feature was a silvery shock of curly hair and a high forehead. This division was responsible for management of all lodging, kitchens, messhhalls and meals. The Warehousing of Food and Housing Supplies and equipment was also under this department. A health problem caused him to resign in mid-August.

Clifton E. Snelson served as Chief Steward until mid-August and then he assumed the leadership of the Mess and Lodging Division as a replacement for Bliss. This able man with deepset but placid blue eyes, high v-shaped hairline, thin straight lips and square jaw was a proficient successor for the demanding psoition.

Max Armstrongbecame the Chief Steward after Snelson moved up to the director of the division. He had served a number of years as instructor in the cooking and baking school at Fort Riley, Kansas, and more recently as the Chief Steward at the Tulare Assembly Center until its colsure.

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Walter E. Pollock managed the Service Division. Prior to this he was the Central California director of the WPA recreation program. His division included Health and Hospitals, Education programs and facilities, Recreation, Religious activities, Center Store, Nursery Schools, Entertainment Programs, Center Meeting Facilities, Visitors Center, Clothing Allotment Program, Library, Center Publications, Outdoor Theater, Forums and Seminars, Social Welfare, Music, Special events, Information and Special Issues for Indigents.

Carl Bengston served as Recreation Director. He was the youngest member of the administrative staff. Tall and blue eyed with fair skin and wavy golden blonde hair, he was born in Kingsburg, California, only a few miles from the center. With his soft, low voice and broad smile, he provided the motive power behind an all-encompassing recreation program.

J.P. McVey held the position of Assistant Education and Recreation Director for the first two months after the opening of the Assembly Center and left in

Joe Winchester worked for a while in The Mess and Lodging Division buT left To reTurn To Manzanar where he
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