

WORKS DIVISION OFFICE PERSONNEL

Directing the vast Works Division program were C. H. Merrill and his assistant Jack Milloy. Assisting them in the supervision of the different crews were J. W. Bennett and Harry Condee.

Tabulating daily reports of the work accomplished, material used, and people employed under the Works Division was done by the office crew composed of two accountants and two secretaries.

Patiently wearing out the seat of their trousers were the three busy messengers for the office.

OFFICE

Ernest Takeda, Jim Tabata--Accountants
Setsuko Matsubara, Matsu Mayewaki--Secretaries
Richard Nakagami--Warehouse Foreman A.

MESSENGERS

Shoji Nakashima
Tom Taniguchi
Tom Tsuchida

FARMING IN ARKANSAS

85% of the land in Arkansas was covered by forest, we immediately thought of our work as one of pioneering. The alluvial soils of the "bottomlands" is productive, according to indications. Thus, after the necessary steps are taken to clear, level the terrain and install drainage systems, an abundance of crops may be grown.

To those of us who have farmed nowhere beyond the San Joaquin Valley, Arkansas farming will be a new venture. Here at home, we were concerned about irrigation, but in Arkansas, drainage is the major problem. We must prepare for such adjustment if we are to contribute to the farming enterprise at relocation.

We find that the relocation area lies to the south of the rice growing section of Arkansas, which ranks third in the nation. We also find that the northern border of the cotton belt fringes this area. Had we been relocated in the inter-mountain states, we might have grown sugar beets. Sugar is a commodity that the nation is suffering from scarcity with the present curtailment in importation; and it will not compete with the local farmers on the market as there is a price regulation. For these two reasons, we have come to believe that beets will be grown on a major scale wherever conditions are favorable for its production. But in Arkansas, it is thought that cotton and rice will be the principle crops grown.

We have heard the news from our friends who are already in these pioneer communities, that the progress of farming is very slow, as it is hampered by the lack of supplies and equipment. During times such as these, it is natural that we be faced with such a situation, but if our determination is one of patience, our strides will be greater toward establishing a productive agricultural domain within the centers. The evacuation from Military Area No. 1 will long be remembered, and there will be those who are pessimistic regarding our ability to overcome these obstacles, we shall win our rightful place in the American life.

-- Tom Shimasaki

THE NATION'S BACKBONE

A SELF-SUFFICIENT COLONY, FARM PROJECT

Organizing their forces toward building a self-sufficient war-duration community for the future, the Farm Project members were taught to produce both by study and through practice.

Through their efforts, the daily enjoyment of fresh produce was assured the Center residents.

Beautification of the Center grounds was the result of another phase of this project. This program was materially aided through the generous contributions of shrubbery and seeds from various nurseries.

Daily lectures were carried on under the educational and vocational end of the program.

Contributing their tireless efforts towards this farsighted program were: Project Director Everett Sasaki, Operations Manager Takashi Mori, Research Chairman Charles Nishi, Vocational Chairman Takashi Morita, and Educational Chairman Tom Shimasaki.

Tad Hitomi
Gene Arakaki
Shigeru Nagatoshi
Frank Ishii
Tak Yamanaka
Dick Iwamoto
Sumio Kono
Isaac Matsuyama
Shoichi Dobashi
George Yoshida
Harry Yoshida
George Abe
Sumio Kubo
Albert Hirohata
Kiyochi Yagi
Fumio Hirahara

Katsuo Nakano
Yutaka Sakai
Sam Nakata
Art Matsuyama
Toshio Sanwo
Harry Okazaki
Tom Nakemichi
Yutaka Kobori
Kazuto Kawaguchi
Shunichi Kawaguchi
Saburo Okimoto
Kazuo Shibata
Hiroshi Havashi
Larry Havashi
Frank Tanaka
George Dakuzaku

Henry Sakamoto
Bill Yamaguchi
Minoru Ohashi
George Ishisaki
Frank Mukai
Noble Sanwo
Takashi Niino
Aso Sawada
Jim Yabumoto
Kunao Yamanaka
Sam Shimasaki
James Miyamoto
Lloyd Kumataka
Roy Sato
Noboru Yamaoka
Tamotsu Nakagawa

SQUASH, BEANS, CORN

ISSEI MAKE UP GROUND CREW

Working patiently and diligently, the ground crew composed entirely of issei, under Tom Asaki, have given the farm project boys a run for their money in regard to vegetable production. The garden produced 90 lugs out of a total of 161 lugs of squash picked in the Center up to September 1. String beans and corn planted in the same plot were harvested later.

Ground Crew:
Tom M. Asaki, Foreman
Shojiro Adachi
Katsuji Okamoto
Hiroji Aso

Nakae Kawai
Takujiro Nakagawa
H. Nakatsuka
Toichi Nomura
Genhichi Sanbo

Hanazaburo Sawada
Yasuke Shinke
Harukichi Shigemura
Shozo Yoshihara