

The 2nd edition The 20th Issue

The 1st page January 8th, 1944

Granada Pioneer

California Board of Agriculture approved Japanese farmers to return to California (1)

California State Board of Agriculture became one of the first official organizations to recognize the importance of the return of Japanese American farm workers to California after the war.

Washington relocation headquarter announced that it was approved in accordance with the articles in the 1942 resolution, the evacuation of persons of Japanese ancestry.

“If it is decided in the military that Japanese-Americans are ‘no longer required to be excluded,’ this decision must be followed, and no organization is allowed to interfere with California’s agricultural industry due to racial prejudice. (Translator’s note: the original article is as follows ”Therefore, be it resolved, that if and when the military authorities shall decide that, military necessity no longer requires that persons of Japanese ancestry shall be excluded from this State, the California State Board of Agriculture, in the light of that decision will use its influence to assure that race prejudice shall not jeopardize the lawful participation of this or any other group in the agricultural life and industry of the state.”)”

Although this announcement must be very encouraging for Japanese-Americans, Director Myer said, please be aware that it does not mean you can go back to California anytime soon. He stated his own opinion that our urgent task is to relocate to another location and get back to our normal lives, as well as to prepare without delay for life after the war. (Translator’s note: Director Myer’s original statement is as follows: “This resolution strikes an encouraging note. Nonetheless, people in the centers must guard against wishful thinking regarding the prospects of early return to California. Relocation at the earliest practical date should continue to be a matter for serious consideration by all center residents, I firmly believe that with relocation will come renewed independence and self-confidence, which in the end will make for an easier post-war adjustment.)

Relocation permission interview/hearing still 150 cases left to clear (2)

In association with the exclusion issue, 400 residents' interviews and background checks have already been concluded. The remaining 150 cases have been dealt with at a pace of 60 cases per week; each case is assessed by a three-member committee meeting twice a week, according to Walter Nordel.

It takes about 20 minutes for each interview; however, ultimate decision for approval is made at the WRA Washington headquarters, and it can take from two weeks to up to few months to receive notification.

- Interviews are based on the following:
- Reasons why he or she is needed to be interviewed.
- Statements made during the interview at the center.
- If the person who are receiving a letter from Washington or having an interview is outside of the center, the interview will be conducted by the officer in the nearest WRA office. If a person who was previously denied approval is submitting a new evidence, it is possible to reopen the interview.

1532 people relocated last year (3)

Vecchio announced that a total of 1532 people left Amache in 1943, including the month of December, with indefinite leave permits to find a free new world.

Although the number for seasonal leave during December was only seven due to the travel regulation from the center and the farming industry off-season, last year's total seasonal leave reached 1488; the peak season of August, September and October had the most seasonal leaves with 758 in October being the largest number.

Co-op December sales over \$53500 (4)

According to Amache co-op supervisor Runcorn, sales during the last December were \$53598.43, which surpassed the estimate by more than \$3500.

The lowest monthly sales amount since its start occurred during the month of September 1942 with \$11124.85, and the monthly average sales is a little over \$32500.

Hospital News (5)

- The night of Christmas eve, the hospital lost electricity while Dr. Higa and Dr. Kamiyama were working on an appendicitis surgery. They finished the surgery without a problem using the stored battery.

- A nurse's assistant workshop will be held this month, according to the hospital chief. The center is asking all applicants to register as soon as possible.
- For Christmas, each Amache school gave holy trees; the woman's association and G.R. sent patients in quarantines some gifts; and Doi sent 15 pounds of candy. The hospital appreciates them all.
- Every doctor at the hospital deeply appreciate the kindness from the residents for Christmas, Doctor Takeyama said.

Co-op News (6)

1. Co-op asked the very well-trusted Yoshiyuki Hoshizaki in 12H and Yoshito Hagiwara in 6G to work as the night security for the new business building. The center's police station provided them with badges, whistles, and clubs as private police. They are going to watch the co-op business building and surrounding areas at night.
2. Gentoku Sakiyama and Katsuyoshi Igi were selected to be the new auditors of co-op.
3. Co-op is planning to improve the business and services by asking specialists among residents to check regular performance and each section and then solicit consultation. We also plan to request for home visitations of specialists who recently moved to this center
4. From now, when you purchase co-op scrap books, we need your name, address and member stock number. If you have more than one stock certificate, we would appreciate if you could bring the earliest number of your certificate. It is best to have a complete record for customer profit distribution.
5. Co-op barber shop has finally has the facility and workers ready. The modern barber shop is located behind the kimono section of the new business building on the west side; we are confident that we can provide services to satisfy all your needs every day from 8am to 11:30am, and 12:30 to 8pm. We will try to give 100% satisfaction for your convenience and needs.

New Personnel Officer arrived (7)

At the beginning of the year, Walter Nicholas Moor arrived to take charge of the center's delicate and complicated personnel matters. He gave a speech as he assumed his post.

"I am much honored to have this opportunity to be a part of this meaningful work in Amache."

Moor directly works for the government. His duty is to fully understand employment

procedures for the employees and residents. He is already very busy interviewing many employees from different sections. He was in the newspaper business in Michigan for many years, as well as a part of the union movement, and worked hard at labor negotiations.

He enlisted and joined the Army Flying Corps in May 1942 and was honorably discharged last February.

Entertainment show (8)

Touring Entertainment show is coming to 8E mess hall and the show will start from 7:30pm today with a variety of programs for an entertaining evening for Issei including Kabuki Chushingura Act 7. Hope to see many people come and enjoy the show.

Changing name of the head of the family banned (9)

The center announced, starting January 12th, it is prohibited to change the name of the head of the family for clothing allowance for the months of October, November, and December.

Centers = Vision (10)

Rohwer

It is deer hunting season. The center director warned that the forests around the great Mississippi river is ??ing deer paradise ?? not to ??.

Poston

There is an idea to reform the building currently used as an elementary school to a sanatorium to house people in weak condition.

Gila

Camouflage net fund was well-managed by the committee members and distributed to the residents in the form of over 8000 checks.

Topaz

The star of winter recreation, ice skating rink is completed. Despite the cold wind blowing down from the Rockies, everybody, young, old, man and woman is very pleased and the rink is busy every day.

Job opportunity (11)

- Cook and house worker=Married couple or two women. \$200 to \$280 per month. With allowance. Long island.
- House workers = Gardener \$90, cook \$80, maid \$75. Nice accommodation provided. Princeton, New Jersey.
- House worker=one woman, nice family and good pay. Rocky Ford.

Granada Buddhist Church (12)

January 9th 8:30am

Buddhist Sunday school

At the first and second churches

January 9th 10am

Buddhist youth prayer sermon

At the first and second churches

January 9th 2pm

The first Buddhist church

Priest Yonemura

The second Buddhist church

Priest Shirakawa

Fire from Morimoto's house causes grave damages to his clothing and household items (15)

Monday, January 3rd, while the New Year's celebratory mood was still in the air, fire broke out at 3:30pm from the residence of Sugi Morimoto (11H-6B). The fire caused great damages to their clothing, furniture and household items. As the family was not home, their neighbor reported it to the fire department. Two fire engines under the direction of Sullivan arrived to put out the fire, however the fire was already very strong. All the firefighters did their best while they were surrounded by the smoke. Fortunately it was put out without spreading to the neighbors. It is said to be the biggest fire in the history of Amache, and the Morimoto residence was completely burned up. The estimated loss was not yet announced and the cause of the fire is said to be a short circuit.

Big success on "Evening for Nisei" (16)

The Nisei talent show was held on New Year's night at the high school auditorium. Over 2000 people came for the show. The program included Hawaiian music by Royal Araiyan

directed by Arai, soloist performances by Griffith and Suzuki, dance by three girls, Endo, Akaboshi, and Sato, etc. The show ended at 10pm on a high note.

Distinguished Sergeants (17)

It is well known that Japanese-American soldiers in the war zone are brave and courageous. Sergeant Ben Kuroki in the Army Air Corps was awarded the Flying Cross and Sargent Kazuo Shinmoto was awarded the Purple Heart for their distinguished services. Sergeant Kuroki was also honored to receive an audience with the King and Queen of England as they came to observe the base while Sergeant Kiroki's Army Air Corps was stationed in the England.

Amache Junior High School Student Committee (18)

President Chizuko Okuno

Secretary Yoshiye Yamashika

Accounting Arthur Miyajima

Committee members Marguerite Iida, Kazu Yamamoto, Raymond Kado, Ruby Yamamoto, Taira Den, Rivele Nori, Martin Shimizu, Kazu Kaibashira, Irene Doi, Mei Yunemura, Naomi Tanikawa, Yutaka Fujiuchi

Two Nisei promoted to Captain (19)

Italian expedition; US Fifth Army Commander Lieutenant Clerk visited the Japanese-American combat unit and praised the brave battles of the 100th Infantry Battalion saying they were the American Army's honor. There is more distinguished service. Over 100 officers were given promotions and decorated, and Officer Fukuda from Honolulu and Officer Kono from Pearl City, Oahu were both promoted to the rank of Captains.

White bed legs delivered to wrong location (20)

According to Mitchel, a set of white steel bed legs that belong to a person who moved from Tule Lake was delivered to an unknown location within the center due to delivery time error.

The center's property department is requesting anyone who has them or anyone who knows where they are stored to report to the department in order to return those bed legs to the owner.

FFA member appreciated (22)

The center's councilmen invited Future Farmers of America Amache chapter members on December 30th at Granada Chop Suey to appreciate their hard work during the peak season last autumn. The chapter, led by Lorenzo Burgart, is working hard to achieve the intended objectives, and they had an additional 29 new members as of December 17th.

School dental treatment (21)

Over 900 students from the nursery school through 6th grade had their dental exams in the dental clinic at 8H this week, the principal Dumas announced. Junior and Senior high school students will have their exams next week.

Visiting solders (23)

| | | |
|-----------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Mark Hashimoto | Private-----┐ | |
| Y Akagi | Technician 4 th grade | Camp Shelby, Mississippi |
| Roy Mitobe | Private | |
| Saburo Karatsu | Private | |
| Jack Mamezuka | Private-----┐ | |
| S Nagamoto | Sergeant-----┐ | Fort Leonard Wood, Montana |
| Tom Takada | Sergeant-----┐ | |
| Tad Handa | Corporal-----┐ | |
| N Kano | Corporal | Camp Hale, Colorado |
| Masu Watanabe | Technician 5 th grade | |
| Tom Kimura | Private-----┐ | |
| Fred Kawaminami | Private | Shreveport, Louisiana |
| Roy Mita | Corporal | Camp Grant, Illinois |
| Koseki | Corporal | Camp Edwards, Massachusetts |
| Y Tohara | Private | Camp Berkley, Texas |
| K Tanabe | | Fort Sill, Oklahoma |
| Fred Muramoto | Sergeant | Fort Crowder, Montana |
| Y Fujimura | Private | Brighton, Colorado |
| ? Haida | Corporal | Fort Riley, Kansas |

Hog Philosophy

Part III

Sasabune (24)

Are you telling me not to be mean? I am not being mean. I am telling you the facts. You know “good medicine tastes bitter”; I may say a little much, but I’m telling you for your own sake. Just shut up and listen. You guys appreciate even lifeless stones (as in the proverbs “a low quality stone from another mountain can be used to polish your gem (let others’ failures be a lesson for you)”, you should happily listen to the wise words from us who received life from the same god.

Oh yes, it came to me while being ironic. Lin Yutang, an author who has been very popular since he published a book using the Chinese proverb “Between Tears and Laughter” as a title, in his previous book “My Country and My People” he writes ‘a person from China sometimes think of himself as a pig and thinks of westerners as dogs. Dogs may give pigs troubles and pigs just say oink oink. You don’t know, but it may be a happy oink oink. In other words the Chinese accept themselves as being pigs. Actually, they can be very satisfied with it. Therefore, he does not envy dogs for their colors, efficiencies, or success. His only wish is that the dog will leave him alone.

His ideas are beyond human; too good to be human. Well said. I am impressed. Your pet dogs sometimes come and cause troubles, too. As people say “Fellow sufferers pity each other,” I understand what he says.

Masayuki Watanabe and Toshiko Fukuda married (25)

Daughter of Kihei Fukuda, Toshiko, tied the knot with Masayuki Watanabe under the judge officiant on December 27th at the Lamar courthouse along with the matchmakers, Mr. and Mrs. Kazuo Funai and Mr. and Mrs. Toyoki Kojima.

The groom is a corporal at Camp Hale in Colorado, and the bride is a smart lady who used to work as a secretary at the motor pool.

Rev. Yoshioka’s second daughter engaged (26)

The second daughter of Rev. Yoshioka at 8K, Miss Josephine is currently studying at Chicago Christian Youth School. She recently got engaged to Masaru Kurashima, a dental student in Chicago, and they are choosing the day for their wedding soon.

Bridge tournament (27)

According to Aratani of the center’s recreation department, community activity division, a bridge tournament is planned for mid-January in the drama section at 8F. Anyone who wishes to participate, please apply at the office in 8F as soon as possible.

Granada Christian church (28)

Holy day (January 9th)

Sunday school 8:45am

Nursery 8H-9E

Elementary 9H recreation room

Over 4th grade Terry Hall

Early morning prayer meeting 6am

(7H · 10H · 12E · 12H)

North Church (7H)

◎Bible study 9am

“Study of angels” Rev. Yoshioka

◎Morning mass 9:50am

“Rebirth” Rev. Yoshioka

◎Evening mass 7pm

“The grace of an early spring” Rev. Minakami

South Church (10H)

◎Bible study 9am

“Faith in the second coming of the Christ” Rev. Yamashika

◎Morning mass 9:50am

“The Judgment of God” Rev. Hirata

◎Evening mass 7pm

“Taking inventory at the beginning of the year” Rev. Yahiro

Nisei church (Terry Hall)

10:15am

Sermon Rev. Suzuki

-----○-----
Prayer meeting January 12th

7pm

North church Rev. Haratani

South church Rev. Yamashika

Nichiren Buddhism Meeting (29)

Every Sunday 1:30pm

At 11H recreation hall

This coming Sunday

After the ceremony, there will be a New Year social gathering.

We would like to have many people to come and join us, including members and non-members.