

# WALERGA WASP



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WALERGA ASSEMBLY

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## 1500 ATTEND WALERGA CENTER FIRST SONGFEST NEARS CAPACITY

Center's first community songfest faded into history last Wednesday evening, May 20, as nearly 1500 residents assembled at the Induction building court, whipping the hilarity to a fever pitch.

Despite the lack of benches, lighting, public address system, and other facilities, the first mass activity of its kind in the Center was a huge success.

Master of Ceremony, Paul Takahashi directed the singing participated by young and old, and enthusiasm boiled high when "Fight Dragon Fight" and "It's Lincoln Junior" was struck. Most of the younger audience were evacuated from Sacramento High and Lincoln School districts.

Highlighting the moon light session, the Hawaiian string ensemble added color by their rendition of songs from the sandy beaches of the islands. Shig Tanai was chiefly featured with his electric steel guitar and Mickey Tanaka with his clarinet. "Ritchie" was a sensation with his guitar and singing.

Strumming on the ukuleles were Shig Matsunaga, Mike Kawahara, Henry Hirakawa, Joe Fujioka, and Frank Tachibana.

The first singspiration was sponsored jointly by the Recreation Dept. and "The Walerger Wasp" with the purpose of welcoming the new inductees to the Center.

"Songfests will have to be discontinued," Takahashi warned, "if the song sheets are destroyed or not returned at the end of each meeting.

There is a strong need for addition to the already growing band, and those in possession of any kind of musical instruments are urged to join.

The editorial staff of The Walerger Wasp is in dire need of typewriters with elite types. Also, voluntary experienced stencil cutters are wanted for part time employment. Report to the office, Blk. 1 Barr. 15-B.

## 4685 REGISTER

Center's accommodation neared its capacity of 5000 according to Friday's figure of 4685, revealed Lloyd Lane, supervisor of personnel.

A contingent of 577 evacuees were inducted on Wednesday, May 20, and 348 poured in on the following Thursday, May 21.

Japanese from Thornton and the Stockton delta region were included in the Thursday's registration.

Lane announced that there are only six vacant apartments left in the Center and "it will probably be necessary to those family of two and three living in apartments accommodating four to consolidated or to occupy all vacant spaces.

"It is anticipated that we will be requested to fill the Center to capacity."

Late arrivals are now filling up Block four and all available apartments with unfilled spaces are used.

## ISHIZAKI RETURNS

Japanese in intern camps are getting fat as the result of easy and comfortable life they are leading on the cool plateau of New Mexico, according to Y. Ishizaki, who joined his family here in the Center.

Ishizaki, formerly of Fujita jewelry store in Sacramento, was taken into custody of F.B.I. on May 6 and was sent with a few other Sacramento alien Japanese to Santa Fe, New Mexico.

He regretted leaving the camp but expressed great happiness of returning to his wife and children. "There is no end to the comfort, the relief of receiving letters from families back home," he added.

## CAUGHT

In the early twilight of May 21, Bl. 2 was treated to a mild excitement when the local patrol took into their custody, a much inebriated guard from the neighboring army barrack.

Carrying a half-empty gallon jug of wine, the soldier was found in the woman's latrine and his attention was found to be unquestionably very suspicious. He was escorted by military guard to be turned over to proper authorities.

## "JAM AT THE WHAM"

"Jam at the Wham" is the theme of the second dance in the Center to be held at the Reception Hall 8 p.m., Saturday, May 24.

Strictly a date dance; no stags will be allowed to attend until after ten o'clock.

## MEDICAL EXAMINATION

G. Takahashi of the local selective service announced that medical examiners will come to examine men eligible for draft.

## BUY WAR STAMPS

# JAPANESE COUNCIL CREATED

## CANTEEN IS OPEN

About two o'clock last Thursday, Walerga's general store made its welcome debut to the thousands of thirty residents. At present the establishment is featuring only ice cream, soda pops, tobacco and candies. Their hours are set for 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

G. T. Rodgers, store supervisor, announced that continued good service of soft drinks will depend upon the entire Center's cooperation in bringing empty bottles back. Any cokes or Pop-Cola bottles found lying around are to be returned to the canteen. In order to purchase articles scrip books must be used.

The army canteen suddenly stopped selling soda pops Wednesday morning when it was discovered that there were nearly 1300 empty bottles lying around on the ground. These must be returned immediately.

Center canteen may charge two cents deposit on a bottle to insure its return.

## CAMP FIRE GIRLS

Miss Dorothy Jackson and Mrs. C.H. Weeks from Camp Fire girls headquarter will speak to girls interested in the movement on Wednesday, at 10 a.m. in the Recreation hall. Ages are restricted to girls from 10 to 15 years.

## HOSPITAL

Under supervision of Dr. Geo. Iki, a sanitary corp dental clinic are under installation.

Sanitary corp, tentatively under M. Suzuki of the medical unit and H. Omachi and H. Itano of the engineering unit.

Dr. A. Hayashi with Drs. J. Kawahara, G. Muramoto, and T. Sato has been assigned to give general care for the residents teeth.

## BOY SCOUTS

A boy scout troop will be organized here under the leadership of Geo. Orite and Mits Nishio. All boys from the ages of 12 and on up are invited to attend a meeting to be held near the Administration building, Mon, May 25, at 8:30 a.m.

## BUY WAR STAMPS

The management of Walerga Assembly Center have selected a Japanese Council of five members to assist in ordering the affairs of the community. These men are K. Kasaki, Jun Miyagawa, Go ro Muramoto, DDS, George Iki, MD, and Walter Tsukamoto.

It is not necessary for any member of this community to apply to a member of this Japanese Council for any advice or information. Request for information or for adjustments will be transmitted from the information department to the administrative office and will be acted upon by the management in conjunction with the Japanese Advisory Council at the regular Council meeting.

## BLOCK I

G. Sakiyama 1-22 C  
J. Okimura 1-14 D

## BLOCK II

S. Hosokawa 2-33 A  
M. Nishimi 2-4 E

## BLOCK III

G. Sakai 3-19 C  
M. Taketa 3-40 B

## BLOCK IV

M. Nagai 4-1 D  
unfilled

## BLOCK V

N. Oshika 5-27 E  
N. Taniguchi 5-8 E

The advice of these men will be available to you at any time, on any questions pertaining to the general welfare of the half block over which they have jurisdiction.

GENE KENYON, mgr.

## VENTILATION IN MESS HALL

Diners in ten Center mess halls will soon begin enjoying their meals without complaining of the heat when the present plan to install a cooling system is completed.

Center workers under Harry Masaki were busy last week taking collection of 60 cents from each apartment to purchase ten cooling equipments, each costing 60 dollars. There are 1000 apartments in the Center.

"Everybody has cheerfully donated the amount required for this purpose, for which we are all thankful," Masaki said.

## PROVERB

The height of embarrassment - Two eyes meeting through the keyhole.

## SCHOOL TO OPEN

Registration classes for children between the ages of 10 to 18 will be held on Monday and Tuesday from 8 to 5 at the Recreation hall, warehouse No 223.

## CENTER POLICE

Under J. G. Heckes, Chief of Center police, and authority granted by Gene Kenyon, Manager, a police patrol force was organized "to keep peace and order and to uphold the ordinary level of decency".

Personnel includes: J. North, J. Miyakawa, coordinator; H. Ikami, Captain; S. Hayashi, Lieutenant; W. Teramoto, K. Shigeno, Desk Sgt.

## POST OFFICE

Center post office has announced that all windows will open daily at 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. with the hour between 11:30-12:30 designated as lunch hour.

On Saturday, the office closes at 11 a.m. and all day on Sunday.

Mail is delivered from door to door by the department and all packages are inspected. Yellow slips are sent to the receiver who are asked to go to the office to claim it.

## MOTHERS AND BABIES

Under Gene Kenyon's order all families with babies under ten months are required to move to Blk. 2 as soon as facilities for the preparation of food formula are completed in the hospital.

## CHURCH SERVICE

At Oak Grove 8:30 A.M.  
Primary Age 3 - 8 Yrs.  
Juniors Age 9 - 12 Yrs.  
Seniors Age 12-18 Yrs.

At Induction Building:  
9:00 A.M. Catholic  
Mass Father Kirby  
7:30 P.M. Buddhist

At Social Hall:  
9:15 A.M. Protestant  
10:00 A.M. Buddhist  
10:30 A.M. Protestant  
7:30 P.M. Fellowship  
**BRING YOUR OWN CHAIRS.**

NON CIRCULATING

# BATTER UP



BY TOKO FUJII

With thousands of people arriving in camp in the last few days, there has been no chance for any organized outdoor sports program to speak of. The capable recreational staff headed by Mr. F. Ambrose and assisted by Jim Hashimoto, Chizu Washino, Saki Egashi, Flo Kato and Jim Kubo, is rapidly rounding out a varied selection of indoor and outdoor games. A few more days should see the start of the camp's first league games.

In looking over the class-sy Santa Anita Pacemaker, I note that their softball league has over 24 teams competing in three divisions. Let's all get together and enter as many teams as we can.

The first casualty in the realm of sports occurred in the grudge game between the dusty Violets and the fearful Ubangis when the latter's peppery catcher, Carnie Ouye, suffered a smashed nose and a badly reddened eye. I quote him—"I saw the ball coming, but couldn't do anything about it."

Outstanding among the horseshoe pitching fanatics is the Imura family, well-known Nisei Barbers of Sacramento, who boast 3 top-notch chuckers in Tak, Shig, and brother Bill. To them ringers are not heaven-gifted miracles which we lesser devotees of the art pray for every time we grab the hind end of a horse's footgear for a regulation toss.

Most feared batter of our athletic circle seems to be none other than our own Doc Seto. Quoting a catcher—"He can hit anything. Fast ball, sucker II, anything." What are you batting now, Doc?

The Sacramento Solons, one of the classic teams, in the loop, are now in fourth place, 22 wins against 20 defeats.

# Sports

# SOFTBALL SIGN UPS

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Official signups for Walerga's several softball leagues will begin this week at the recreational hall, it was announced by Saki Hayashi. Already more than a dozen teams have sent in their rosters. All those interested are urged to make up their own teams and register with the head of athletics as soon as possible. The age groups into which the league has been divided has been announced as 11-17; 18-25; 24 and up.

## UBANGIS OUTSLUG VI'S

With a last inning rally which netted them five precious runs, the Ubangis copped a close 15-12 decision from the Block 3 Violets last week. The payoff hit came in the first half of the ninth when Fifi Wakashima of the Ubangis slammed out a terrific triple with the bases loaded to cinch the game. Also on the hitting list were, strangely enough, two huxlars, Sakai Oshita for the Losers and Hisashi Nagai and Carnie Ouye for the Ubangis.

## RECREATIONAL SHORTS

Activities open to the general public at the recreation hall include Badminton, Volleyball, Ping Pong and Tennis. Tennis courts are to be leveled off in the near future.

Knitting, crochet in & needle work, and dress-making, as well as other feminine arts, will be taken up as a project as soon as the sign-up are complete.

## KIDDIES' SCHOOL

The pre-school recreation center has registered over 260 children under ten years of age, disclosed F. Ambrose, director. They are under supervision of Mary Machida, Mary Ishii, Masako Miyako, Helen Mayeda and Grace Hamaguchi and report to the playground at 9 a.m. and return at 3. The time schedule for children from the age of two to six is 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. From six to ten yrs. --- 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Those already signed up include: Termites, Gaels, Ubangis, Minks, River Rats, Double Shufflers, Satans, Kinkans, Violets and a team without a name.

Softball for the fairer sex is definitely on the way with a first day sign-up of 7 teams. Two loops, Juniors and Seniors, will be organized as soon as the minimum number of teams has been signed up. All games will be played in the evenings in order to obtain the active participation of the older working girls. Clubs or groups are urged to create their own teams and sign up with Flo Kato at the recreation hall.

Signups for the Walerga Ping Pong championships will be held at the recreation headquarters on Monday, May 25, and the week following. Classes for the first tournament are boys singles, girls singles and a mixed double group.

Other baseball casualties were announced as Roy Inai, stubbed toe; Charley Nagano, finger injury; Taxi Hironaka, injured finger.

## YOUR SUPPORT PLEASE

Under serious consideration is the Water Bridge Club, featuring bridge and the new sensation, Gin Rummy. The club will meet in the evenings. If you're interested, sign up at the recreation hall at once.

BUY WAR STAMPS

**PIONEERING**

WITH EUGENE OKADA

**GAMBLER'S SPANKED**

DEAR JOE\*

To you Deltans and you Lodi vicinity folks who were unexpectedly sent here may we extend our most hearty and cordial welcome. This is your home. Treat it as such and do your share of work with us whether it be pleasant or not.

This camp is established for our well being and safeguard. Now that we're pretty well settled what do you say we all pitch in and cooperate with each other.

There's lots to be done here in this Center, such as levelling the roads or building recreational facilities. But all this entails a spirit of cooperation and willingness on your part.

Action, not just words, is needed if we are to make this Center one of the best.

On the brighter side we were amused when someone mistook or stole the underwear of the young son of Mr. Keunji in the shower room of Block 3.

In one of the shower rooms controlled by Lefty Kamikawa, a girl was insistent that Lefty came in to test the water. Though she pleaded several times, Lefty insisted on keeping his dignity. Entered another girl into the shower and this is what was heard, "Oh, you have a bathing suit on. I guess I'll do that too." Somewhat stunned, Lefty turned off the hot water valve and dejectedly placed his carcass under a shade despite the girls constant screams.

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How are the dice treating you in the camp? How are you coming in the dear old game of Kings and Queens?

Well, it won't matter very much which way the dice are rolling and the Kings and Queens don't come out in the same suit. Joe, for the campers are complaining the dice and cards are making a little too much noise and you'll have to put a brake on your indulgence.

You may think that the sentence above is very clumsily written, but if you can understand how I feel toward things speculative, you'll appreciate the difficulty involved. For I, too, like to see sevens and eights and to connect straights and flushes.

But, that's not the point any longer, Joe. We're in the camp now. Cur likes and dislikes don't count. What's good for our camp here, we MUST do, and what's no good we must NOT.

It's Common Sense, isn't it Joe, that gambling as such is "no good." Let's not quibble over the philosophical analysis of good and bad. We have no time for that in the camp.

You know, Joe, there are a lot of kids around 15 and 16 here who are using the same lingo we used to sling around the velvet table in the thick cloud of smoke till wee hours of the morning. It makes you shudder to hear them talk that way. They're so good.

And say, Joe, confidentially, the old couple living next to your apartment was complaining the other day that stay up a little too late and a little too often.

I don't mean to threaten you Joe, but it's said in Kenyon's office that the camp police might have to do something about this too much gambling business. Don't say they're violating your personal freedom, for that's not what you know to be Common Sense.

Hope I don't have to write you again on this subject.

Yours very truly,

\* A fictitious name used to denote some persons (male and female, old and young) with heavy inclination for games with cash.

LETTERS TO THE GRIPE BOX

Dear Editor:

One night, last week, a group of young irresponsible boys thought it would be "smart" to raid one of the community kitchens for a midnight snack. Overpowering an aged issei watchman, the vandals turned the kitchen upside down, and left their wake, spilled milk, vegetables, and slices of bread littered on the floor.

Their loot was an accomplishment in that their prize consisted of cans of fruits and cases of milk. Government did not suffer the material loss and damage in the incident but the little children and infants who need the nourishment has been deprived and to say nothing of the

loss of prestige suffered by the residents.

It may be well to admonish the adolescents that they "swiped" not only properties of the federal government but the foods of their own family.

M. C. M.

Dear Editor:

If that certain lady who left her purse in my apartment by mistake happen to be reading this column, please come and claim it and also explain to my wife how it got there.

"Perplexed"

Dear Editor:

May I praise the cooperative spirit of the delatans. You're doing fine.

You've showed us how.

Impressed