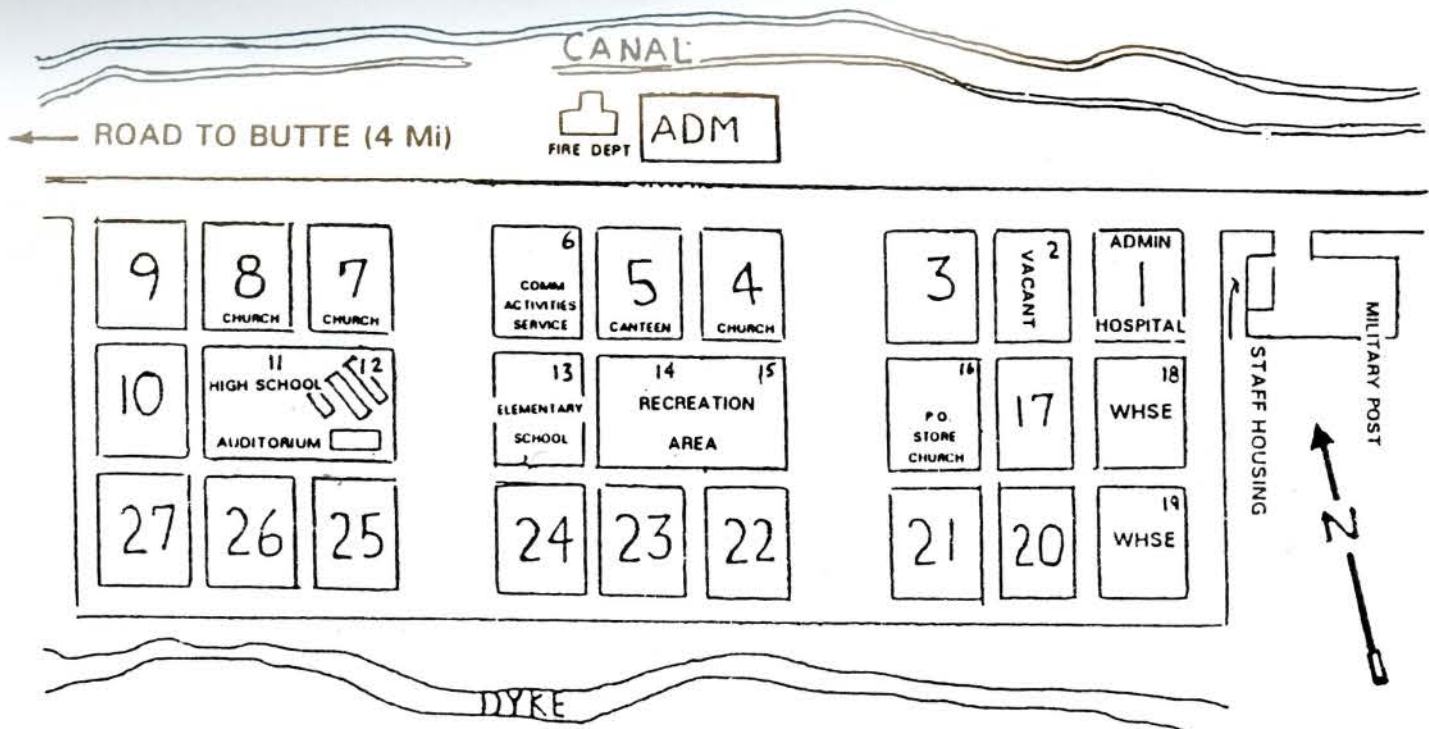


Legend of Rivers

The place called "Rivers" located on the Gila River Indian Reservation (home of the Pima Indians), lies within the Casa Grande Valley in the west-central part of Pinal County, Arizona. In general the Indian reservations which cover large areas in Arizona include many thousand acres of fertile farming land.

An unknown race which the Pima Indians called Ho-Ho-Kam must have lived in this vicinity along the Gila and Salt Rivers during the early development of their tribe some two thousand year ago. Prehistoric dwellings such as the Casa Grande Ruins near the present town of Coolidge and the evidence of extensive irrigation canals along the Gila River bear mute testimony of an early and progressive settlement.



CANAL
CAMP NO. 1

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Canteen, store	5, 16
Community Activities Service	6
Schools	13
Post Office	16

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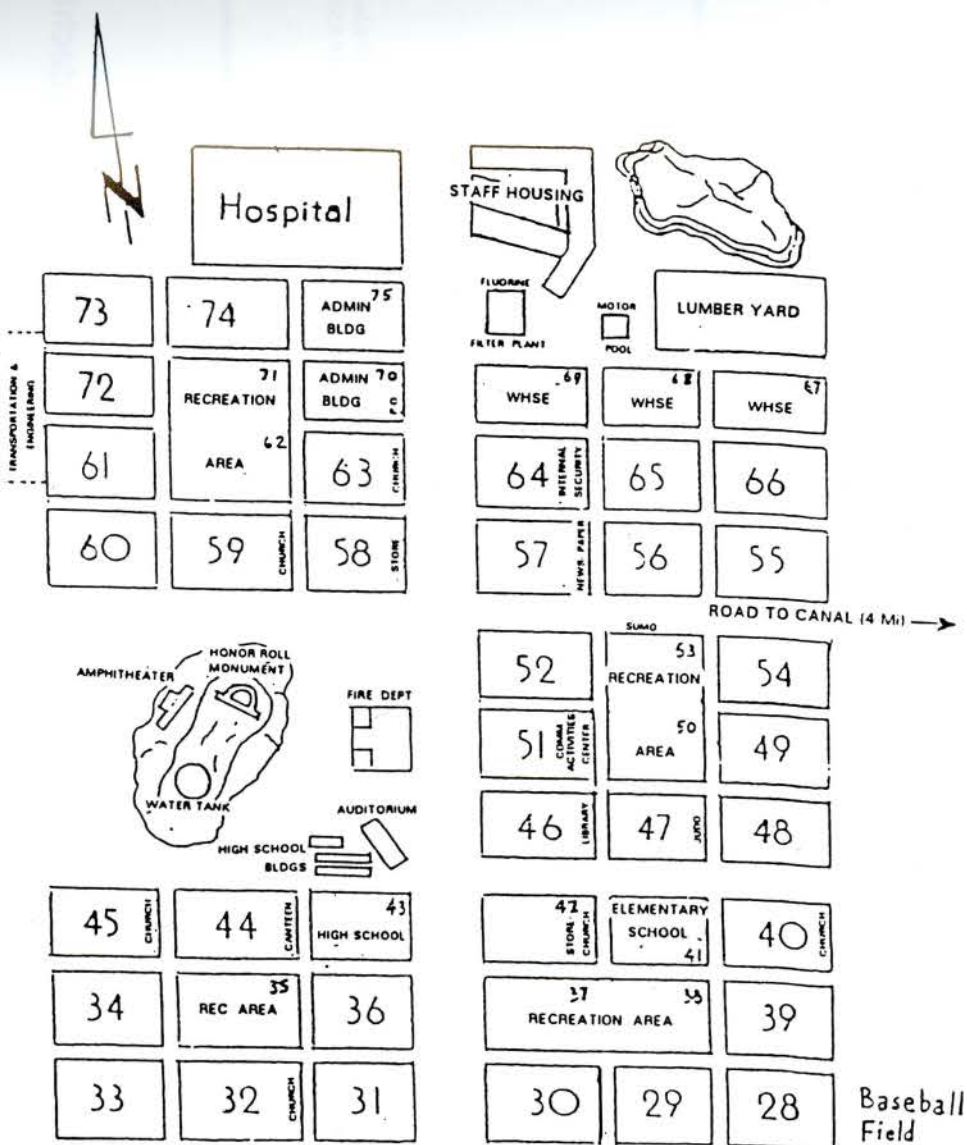
Gila River Relocation Project occupies approximately 17,000 acres and has two separate camp sites known as Canal and Butte. As the name implies, the "Canal" camp is located beside the irrigation canal with the small Fox Butte on the west and the Gila Butte far to the north. The "Butte" camp, some four miles away, stretches out at the foot of the sizable Sacaton Butte with its spectacular giant saguaro; Pima Butte is seen far to its north.



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- 45, 59
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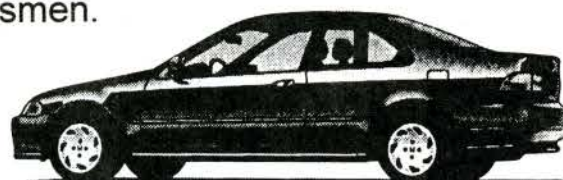


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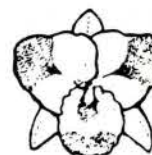
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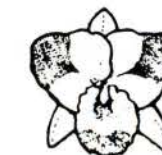
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