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Forward

On October 7, the co-op marks its second anniversery, thanks to the understanding, corporation, and support of the members. Its foundation is solidly and strongly established, and we all feel we can overcome any difficulty with unity and persistence. Living in an ever-changing, unsettling world, the fact that we, supported by the board of trustees and by the representatives, were able to complete this record of the people who reside at this address and use it to strengthen the friendship among us is our great joy. This booklet will be of great value when we look back and remember these turbulent times. We thank the representatives, whose research yielded the names appearing in this booklet, for their hard work and their kindness.

November, 1944 TOPAZ Consumption Union Memorial Book Editorial Committee

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Over the past two years, we became very familiar with the word "co op". The reason is that our co-op belongs to all the people who live at Topaz and is their only consumer organization. It exists and operates to serve the welfare of its members.

A consumer co-op is an organization whose members, on their own initiative, agree to purchase necessary items or services for their daily lives. Each member has an equal share in its property. If there is a profit after totaling sales and subtracting co-op purchases and expenses, the amount is divided among the members according to how much each one bought. What they pay for items or services is based on what the coop paid.

In a company, the owner receives most of the profit and dividends, neither of which are distributed among the people who buy the company's products. A co-op is owned by its members, one share per member, each share entitiling the member to one vote.

depend on the amount invested—a person can join regardless for religion, politics, race, or class as long as he or she agrees with it's aim. As for capital, we borrow at low interest rates in order to maximize member dividends.

In an association of consumers-unlike a company, in which ownership rights

The coop will try to educate members and the general public about the necessity of peace and the benefits of co-existense and co-prosperity based on cooperation.

In business transactions, we avoid bad debt, and to save operational costs, we do business on a cash basis. To avoid misunderstandings, all transactions are documented, not based on verbal promises.

A co-op is an economic organization for friendship. Its object is coexistence and coprosperity. We expect coops to be the economic model for the future. Coexistence and coprosperity can be achieved by cooperation, and peace and welfare can be achieved as well. Cooperation is united action for a common interest. When there is cooperation among people, we believe that conflict in society and between countries will cease. We dearly hope our coop will grow into such an organizational.

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HISTORY OF TOPAZ COOP

By Sasahito Yamate, Chief Director

It was not long after the arrival of the refugees from Tanforan that the Coop of Topaz raised voices. It was an inevitable issue that they were in dire need of daily necessities.

At Tanforan, under the control of WCC, we faced a terrible treatment. We talked occasionally among ourselves to make an effort to provide the daily necessities at a cheap price, so after we arrived here, things fell in place.

Now, to describe the historical details that happened, it is as follows.

September 12, 1942 Opened a canteen to take care of those that arrived earlier from Tanforan. It was on a temporary basis until the official coop was established, so the workers would be employed on a temporary basis. With the increase of merchandise had to increase employees.

September 24 After arrival of half of the residents from Tanforan, the preparation of the committee was finally formed.

October 7 The first temporary meeting of the coop was met. Almost all of the representatives from the blocks attended.

October 8 Had the election of the temporary board of directors. Checked on the canteen belonging to the government that was to be officially handed over to the residents.

October 13 The transfer of the canteen to the residents completed. The assets passed over from the government at the time was \$11,170.50, liabilities \$8,662.48. As a result, the appraisal amount was \$2,508.02.

Details of official articles and by-laws completed.

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February 23, 1943 In place of the temporary congress, the official congress was established.

During this period, the writer, as head of the legal department, together with another director, were in charge of drafting the articles and details of the co-op. After making necessary additional adjustments many times, it was finally completed.

It received approval from the board of directors and the congress group. Then, an application was submitted to the office of the District of Columbia requesting permission to operate the co-op as a corporation. On February 8, 1943, permission was officially granted. Then, at this time, the co-op was officially existed as an official corporation. At the same time, it received approval from the State of Utah and started activities as a corporation.

In the beginning, when recruiting members, it required much effort from the directors. They divided into teams. Nearly every night, went talking to each block to get the understanding from the residents and have them become a member. It was not an easy job.

From the beginning, we who had no experience in operating a co-op system, to pay \$1.00 for the membership fee was based at the time we had experienced at the Montana camp. We learned how to operate an army type canteen and the interest toward the invested money for five months was \$3.50 each. We promised that there will be a profit of a few dollars at each period we clear the account. We, then, succeeded in getting all the members to join us. At the time, the largest number of members was 5,460. But at the end of the first clearing account of the first year, there was a net profit of over \$5,000.00. They faced a problem of how to handle this. It was discovered that the economic conception of handling dividend against the invested amount was different from the way the co-op operated. This was the co-op's first snag.

It was explained to all the members regarding the net profit. If they operated according to previous regulations, they are no different from an ordinary company. They would have to pay income tax that is applied to high rate companies. If we had followed the previous promise, we, directors, would have faced a big disgrace.

But, no matter how much explanation we made, WRA would not understand the co-op's economic view and the operation of the organization. Inevitably, the directors all went out to visit all the blocks and apologized for the misunderstanding. It was comical that there were two or three blocks which requested immediate refind plus interest of a few dollars. According to the efforts made by the directors, the profit from the co-op's economic conception and operating method will not be called as profit, but called as "net savings".

The money will be given as a rebate based on the member's purchased amount, at the same rate, and the purchased item will be consumed at cost. This method, called the coop system, was finally understood after much explanation. It prevented the co-op from going broke.

During this period, the writer, as head of the education department, worked very hard with other directors to show the economic idea of the co-op's organization and cooperation. They made efforts day and night, notwithstanding the snowstorm. Fortunately, the effort of each member was finally accepted and with the understanding of the members, the basis of the co-op was built. Thinking back of that time, I am filled with deep emotions.

But, even though we had the understanding and being able to prevent the collapsing, on the other hand, the board of directors were having difficulty with operating the money. As promised in the beginning, as of December 31, 1942, the profit amount of over \$5,000.00 was courageously paid for the period to all the members their rebate money based on their purchased amount.

We handled the promise in a manly manner, but after the payments, it was natural to face a problem in the operation. To get out of this condition, the board of directors set up a loan policy at end of March last year. With the support from the representative group, a loan of \$20,000.00 was made. When we had asked support from each member, we had received an unexpected response and was able to exceed the goal by \$10,000.00. To those who gave a big loan, we had to decline a portion of it. The interest rate on the loan was 6%. Within a few months later on October 30, we succeeded in repaying the entire sum including the principle.

The method of the co-op operation, as mentioned, was finally moving on the right track when the co-op had faced another problem. That is they had to find a covenient way to cash checks. Anyway, at the time, the total cost of the monthly salary including the total cost of clothing was about to reach \$10,000.00. On top of that, by adding the personal notes, it easily was reaching some ten thousand dollars. It was a difficult problem to exchange cash for a big sum of bills. After investigating various ways, we came to the conclusion that in the same way, with the cooperation of the residents, to find a way to solve this.

That method is to collect from each member extra money hidden under their pillows with the condition that it can be easily withdrawn and be entrusted safely. With the support of the representatives, we took a step forward.

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Fortunately, at this time, when the financial policy was publicized, many entrusted in this. Finally, by the end of last year, it reached to a huge amount of \$11,000.00. The money was used to cash checks.

With this method, during last year, we were able to cash checks but with the changing of times, we could not help but to reform and cancel all safety methods of handling cash. To find a different way to get money, the board of directors with the approval of congress got a loan of \$50,000.00, The method of financing this was a great success. The present co-op's "cash exchange department" using this system, as you know, soon exchanged some \$1,000.00 daily.

Since we started operating, two years have passed. The foundation of the co-op is developing stronger and stronger, showing good results beyond imagination. This became the only economic system indispensable to all the residents. This is due to the cooperation and help from all the members. I am deeply touched.

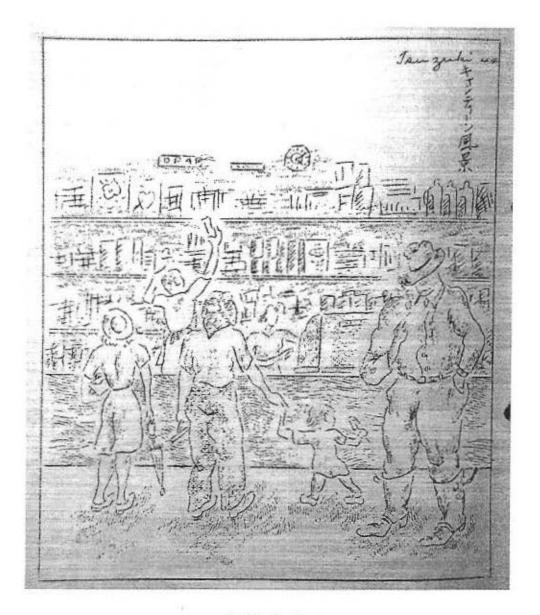
Here, I have given the history of the Topaz co-op. May you read it with honor.



Starting to plant trees and landscape

- Tsuzuki

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Inside the Canteen

- Tsuzuki

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Playing "goh"

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Five days before moving into Topaz

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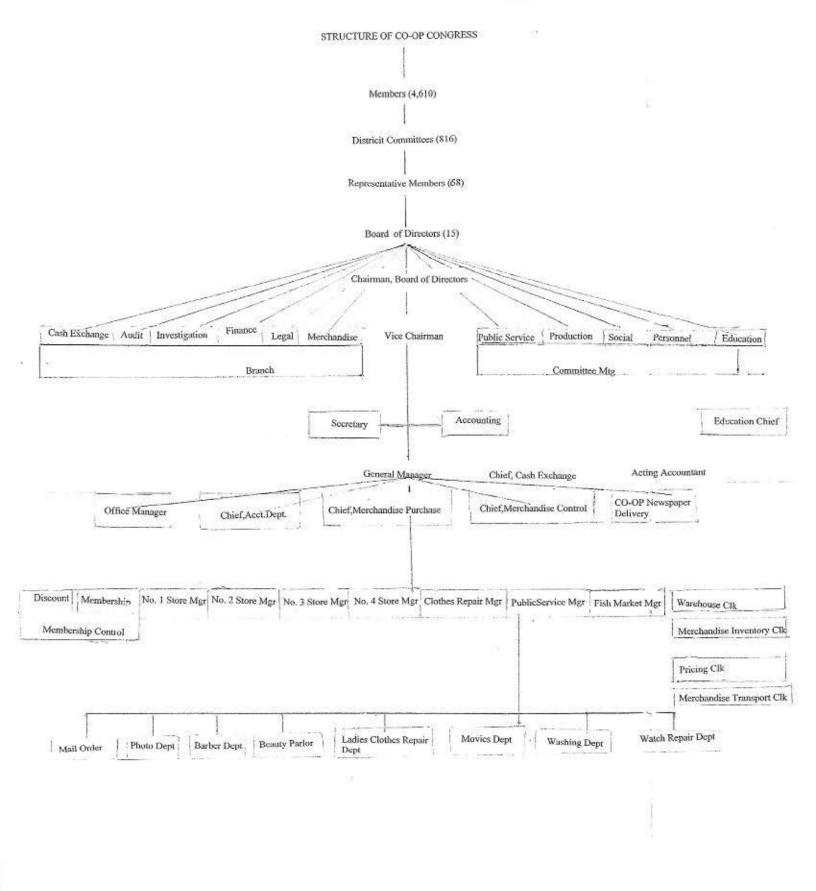


Meeting of the Co-op Congress

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SUMMARY OF BUSINESS RESULTS

Balance Sheet (April 1 thru September 1944)

ASSETS

Current Assets		
Cash On Hand	\$9,299.26	
Bank Deposit ()	\$66,030.16	C 7
Bank Deposit (Delta)	\$1,977.20	Neefie?
Receivables	\$676.02	
Postage	\$200.00	
Inventory (Stock Commodity)	\$46,723.03	
Inventory (Supplies)	\$6,005.94	
Advance	\$2,024.64	
Handling Charge Received (Sears)		
Operating Fund (NY)	\$850.00	
Office Expense	\$150.00	
Fixed Capital		
Instruments	\$14,069.64	
Instruments Redemption	\$3,764.52	
Investment		
NWC.ASA Operating Expense	\$31.95	
Deferred Payment		
Prepayment of Insurance	\$906.43	
Other Funds		
Income Tax Refund	\$451.80	
TOTAL ASSETS	\$145,668.84	

LIABILITIES

Current Liabilities	\$2,615.40
Loan	\$53,074.40
Collection	\$236.66
Eye Glass Deposits	\$200.00
Merchandise Coupons (not used)	\$61.50
Salary	\$2,734.77
Federal Unemployment Insurance	\$83.97
State Unemployment Insurance	\$260.21
Social Security	\$192.75
State Retail Tax	\$666.33
	\$125.42
Movie Tax	\$82.18
State Tax – Corporation and Income Taxes	\$105.85
Auditing Fee	\$250.00
Truck and Car Expenses	\$255.36
EQUITY OF MEMBERS	
Member's Paid In Money	\$4,659.00
Reserved Money (already allotted)	\$27,036.20
Profit (distribution allotted)	\$32,359.79
Reserved Fund (not allotted)	\$9,686,39
Net Profit (July portion)	\$4,064.57
Net Profit (August portion)	\$4,609.17
Net Profit (September portion)	\$2,308.92

TOTAL LIABILITIES

\$145,668.84

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CO-OP BUSINESS RESULTS (April 1 – September 30, 1944)

	TOTAL SALES	SALES TAX	NET PROFIT	
No. 1 Store	\$118,249.98	\$1,929.58	\$116,320.40	BA
Clothes Store	\$70,825.69	\$1,388.73	\$69,436.96	
Shoes Store	\$6,686.10	\$126.65	\$6,559.45	
No. 4 Store	\$11,114.99	\$118.06	\$10,996.93	
Fish Market	\$4,242.92	\$83.20	\$4,155.72	
Barber Shop	\$2,629.98	<u>Carro</u>	\$2,629.98	
Photo Department	\$5,128.11	\$98.24	\$5,029.87	
Movie Theater	\$5,054.28	\$685.88	\$4,365.35	
Washing Department	\$977.26		\$977.26	
Shoe Repair	\$8,274.81		\$8,274.81	
Radio Repair	\$960.17	\$11.95	\$948.18	
Beauty Parlor	\$1,467.05		\$1,467.05	
Clothes Cleaning	\$3,459.63	1-222-21)	\$3,439.63	
Eye Glass	\$8,766.24	\$171.79	\$8,594.45	
Mail Order Handling Ch		0	\$211.80	
Watch Repair	\$1,410.58	\$6.61	\$1,403.97	
Home Volunteer	\$597.14		\$597.14	
STORES	TOTAL SALES	RETAIL TAX	NET PROFIT	Pag
Miscellaneous Income	\$1,715.54		\$1,715.54	
GRAND TOTAL	\$251,742.18	\$4,593.69	\$247,148.49	

EXPENSE

Total of Purchasing Cost	\$191 702 59	
Salary Tax and Supply	\$181,792.58	
General Expenses	\$22,129.65 \$7,001.44	
Administrative Expenses	\$10,659.79	
Other Expenses	\$255.16	
Cash Exchange Department	\$796.19	
Cash Exchange Department	\$790.19	
TOTAL	\$222,634.81	
NET TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$24,513.68	
DISTRIBUTION OF PROFIT		
(April, May & June 1944)		
Gross Income		
April	\$43,382.06	
May	\$42,735.58	
June	\$39,891.68	
TOTAL	\$126,009.32	
Total of non-payment of rebate tickets	\$5,247.71	
Balance	\$122,761.61	
Net Profit		
April	\$4,497.80	
May	\$4,758.96	
June	\$4,274.26	
TOTAL	\$13,531.02	
Percentage of Allotment	11.01%	
Total Receipt of Rebate Tickets		
April	\$40,188.70	
May	\$40,038.31	
June	\$33,854.57	
TOTAL	\$114,081.58	

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Total of Non-Received Rebate Tickets	\$8,680.03	
Total of Donated Tickets		
April	\$1,850.48	
May	\$1,128.09	
June	\$1,436.49	R 5 3
TOTAL	\$4,415.06	

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OUTLINE OF THE CITY OF TOPAZ

The city of Topaz is located in the central part of the State of Utah. It's the fifth largest city in the state, situated on a highland about 145 miles southwest of the capital of Salt Lake City in the middle of Sevia desert, located in the county of Milado. It is 4,561ft above sea level.

Facing either north, east, south or west 15 to 30 miles, you can see nothing but the Mt. Rockies and a plain full of sage bushes.

Until about 150 years ago, it was known as the land belonging to the Yute Indians. The old city of the Mormon's Abraham existed only five miles away. Also Delta City is 15 miles east of this city, situated along the Union Pacific Railroad that ran between Chicago and Los Angeles. The area covers 18,840 acres, a flat area. A long time ago, they say it existed at the bottom of Lake Sevia, not a good fertile land.

The weather is 110 degrees at the highest in summer but during the coldest season in winter, it is normal to go down to a few degrees zero. During the extra cold seasons, when the water pipes break and water shoots up, it is a spectacular sight. The whirlwind in Topaz is the only famous happening but it is a problem.

The size of Topaz city is 10,000 square miles. It consists of 42 counties of which 34 counties were directed to the people's residence. Each county had 12 barracks (20 ft x 20ft) constructed. Furthermore, each county was accommodated with a dining hall, recreational hall, washing area and public toilet. Each building was broken down to six apartments, which can accommodate six families.

The people living in this city were mainly from San Francisco, Oakland, Berkeley, Alameda, Sacramento and its proximities. Also, a few from Hawaii.

The population was 8,274 at the peak but, at present, some moved to live outside which decreased to about 5,600. It is gradually reducing

In the city, the education facilities have been completed. They had high school, grammar school, also adult education department. The classes are well established but had difficulty finding good teachers. The high school auditorium was built in the middle of the high school ground. Facilities were provided for agricultural department, chemistry building, jewelry and mason.

The Topaz hospital is located north of the city, positioned between the administrative building and the MP building. The buse flat building is a great sight in the city.

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Also, for the political setup, they had a city council (one person from each district), court house (consisting of seven judges) and the police station (at present there are 35 policemen).

As for the farming area of the center, they located the best land of about 5,000 acres. They cultivated vegetables (400 acres), wheat, corn and hay. Others that are thriving are poultry (9,300), pigs (840) and cows (760). They are not all self-sufficient, but the residents were appreciative being supplied of plenty of fresh vegetables and meat on their table.

Reflecting The Past Two Years of Topaz

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1942

September 11 A group of 214 people arrived from Tamforam at 7:40am. They were welcomed at Delta by the head man, Mr. Hearst.

September 12 Pastor Goto was assigned as manager of the first block. He soon became the first head man of block no. 3.

September 14 The first evening entertainment was held at no. 3 dining hall.

September 15 The Topaz Times was started. The first mishap with the editing happened.

September 17 First group of 502 arrived from Tamforam. At midnight, they entered no. 5 and no. 6 districts. Some fell in the ditch waters.

September 18 Second group of 482 arrived at Delta at 9:28am.

September 19 Third group of 511 arrived. They slept on straw. Next morning, had the first frost.

September 20 Fourth group of 498 arrived.

September 21 505 people arrived.

September 22 520 people arrived. On this day, the first baby girl was born. Mother was Mrs. Amy Takagi. Started to wallpaper.

September 23 500 people arrived.

September 24 516 people arrived.

September 28 525 people arrived. Topaz had the first dust storm. The residents were surprised.

September 29 517 people arrived.

September 30 516 people arrived.

October 1 513 people arrived. They entered districts no. 30 and no. 37. They spent the night with no mattresses nor blankets.

October 2 522 people arrived. A group of people went out to work for sugar and daikon fields.

October 3 527 people arrived.

October 4 WRA chief, Dillon S. Myer arrived.

October 7 Called for a meeting with the established co-op committee members. Three students leave to enter university.

October 8 From San Anita temporary camp, 550 people arrived who were former residents of San Francisco. Opened a barber shop at recreational hall.

October 9 Mitsuzo Baba passed away. It was the first sad news in Topaz. Due to the fights among the residents, began building a barbed wire fence.

October 15 Last arrivals of 309 people came from Tamforam. Showed the first movie at recreation 22.

October 18 Inaugurated the Topaz Hospital.

October 21 Mrs. Tatsuno had her first son.

October 26 Opened the first post office. Started studies in high school

October 28 First snow fell. Shortage of coal becomes a serious problem.

November 2 Drafting the constitution of Topaz began.

November 7 Fire station completed.

November 15 First wedding in Topaz was held between Taro Katayama and Yuki Shiozawa.

Novemer 25 Started planting trees.

December 9 Opened co-op's dry good store at recreation 12. Total sales was \$2,700.00.

December 25 Celebrated the first Christmas at Topaz. Turkey dinner was served.

1943 January 1 Had traditional rice cakes.

January 14 The Governor of Utah, Herbert Moore, visited. Had dinner together.

January 22 Started military registration for males 18 - 65 of age at the city hall. Opened the co-op beauty parlor.

February 8 Lt. Tracy announces the formation of American military to use Nisei fighting soldiers.

February 15 Regarding the famous articles 27 and 28, was bombarded with many questions but from today, at the 8th district dining hall, finally started the registration.

February 25 General registration ends. Total of those registered is 6,100.

March 5 Requests of those wanting to return to Japan: 36. They left this place for Arkansas.

March 12 It was announced that the Yoshino brothers, John, Joe and Paul, volunteered to join the military.

March 14 Our people from Hawaii arrived.

March 16 System for allotting shoes started.

March 22 Those volunteered totaled 112.

April 11 Mr. Hatsuaki Wakasa was shot by military police. People were disturbed.

April 19 Funeral for the deceased Mr. Wakasa was held.

April 21 Abolished the military police at the observation tower during noon hours.

May 15 Opened exhibition of shell works by our Hawaiians at recreation 40. A huge crowd came pushing.

June 9 Seven families left Topaz for Crystal City.

June 25 196 students graduated Topaz High School. They were given diplomas.

1943 -cont'd

July 2 Takeo Akagi climbed the 150 feet tall chimney of the Topaz hospital to fix the red light.

July 7 Dylan Myer announced that 6,300 people should be separated.

July 27 People suffered from the hot heat of 105F.

July 31 A quarantine was reported.

August 14 Recruited reserved soldiers within the camp.

August 15 Had "bon odori".

August 24 Exchange ship "Grisholm" left with 22 people for Jersey City.

August 31 Date for departure to Tule Lake extended to September 19. Those under quarantine came to 1,466.

September 2 Commenced facilities to send telegrams to Japan. 1,485 people applied.

September 11 Today is one year since the beginning of Topaz.

September 17 Kenji Yokomichi, 4 years old, was struck by a truck at around 10 am.

September 18 First group of those transferring from Tule Lake arrived at 10 am.

September 19 First group for Tule Lake departed.

September 23 At 10.40 am, the second group from Tule Lake arrived at Delta.

September 24 Second group for Tule Lake departed.

Seeptember 28 Arrivals from Tule Lake

September 29 Third group leave for Tule Lake

October 3 Fire prevention week begins.

October 4 From Santa Fe internment camp, 10 people came to visit their family. They left on the 11th.

1943 - cont'd

November 13 Problem occurred regarding eliminating the military police. Over half of the blocks wanted to maintain the present situation.

December 14 For those wanting to transfer out, it was announced a family interview will be made.

December 22 Held opening ceremony of the Topaz town hall.

December 29 Mochi pounding was held in each district. Really made us feel homesick.

December 31 To abolish all nurses assigned to the blocks. The population of the center was 7,300.

1944

January 9 A meeting was held by each district to decide whether to send a representative to the meeting in Chicago about evicting a representative. Those approved were 9. Unknown were 2. Those disapproved were 22.

January 20 The U.S. department of army announced that the Japanese Americans of proper age can be drafted in the same manner as white Americans.

January 24 It snowed two inches.

January 26 Mr. Ashimine Maeda was crushed instantly by a dump truck in the poultry farm

January 31 Mr. Maeda's funeral was held by the city. At 3 pm, all the people in unison bowed their heads for one minute.

The first list of those recruited were announced. There were 121.

February 10 Farewell party for James Hughes, assistant manager, was held. He left on the 15th. He became a navy officer.

February 20 From 2 pm, at the auditorium, care packages from Japan were gratefully received.

February 17 First meeting for mothers of recruited soldiers was held.

March 14 It snowed very heavily.

March 30 Sewed Japanese kimonos for Japanese soldiers in prison. Each district divided the sewing. 1944 cont'd

April 7 Start distributing tofu.

April 15 Inauguration held for two religious buildings.

April 18 Only 16 military police left. They are named the Service Command Unit.

May 17 A speech was made by Mr. Warren, lawyer of the civil protection association.

May 20 A visit made by Sgt. Kuroki, U.S. Air Force artillery.

May 24 Head man, Charles F. Arnst leaves Topaz. He has been appointed for overseas post staff of UNRRA.

June 4 New head man, Mr. Hoffman, arrives and takes his post.

June 24 \$10.75 was distributed to each district's education fund from co-op's unpaid rebate fund.

August 7 The Spanish vice consul, Mr. Martin, visited. It was his fifth visit.

August 26 At 9 pm, Mr. Katsuzo Hanamura died instantly when he bumped into a truck at a highway east of the hospital.

September 5 Handcraft exhibition sponsored by the co-op was held at the auditorium.

September 11 It's two years today since Topaz started. From today, the Topaz Red Cross handled telegrams to Japan. They were cooperative and were appreciated by the residents.

September 18 The day before yesterday, the frost damaged the vegetables growing in the Topaz farm. Oh, the terrible soil and weather! Visited the Fitsy national park to see the red-colored tree leaves. Each group, each block had many sign-ups.

September 25 It was announced that the overtime pay for the years 1942 and 1943 would be paid within the year, a total of over \$13,000.00.

Well, this is simply the documentary happenings in Topaz. In the future, those who wish to write a history of what happened, please check with this organization for any information.

FINAL WORDS

Upon completing this, it seems it was an easy task. However, I want to say that this kind of work could not be done in a single day. I just wonder how many people could really realize this.

Under present conditions, to publish such a book, I believe, it can first be done as a coop business.Unless you rely on the original co-op's cooperative spirit, you cannot work on it.

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It took only two months but although it is not complete we finished the printing. The printing was not an easy work. All the editors worked extra hours from 7 pm to 10 pm. They moved the printing handle to print the original 224,400 times. This, I think, deserves a special attention. When piling up the printed matters, I was surprised it took the space of about half of room A fully packed.

In the book, there is an interesting drawing by artist, Mr. Tsuzuki. His outstanding work speaks silently of the past. It'll be a suitable remembrance.

Moreover, there are many who helped willingly towards the various investigations. The whole staff owes them our gratitude.

December 1944

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