

J. P. McVey held the position of Assistant Education and Assistant Recreation Director - - For the first two months after the opening of the Assembly Center he filled this combination assignment but left in July to return to his home in Montana.

Charles Wheeler managed the Center Store - - Here a variety of merchandise was sold for the convenience of all of the evacuees. He had been manager for Wheeler-Perry Co. which was a wholesale grocery firm in Tucson, Arizona.

Frank J. Pimental supervised the Clothing Allotment Program and was in charge of the alteration department. It was his responsibility to oversee all clothing orders and deliveries of the same.

C. H. Merrill was accountable for all services of the Works Division - - This tall, affable man with clean cut profile was the reliable supervisor of all construction work within the Center. He often referred to himself as a graduate from the "University of Hard Knocks". In addition he was answerable to the Center Manager for numerous other functions including Farm Projects, Fire Department, Grounds Maintenance and the Disposal of Garbage and Rubish.

Jack Milloy, - Henry Condee, - and J. W. Bennett were all Assistants to the Director of the Works Division.

Chester A. Packard was the original Chief of the Fire Department - - He left the Center on July 1 when he assumed a similar position at Hammer Field Air Base.

J. E. Wimer had been Assistant Chief of the Fire Department when the Center opened and became Fire Chief when he advanced on Packard's resignation.

W. B. Holmes Assumed the rank of Assistant Fire Chief when Wimer became Chief on July 1, 1942.

Douglas T. Cowart supervised all operations of the Finance Division - - His responsibilities were record keeping and the accounting department. He was born in Glasgow, Scotland but had lived in Texas for twenty-five years and served for two years with the Marine Corps. He was a neatly groomed, quiet and dignified man with dark hair combed straight back and trimly cut mustache above a thin upper lip. His face was clean shaven and his appearance always immaculate. His responsibilities included timekeeping, preparation of payrolls and maintenance of