standpoint of increase in enrollment and the steady output by members of classes. Flower-making classes have an enrollment of 980 with twelve instructors of whom seven are volunteers. Flower-arrangement classes have an enrollment of 750 with six instructors. The Floral Art department has contributed flowers to various departments of the C.A. section and also has provided flowers to individuals desiring flowers for various purposes such as weddings, funerals and so forth, all at cost.
2. At the Labor Day open house, the Floral Arts department had one of the best exhibits and spectators lined up all day to see the display. The interest was so great that the show was held over an extra day.
3. On Labor Day, flowers were provided by the department for the Queen's float and also for the Coronation ceremony.

E. Music

1. Total enrollment is 1053 students with sixteen paid instructors and eleven volunteers. Over half of the total enrollment is for piano classes with approximately 140 actually taking lessons.
2. Instruments taught at present are as follows: Clarinet, Hawaiian strings, Piano, Trumpet, Guitar, Violin, and dance band.
3. Other courses are; voice, piano pedagogy, choral, ear training class, music appreciation and Acappella.
4. Students participated in the Music and Dance program and also performed for the Caucasian teaching staff. On Labor Day members of the staff and students performed at the Open House recital.
5. Besides participating in the proposed Harvest Festival in late October, the music group will in conjunction with the dance studio tour the different wards to entertain the Community people.
6. The Sunday evening record concert has been very popular, attracting 300 people each meeting. Following the concert, a discussion and talk is given a few days later at another meeting by one of the music instructors.
7. As with the dance classes, music studio is now undergoing a change in schedule and with only four pianos to accommodate all the piano applicants, and with lesson hours cut down because of school hours, the students will be limited more than ever.

II CRAFTS

- A. Wood carving classes have disbanded with the opening of school and the termination of the instructor who has changed to the school department. Many of the plaques awarded to winners of various contests, ^{such as kite contest, queen contest,} boy scouts' awards have been made by the wood-carving classes. The classes displayed exhibits of their work at the Labor Day Open House.
- B. Knitting, sewing, crocheting, and embroidery classes are also under-going change in schedule because of the school.

1. This group also had an exhibit at the Open House which attracted several thousand spectators.
- C. Sewing and pattern drafting classes with a total enrollment of over 600 students with thirteen instructors, have been transferred to the Adult Education department. The sewing classes not only made dresses, table sets but also cooperated with the dance and music studios in making costumes and scenery for the programs. Many of the materials used in the popularity Queen contest costumes were made by the sewing department.

III BOYS AND GIRLS ORGANIZATIONS:

- A. Boys' Clubs: The total enrollment is 150 with three paid leaders and fourteen voluntary ones, two in each ward.

1. With the opening of schools many of the activities conducted during the day have been curtailed so that organizations such as the Boys' Clubs have to change their schedules to allow boys to meet at night.
2. A membership drive is now under way by wards so as to provide boys an opportunity to conduct activities under qualified leaders.
3. Sports, games, hikes and indoor activities are some of the plans made for the winter season now approaching.

- B. Boy Scouts:

1. There are over 600 boys enrolled in fourteen troops and four cub packs, all led by voluntary leaders.
2. A great advancement in Boy Scouts' activities in this area was made with the organization of the 5th District Council of Tule Lake. Hereafter, the local Council will give supervision to the District through a member of its staff or a special field District Commissioner and other Scouts. A leadership training program will be conducted by the local Council and advancements in various phases of Scout activities will be supervised by counselors officially appointed by the local Council from Colonists and Caucasians.

3. Scouts participated in the Flag Dedication ceremony on Labor Day and 15 conduct the daily Flag Raising and Lowering ceremony.
4. The Boy Scouts had an exhibit of their crafts at the recent Labor Day Open House and will hold an elaborate Field Day on September 26 and 27 which will include parade of colors, songfest, Flag Raising ceremony and field events in which Scouts from 14 troops will compete.

C. Camp Fire Girls:

1. Enrollment is 73 with two leaders. The girls participated in the Labor Day Open House exhibits and at the present time are not definite as to future plans until the revised schedule is made. Opening of school has made changes in schedule necessary.

D. Girl Reserves: (12-18)

1. Approximately 200 girls are enrolled in two divisions: Juniors and Seniors.
2. Girls had an exhibit at the Labor Day Open House and entered the Labor Day parade.
3. Hikes, folk-dancing, singing and discussions are some of the activities on the program.

E. 4-H Club: (8-16)

1. Total membership for Juniors and Seniors is 75. Extensive plans are now being made for a Community-wide membership drive. The club is endeavoring to obtain State and National recognition at the present.

F. Future Farmers:

1. Since the leader in charge has left the Project, the group is at a standstill until another leader can be found.

G. Majorettes, drill team and band enrollment is over 90.

1. The girls' drill team won first prize in the Labor Day parade in their division. The majorettes and drill team participated in the Music and Dance

program and also at several rallies. A membership drive is now under way for both drill and band.

IV YOUTH SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

- A. Social Dances: Through the sponsorship of the C.A. department, weekly dances have been held at two dance halls. Private dances at the two dance halls and also with blocks and wards have increased to such an extent that rules have been formulated by the C.A. dance committee to regulate the use of halls and incidentals so as to avoid conflicts in time and place.
- B. Songfests have been held from time to time but with cold weather, large outdoor gathering in the evenings has been fewer. Leaders from the C.A. section have taken turns in leading the songfest.

- C. Talent Shows:

- 1. The Music and Dance studios presented a show on August 22 in which everyone was in costume. The program was the first of its kind and usherettes were also used to help the wardens in seating the people. The majorettes and the drill team gave a demonstration and the 30 piece band made its debut with several numbers. The performers were almost all pupils and the performances ranged from vocal solos to the finale in which the entire group participated.

- 2. Labor Day Festival

On September 7, Tule Lake Project celebrated its first Labor Day in the greatest celebration yet held at this project.

Labor Day Queen Contest

As one of the leading attractions in the festival, the Popularity Queen contest to select the girl to reign over the Labor Day Holiday created tremendous interest among the Colonists. With 23 candidates entered, each representing organizations such as dining halls, fire department and other service groups, the Coronation Rally held on August 31 to present the candidates, attracted over 5,000 people to the outdoor stage. The sponsors of each candi-

date gave skits or speeches to introduce the contestants and to boost her popularity. Following the semi-final voting, the candidates narrowed down to seven and on Saturday, September 5, the impressive Coronation rites were held at which time the Queen selected from the 7 was crowned by the Project Director, Mr. Elmer L. Shirrell, and the royal court introduced to the crowd estimated at over 6000.

Sumo Tournament (Japanese wrestling)

On Sunday, September 6, a sumo tournament, probably the last one for this year, was held at the outdoor sumo pit and attracted a crowd of 2000 sumo enthusiasts predominantly Issei (1st generation). The tournament was under the sponsorship of the Adult Social Activities department with the assistance of numerous volunteers.

Parade

The Labor Day festivity officially opened with the gigantic parade in which 1,000 people participated including 10 floats and 15 marching units. The parade route covered nearly a third of the Community and an estimated crowd of over 12,000 saw the parade. Although trucks for the floats were obtained only through considerable difficulty in view of the acute rubber and truck shortage, the participants for the various prizes offered in two float divisions: commercial and service (carpenters, plumbers, hospital, fire department) showed their ingenuity and skill in decorating their respective floats. The sweepstakes prize was won by the Farmers with an elaborate float while two other entrants won the other prizes. The Labor Day Queen and her six attendants were on the non-competitive Community Activities float which had for its theme, the Tule Lake Community with Mt. Shasta and the Peninsula Hill for the background and barracks, tule weed and cat-tails in the foreground.

Marching units including the 30 piece marching band participated in the two hour parade. Prizes were awarded to various marching units which were

also divided into divisions: senior winners (Girls' Drill team, Boy Scouts) junior (majorettes, Cub Scouts) nursery.

Flag Dedication Ceremony

Immediately after the parade participants had passed the reviewing stand with its judges and Administrative officials, the Color Bearer and Guards together with the Tule Lake U.S. War Veterans assembled around the 102 foot flag pole. Following the flag dedication speech and acceptance by a member of the Tule Lake War Veterans, the Flag Raising ceremony followed. The Project Director delivered the Labor Day speech and the morning events were concluded with the singing of the National Anthem by the assembled Colonists and Administrative officials.

Open House

This part of the holiday events took place in the afternoon. The exhibits were roughly divided into Fine Arts which included art class exhibition in which 31 students exhibited pencil and charcoal drawings of portraits, still-lives, figure and landscapes. Prizes were awarded to winners.

Under Crafts, adult knitting and crocheting classes consisting of 63 participants exhibited knitted sweaters, skirts, suits, socks; crocheting exhibits such as table cloths, bed spreads; and novelties consisting of wooly dogs, teddy bears, etc.

Sewing and drafting exhibits consisting of works by 135 persons exhibited patterns and clothing. Five thousand attended this exhibit.

Red Cross knitting, sewing, quilting, and crocheting classes also had exhibits.

Dance department had exhibitions of the different types of dancing taught including the following: tap, acrobatic, odori (Japanese classical) and ballet. Fifty students participated.

Dramatics or Little Theater group presented a short mock wedding in rhyme in which 13 persons participated.

Fall Fashion Parade was presented by 15 models who displayed custom-made clothes before more than 500 people.

Floral Art department displayed one of the outstanding exhibits with displays of artificial and natural flowers and vases, most of them made by Colonists. The arrangements were of the formal (seika) and informal (moribana and nageire) styles numbering approximately 52 entries with 21 participants. The exhibit which was held over for a second day was visited by approximately 11,000 people.

Other outstanding exhibits were wood-carving, Boy Scouts, Girl Reserves, Campfire Girls, Red Cross First Aid, 4-H Club, Weight-lifting Club, Agriculture and nurseries. The music, dance and drama groups presented a recital as a part of the Open House in which participants sang, danced and members of the Little Theater presented a mock wedding in rhyme.

The Open House was the first held in this Colony and was not only popular but also demonstrated to the Colonists and outside visitors, the work and talents of the Colonists.

Athletics: Held in the afternoon.

As another highlight of the Labor Day program, the various All-star softball and hardball games by both boys and girls, fire department and the Wardens and old-timers attracted thousands of spectators. Most of the all-star games were between the Northerners and the Californians but even though rivalry was keen, the games were played cleanly with a great deal of enthusiasm.

Talent Shows

The Labor Day program was brought to a climax with the all-star talent shows in the evening. The Nisei group presented their show first with the presentation of the Queen and her attendants. The Issei Group later presented their show while the younger people went to the Queen's ball which brought the day's festivity to an end.

In summarizing the Labor Day festivity, the outstanding point of the program was the wholehearted cooperation from the various participants in spite of numerous obstacles such as the lack of material and time. Such a public demonstration of willingness to cooperate is very helpful in the maintenance of Community morale.

D. Harvest Festival to celebrate the first harvest in the Community is planned for October 31 (Halloween). Costume parade, bazaars, side-shows, entertainment and costume dance are some of the events planned.

E. With winter approaching and weather becoming unpredictable, much of the activity will have to be staged indoors.

1. For all youth social activities, leaders within the C.A. department and volunteers have been conducting the various activities.

V. ADULT SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

A. The Adult Social department was re-organized and several important changes made in the administrative positions and policies. Although the C.A. department is conducting through its leaders, clubs, such as goh, shogi and karuta (chess, checkers and cards) and senryu and haiku (epigrams and poetry) with over 200 members in each group, the majority of the members are men. Women attend floral arts and craft classes such as knitting, crocheting, sewing, and pattern drafting.

B. The adult activities department has sponsored many entertainment programs through its leaders but since a Players club has been organized by people in the Community, its chief functions in the presentation of entertainment has been the coordination of this entertainment so as to prevent conflicts in time and place. The department has also been the clearing house for the halls, public address system, wardens, the outdoor stage, pianos and scenery used by the Players' Club. In addition, the adult advisory board composed of seven colonists who do not represent any ward, have the authority to determine the type of entertainment that may be presented to the Community.

C. In addition to the numerous entertainment sponsored by the adult activities department other plans now under way are the block entertainment programs.

- D. The adult department will also participate in the Harvest Festival.

VI DAY SCHOOLS (6-12): 600 enrolled with 26 teachers.

- A. The seven C.A. nurseries (day schools) have disbanded with the opening of the regular schools, and the 26 teachers have either transferred to other C.A. departments or entered the school departments.
- B. The day schools accomplished a great deal in keeping the young children occupied and preparing them for the regular school work. On August 22, the children had a field day in which they sang and performed.
- C. The pupils also took part in the Labor Day parade and in the Open House. Drawings, dolls and toys made by the students were exhibited.

VII SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

- A. Forum: The attendance for the forums has dwindled down with the coming of cold weather and future forums will be held in the dining halls. Panel discussions (Should marriage be encouraged within the Project?) and oratorical contests have attracted considerable interest. A mock trial will be conducted in October and is to be the first of its kind to be held here.

The oratorical contest was very successful and though inclement weather made it necessary to conduct it in the dining halls, the number of participants (senior and junior divisions) and the attendance was encouraging. Topics chosen were diversified and the contest served to encourage Colonists in participating in Community-wide affairs.

Like most new ventures, many of the special interest clubs sprung up and then died down with the exception of one or two which continued to flourish.

- B. The Creative Writing Club is still meeting and members continue to turn out works that are being published in the Community magazine. This group has been fortunate in having capable leaders who are able to create and maintain interest. The group has been augmented by members of the Caucasian teaching staff and new ideas have consequently developed.

The group is currently sponsoring an Essay contest in conjunction with the magazine which is published by the Community newspaper.

- C. Book Club has an enrollment of 25 and the members still meet once a week to discuss books and writers. Books will be bought and then circulated, and with the proceeds, more books will be bought.
- D. Other clubs such as Art, U.S. War Veterans, Junior Book and Music Appreciation are at a standstill, some because of the lack of interest, others because of conflict with school schedule, and still others because of lack of materials.
- E. Clubs such as professional and businessmen's groups may be organized with the winter season and lack of other activities. Various University clubs have been organized and at present there are two: University of California which is open to men and women and the Tri-State Coeds group which is only for college girls.

VIII

AMERICAN RED CROSS CHAPTER was organized in this Community and services such as: knitting, crocheting, social service work and home service (inquiries abroad) will be organized with paid secretaries to handle the details.

- A. Red Cross knitting and crocheting classes have been organized and the product sent to the local chapter in Klamath Falls, Oregon.
- B. Emergency first aid courses have been given to wardens, firemen and Junior Red Cross members.

IX

LIBRARY

- A. The library is still under the C.A. section since provision has not yet been made to transfer it to another section of the Project departments. The number of books on hand is approximately 8,000 with an average of 600 taken out daily. The average daily attendance is 800. There are only two daily papers available and no regular magazines for circulation.
- B. There is a need for a Recreation library. Books and materials on Leadership Training and Recreational Activities would be very helpful.

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ATHLETICS

- A. With the opening of schools and the change in season, much of the athletics program has been curtailed. The

baseball season is nearly finished for over 1800 participants and fall sports are now being organized.

- B. Judo, boxing, wrestling and tumbling are indoor sports that have been forced to become idle due to inadequate equipment and facilities.
- C. Weight-lifting is the only major sport now active and 140 members are in the classes. The members participated in the Labor Day holiday with an Open House and also collaborated with members of the dance group in staging a dance number.
- D. Table tennis tournaments have been held with numerous contestants.
- E. Volley ball, soccer, basketball and football are the sports now under way. There are approximately six volley ball courts.
- F. Basketball courts have been constructed in various wards but not in the quantity to meet the demand that would arise as soon as the baseball season is over. Football fields may be constructed but the lack of equipment would make the game hazardous for most players.
- G. Hikes have become popular with the Colonists and over 2,000 have gone on a single day.
- I. Indoor activities will become important with the winter season so the athletics department is making plans for the expected changes.