

Learning their Children's Language



Just one of the many advantages Adult Education stands for. In the Beginner's English class taught by Miss Elma Tharp, nine issei and kibei women work diligently after their home chores are done in an effort to learn the language of their adopted country. From left to right: Shizuko Kamimaya, Yoshiye Nishimura, Mrs. K. Mayeno, Miss Tharp, Yu Iwata, Itsuko Iguchi, Koto Takeuchi, Aya Nishino, and Kasuga Iwashi.

Adult Education Assists Many Residents; Various Skills Taught

The primary purpose of adult education is to assist people to adjust themselves satisfactorily to normal community life. A subsidiary and contributing aim is the improvement of the quality of living here on the project.

To further these aims, curriculum emphasis has centered largely on vocational and language courses. Adult English courses center around the traditions and problems of living in this country and through this functional subject matter develop requisite skills in speaking, writing, and reading.

The building of flag poles, playground equipment, farrowing pens, chicken houses, brooder houses and similar projects not only provides excellent vocational experience but also further community development. Actual production under skilled supervision and efficient working conditions enables students to receive training in auto mechanics, welding, blacksmithing, farm machinery repair, and carpentry. Certificates of vocational training in national defense are issued to those students who develop work habits and skills adequate for outside employment.

Approximately 1,100 students are enrolled in adult education classes with a proportion of eight women to every man enrolled. The two most popular courses are drafting and designing and Am-

ericanization. Classes continue throughout the year with the greatest enrollment during the winter months. Recently arrangements have been completed permitting the granting of high school credit to selected students above high school age.

Division Aids Many Interested Students

The purpose of the Student Relocation division is to assist students in selecting a school to attend, examine and appraise student academic records, arrange with educational institutions for the admission of students, determine community sentiment with respect to the relocation of students in that community, and determine the adequacy of the student's financial arrangements. This division was headed by Hannah Yamada until August and is now temporarily fulfilled by Lilian Fujihira.

From August, 1942 to September 15, 1943, 170 residents were granted releases on student relocation in the following proportion:

Colorado 19, Idaho 13, Illinois 13, Indiana 3, Iowa 11, Kansas 2, Massachusetts 2, Michigan 4, Minnesota 11, Missouri 9, Nebraska 15, New York 11, Ohio 8, Pennsylvania 4, Tennessee 1, Texas 4, Utah 17, Washington 18, Washington, D. C. 1, Wisconsin 2, Wyoming 2, Total 170.

Post Office Under Federal Ruling

Conceived in its temporary quarters in Blk. 22 when the center was in its infancy stage, Hunt's Post Office became officially a Federal P. O. on December 7 in its larger and permanent quarters in the administration area.

Functioning under U. S. postal regulations, Hunt Branch, Twin Falls, handles all incoming and outgoing mail, money orders, postal savings accounts, C. O. D., parcel post, registered mail, and sells war bonds and stamps. Postal hours are from 9 a. m. to 4:30 p. m. with deliveries and collections being made to block managers' offices once in the morning and once in the afternoon.

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Hunt High School Accredited Now Project Has Two Elementary Schools

Entering its second year, this time as a fully accredited school, Hunt High, comprising the whole of Blk. 23, continues to be the scene of many changes. The polished floors, the painted chairs and the book-filled shelves are a far cry from the bleak, barren barracks which first greeted the bewildered students. Time has brought increased improvements, many of which the students themselves have helped to bring about. Clearing off the sagebrush, they made recreation grounds. Clumsily bruising their fingers in the process, they put up shelves for the few books that were available. Girls revived the old fashioned sewing bee and made colorful "curtains."

A student body was formed; exchange assemblies were held with nearby communities; a carnival and numerous dances were held; Hunt High had begun to bustle with youthful activity.

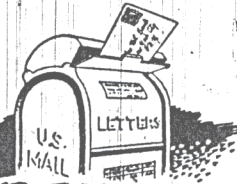
Principal J. T. Light aided by his staff of 38 teachers, 29 appointed, and 9 evacuees, has given the school a glimpse of a man who is in every sense of the word "swell". Cooperating, guiding, and also disciplining, he and the pupils have raised the school from tottering infancy to full maturity.

Although it is smaller than Stafford School, Huntville lacks none of the enthusiasm which characterizes the two elementary schools. In neat well-lighted rooms the 302 students learn their a b c's. Taking up half of Blk. 10 to the school also includes a small auditorium. There are nine classrooms, and an impressive flagpole in front which can be seen from a distance.

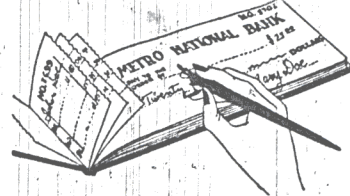
A faculty of eight WRA teachers and three evacuees is working unceasingly not only to teach their charges the three r's but also to inculcate in them the principles of democracy for which their older brothers are fighting.

Located in Blk. 32, Stafford Elementary School has an enrollment of approximately 430. Headed by Miss Mildred Bennett, the principal, and composed of 17 WRA teachers and 9 evacuees, a competent faculty is doing its utmost to instill in the pupils the foundation of an education to which the youngsters will be adding throughout their lives.

Taking up half of the block, the school also includes two playgrounds. One is supplied with teeter-totters and one is used for baseball. The classrooms are pleasant and show the result of the students' handiwork. Attempts at beautifying the grounds have proved successful and now green grass and plots of flowers can be seen between the buildings.



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