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3rd Memorial Services Honor 10 War Dead

Approximately 700 Residents Attend Rites; S. Hara Chairman

Approximately 700 residents attended the third memorial services held at the unfinished gymnasium. The services were sponsored by the Community Council, the Administration and the Parent Soldier Association. The men honored were: Pfc. Akira Kanzaki, Pvt. Y. Sagami, Pfc. Yoshito Noritake, Pfc. Hideo Yasui, Pfc. Yoshio Kato, Cpl. Jimmy T. Kokubu, Sgt. Ban Ninomiya, Pvt. Shin Sato, Sgt. Ned T. Nakamura and Pfc. George Suyetomo Miyaoka.

Message from Myer

The address from National Director Myer, which was read by E. Huberman, assistant project director in charge of Community Management, follows:

You are gathered together today to honor ten brave men, ten men whom we will long remember. Their names are: Pfc. Akira Kanzaki, Pvt. Yohel Sagami, Pfc. Yoshito Noritake, Pfc. Hideo Yasui, Pfc. Yoshio Kato, Cpl. Jimmy T. Kokubu, Sgt. Ban Ninomiya, Pvt. Shin Sato, Pfc. George Suyetomo Miyaoka and Sgt. Ned Teiji Nakamura. Your pride in these men must be very great. They gave their lives, fighting far from their homes and friends, far from the land of their birth. They were fighting not only for Japanese Americans, but for the liberty of all Americans, but for the liberty of all people. Their fellow-Americans have read of their exploits in the newspapers. They have heard of them over the radio—their own sons fighting overseas have written back to tell of the Nisei comrades fighting with them. These men, your sons, brothers, husbands, have helped to bring about better racial understanding and mutual good will among Americans generally. Now, as most of you will be thinking of a life in America outside the relocation centers, you can draw assurance, pride, and strength from the memory of these men who gave their lives along with Americans of every other nationality, to help make a better world.

Message from Stafford

On this occasion we gather to pay our respects to those gallant Sons, Brothers and Friends who have made the supreme sacrifice. They have answered the call of their Country with great courage. They have gone to prove their faith in freedom, justice and equality. They have gone to build an edifice of peace and goodwill. Their sacrifices are vicissitudes in the attainment of the fellowship of men. Their heroic Americanism has no parallel in the tradition of our country. By their glorious service all the world may know that true Americanism is a matter not of race or creed, but "mind and heart."

Pfc. Akira Kanzaki, Pvt. Yohel Sagami, Pfc. Yoshito Noritake, Pfc. Hideo Yasui, Pfc. Yoshio Kato, Cpl. James Toshio Kokubu, Sgt. Ban Ninomiya, Pvt. Shin Sato, Sgt. Ned Teiji Nakamura, Pfc. George Suyetomo Miyaoka, who humbly in our presence here, acknowledge everlasting. We are proud of your unselfishness and efforts to be worthy benefactors of the glorious heritage left to us. With your Fathers, Mothers, Sisters, and Brothers, we share their bereavement in this dark hour. Our sympathy goes out to them. They shall find comfort in the light of your achievements.

J. H. L. STAFFORD,
Project Director.

Ninomiya Receive Letter on Son's Death In Action

Mr. and Mrs. K. Ninomiya, 84-F, received the following letter from the Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles and Fair Play concerning the death of their son, Ban, in action:

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Ninomiya: The Pasadena Chapter of the Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles and Fair Play wishes to express its deep sympathy to you.

We have learned of the loss of your son Ban in France.

Words mean very little in times like these—but surely a better world must come because of it all. We want you to know how much Ban's sacrifice and yours is appreciated.

Sincerely yours,
CAHROLLE CLARK,
(Mrs. Lincoln Clark)

Census To Be Taken Tonight

The fourth quarter census of the project will be taken tonight from 6 to 8 p. m. according to the Statistics Division. At least one member of each family should be home at this time and be ready to furnish the following information about each member of the family who is now a resident of the center: 1. Full name; 2. Family number; 3. Citizenship; 4. Sex; 5. Age; 6. Marital Status.

Portland Rules Citizens May Hold Municipal Licenses

PORTLAND, ORE.—In an informal agreement entered at a conference on Dec. 19 by Mayor Earl Riley and four members of the city council it was agreed upon to leave the same status to Japanese Americans holding municipal licenses as before the war, according to the Oregon Journal. In other words, if and when they return, they legally may apply for rights to transact business.

This attitude, it was pointed out by the mayor, is based upon the constitution, which left the council on January 2, 1942, no option when it acted to cancel outstanding licenses for enemy aliens, but left American citizens of Japanese origin free to engage in business the same as any other American upon their return, the Journal went on to say.

It was reasserted that the council will continue the action against other Japanese for the time being, notwithstanding the lifting of the ban on the Coast by the war department. They will not, until and if further council action is taken be permitted licenses in Portland.

H. Yanagimachi Commissioned Second Lieutenant

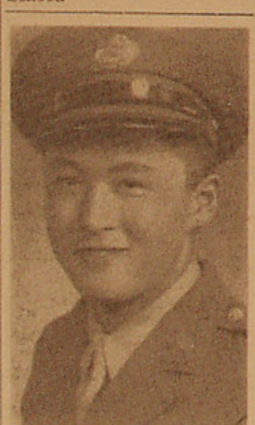
Harry Isamu Yanagimachi was recently commissioned as second lieutenant from the Infantry School at Fort Benning, Georgia, according to the Seattle Times.

Lieut. Yanagimachi, one of the three Yanagimachi brothers that volunteered for the Combat Team is a former Seattleite. He was active in football.

Pfc. K. Ikeda Among First To Reach "Lost Battalion"

Ten American soldiers of Japanese ancestry, including one from Hunt, Pfc. Kohel Ikeda, were the first to reach the famous Lost Battalion of World War II, according to a dispatch from the Seventh Army in France.

Pfc. Ikeda, son of Mr. and Mrs. K. Ikeda of 22-10-A volunteered for the 442nd Regimental Combat Team from Hunt. A former Seattleite, he attended Garfield High School.



Pfc. Ikeda

Legion Post Urges Japanese To Sell Land

HOOD RIVER—The Hood River American Legion post has published quarter-page advertisements urging Japanese not to return to the Hood River county, according to the Des Moines Register.

The post which recently scratched out the names of the 14 Nisei soldiers from the honor roll, has been backing a campaign to prevent Japanese from resettling here.

The Hood River valley is a rich apple and pear orchard area, large tracts of which were developed by Japanese who now hold some of the most desirable sites. Many of the leading legionnaires are apple growers.

"Public records show that there are about 24 or 30 families out of some 600 Japanese who have not already sold their property in Hood River country," said the advertisement.

"We strongly urge these to dispose of their holdings. If you desire assistance from this post in disposing of your land we pledge ourselves to see that you get a square deal."

"If you do return we also pledge that to the best of our ability we will uphold law and order and will countenance no violence."

EXCUSED ABSENCES

All evacuee workers will be granted excused absences for January 1, the Personnel Division announced today.

Twelve Men To Leave For Army Jan. 6

Twelve men on the enlistment reserve corps will leave for active duty next Saturday, January 6, according to Mrs. J. Alexander, assistant relocation advisor.

Those on the list are asked to make bus reservation from Twin Falls to Fort Douglas at the Leaves office. A special bus has been chartered and will leave the main gate at 8:00 p. m.

The following are the men leaving for Fort Douglas:

Frank Iida, Toshio Ito, Tomiharu Kamimae, Mitsuo Katayama, George Y. Mizuta, Kazuo Shimada, Joseph T. Shoji, Mickey M. Tamiyasu, Morio Terayama, George Uchida, Hikaru Yoshino and Sumio Yukawa.

Fujii Expresses Hope For Fair Attitude on Return

Concerning the rescinding of the west coast ban on persons of Japanese ancestry the Council issued the following statement:

In connection with the question pertinent to the general revocation order of mass exclusion of evacuees, the Council is not in a position to make any statement, as yet. The Council members are, no doubt, very interested in studying the whole program, as soon as materials arrive.

The Council, however, feels that the residents should give full cooperation in studying the situation carefully and in making suggestions and recommendations which are helpful in our future planning.

Blks. 28, 38, 37 Lead "Big Nine" In Hall Decorations

After much planning, rush trips to Twin Falls, and long, long nights, the curtain finally closed on the Third Dining Hall Decoration Contest, with Blks. 28, 38 and 37 copying first-class honors, coming in first, second and third, respectively.

Honorable mentions, with each dining hall equal in the merits, regardless of the number sequence, named Blks. 13, 17, 19, 34, 36 and 41 as the winners.

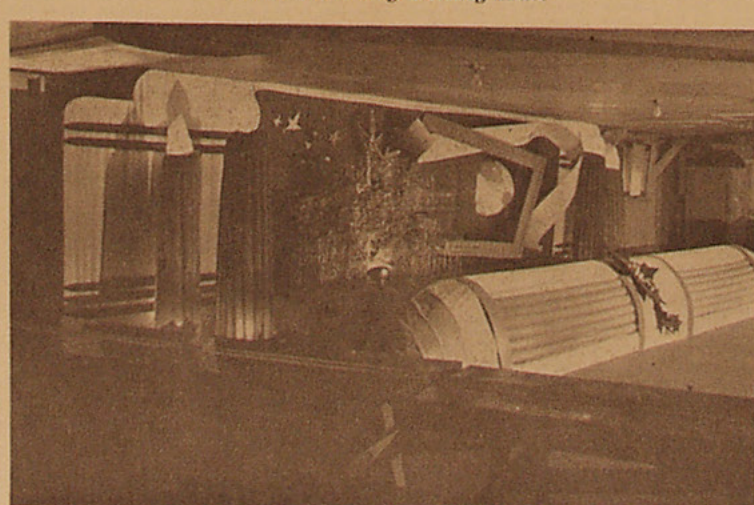
Sponsored by the Community Activities, under the supervision of J. Wesley Johnston, CA head, the competition was said to be one of the keenest since the installation of the contests.

"The getting together of all the blocks in making their hall the best, was one of the best showings of the Christmas spirit I have ever seen," Johnston said. "I would like to express my appreciation to all of the residents who gave us such warm cooperation."

The judges were V. V. McLaughlin, Misses V. Brott and Bernice Batchelder, Max Barber and J. W. Johnston.

The Santa Claus suits, ornaments and lights will be picked up at the dining halls soon after the New Year. The residents are asked to have them ready when the collector comes around.

Prize Winning Dining Hall



Expressing the universal hope of the world "When the Lights Go On Again" as their theme, Blk. 28 easily placed first in the annual Christmas dining hall contest. Ingenuity and cleverness, plus good old elbow grease produced a scene that will be long remembered by those who saw the decorations—and re-membered with pride by the decorators of the block.

9 FAMILIES APPLY FOR RETURN TO WEST COAST

Sec. Ickes' Message on Ban Lift

Secretary of the Interior Harold Ickes issued the following statement to all center residents this week:

The great majority of you have been or soon will be restored the full personal privileges which were yours before military necessity demanded the evacuation. My own reaction to the lifting of the mass exclusion order is one of deep satisfaction. I am proud that our nation during the progress of a devastating world conflict, can concern itself with the restoration of complete civil liberties to a minority segment of our population.

I congratulate you upon the recognition you have received as a group and I want to express my heartfelt appreciation of the patience and understanding which the great majority of you have displayed as cooperative and law abiding residents of relocated centers. Few groups in the population, outside of those in uniform have made a greater personal sacrifice than you have during the past three years.

The one-third of your original group who have left the center have proved to you that opportunity, acceptance and personal satisfaction may be yours in states other than those which were your former homes, more important to you however, is the fact that these 32,000 men, women and children have proved to the nation that they and you may be quiet, law-abiding and useful members of a free society when given the opportunity.

Still more important to you and to your future is the almost incredible record that your sons and husbands have made fighting for this country on every battle front of the war. Every thinking man and woman in the United States shares my pride and thankfulness for their bravery and unstinting sacrifice to home and country. The announcement that the centers will of necessity be closed within one year should not be alarming to you for many reasons. The facilities of the War Relocation Authority and the Department of Interior will continue to be available to you for that period and every assistance will be directed toward helping each of you to make a satisfactory resettlement in the community of your choice. I hope that the great majority of families in the centers will find it possible to work out acceptable relocation plans during the next few months. I think that your best opportunity will be found while war production activities and employment needs still remain at the existing level. It is my considered judgment that a wider opportunity for most of you lies in the states east of the Sierra Nevada, where your friends and in many instances members of your family are establishing new and successful homes.

Regardless of where you finally decide to relocate all of you who leave the center during the next several months can be assured that the War Relocation Authority will make every reasonable effort to facilitate your transition back to private life.

Survey Indicates 800 Families Would Like to Return to Coast

To date nine families have applied to leave for the West Coast from Hunt, including the Nakano family who left for Port Townsend early this month, according to D. Newell, assistant relocation advisor.

Six applied for returns to Seattle, one to Gresham, and one to Portland.

Manzanar Evacuees Not in Favor of W. Coast Return

"Go east and spread thin" is the sentiment of many of the evacuees at the Manzanar relocation center, while others say they are waiting for the reaction of West Coast residents before they decide where to move, according to the Los Angeles Times.

Despite the fact that numerous people have written from Southern California asking for gardeners and domestic servants, most of the evacuees are delaying return to their former homes to determine conditions of community intolerance, housing shortages and employment difficulties.

A spokesman for the evacuees in Manzanar told a reporter he thought the residents of Manzanar have been displaced in their jobs for the duration of the war "and they would make a big mistake to go back."

He advised them to take good jobs in the Middle West and East, "and I think that is what most of them will do."

Journal Awarded Scroll on Basis Of Race Amity

MILWAUKEE, Wis.—The Milwaukee Journal, well known to resettlers for its many editorials and news stories in their behalf, was awarded a scroll for "outstanding work in promoting interracial amity during the past year," at the first annual meeting of the Interracial Federation of Milwaukee on December 16. Miss Elizabeth Campbell, executive secretary of the International Institute and Federation president, presented the award to J. D. Ferguson, president and editor of the Journal.

Dr. Robert Weaver of Chicago, director of community services of the American Council on Race Relations, was the principal speaker of the evening.

Immediately preceding the presentation of the scroll, several excerpts from a number of Journal editorials and news stories, some of them discussing the Nisei, were read by James Doyle of the Interracial committee.

The text of the scroll awarded to the Journal was as follows:

"In recognition and acknowledgment of its effective and continued leadership and valuable contribution to the promotion of better understanding and good will among the different racial, cultural and ethnic groups in Milwaukee; for its insistence that adequate housing be made available to all of our citizens; for its constant endeavor to remind the people of Milwaukee of their community duty and responsibility in the maintenance of decency and dignity and equality of opportunity among its citizens;

"We, the members of the Interracial Federation of Milwaukee County, do hereby offer this testimonial of appreciation to The Milwaukee Journal."

Delivery Of Mochigome To Mess Halls Delayed

It was inadvertently stated in the Dec. 16 issue of the IRRIGATOR that the mochigome for New Year's had arrived at the center. The article should have read that the shipment of the mochigome had been made but had not been received here, according to J. H. Nichols, assistant project director in charge of Administrative Management.

The WRA was advised by the Washington office that Minidoka had been shipped 100 sacks of mochigome on December 8. In view of the fact that this shipment had not arrived this week, the Procurement Officer made attempts to determine the status of this shipment by wiring the Mills Farms in California and they confirmed that shipment was enroute. However, all attempts made by the WRA through the local railroad agents at point of shipment have been to no avail, Nichols said.

In the event that shipment is received at the last moment's notice, efforts will be made by the Administration to assure immediate distribution of the mochigome to the mess halls, Nichols added.

According to a last minute release from the San Francisco office, there is no need to have a permit from the Western Defense Command after January 2 except an identification which is highly recommended. Prior to this new ruling all residents leaving the center between January 2 to January 20 were instructed to receive a permit before returning to the coast.

Of the 1,900 families interviewed here in a recent family interview survey conducted by the relocation division, approximately 800 families have expressed desire to return to homes in the Seattle area, according to V. V. MacLaughlin, acting relocation officer. Majority of them indicated that they would delay their return until suitable preparations had been made.

About 600 families remain to be interviewed. If the same proportion obtains, a total of about 3,600 Japanese will have announced their expectation of returning to this area.

The 1,300 families, about 90 per cent of whom are from the Seattle area, have asked only for resettlement which offers the most attractive possibilities for them.

It was pointed out that only a minority of the Japanese American own land in this vicinity, and that the majority previously leased or rented the land they occupied.

According to the Seattle Times, John Bigelow, WRA reports officer, stated that not more than 10 per cent of the returning Japanese may be expected within the next six months.

"There seems to be no doubt that it is going to take time for most of them to make plans and get things lined up for their return. There certainly isn't going to be any stampede as a result of revocation of the exclusion order," Bigelow added.

Many of the families interviewed did not plan to return immediately because sons were in the service and it would be impossible to resume their normal farming pursuits until the youths were again in civilian life.

War Bond Drive Nets \$20,027.07

The appointed personnel of Hunt have surpassed their \$15,000 war bond quota by \$3,000, according to Fred W. Minnesang, Jr., chairman of the project's sixth War Loan drive.

Representing an oversubscription of 119 per cent, the bonds bought by the 172 Federal employees at the project totaled \$19,007. Minnesang said. The project's quota was \$15,001.34.

Initiated by the students, the stamp sales amounted to \$426.80. Bond sales in which the teachers participated amounted to \$506.40, bringing the total of stamps and bonds sold in the elementary school to \$1,022.20.

High School Core System Clarified

Reason for the changing of the established two period, combined English and social studies classes to two separate periods under different instructors were clarified by acting principal Ray Harker in a recent interview. This change which occurred at the beginning of the second quarter of school on Nov. 27 affected only 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students and was made after both students and faculty had realized the necessity of the lack of factual fundamentals. It was believed that a standardization of work at the various levels would permit teachers to work in their major fields of study and thereby give students a better knowledge of the subject, Harker said.

Harker also announced the possibility of adding several new courses at the beginning of the second semester. Such courses will be evaluated as a semester's work and will be worth one semester credit.

COMMUNITY SINGING

Community singing and a talk by James Sakoda who will review Carey McWilliams' new book "Prejudice: Japanese Americans," will be sponsored at the library at Rec. 24 on January 2. A program of book talks and discussions is now being planned for future meetings of this nature.

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The Time Is Now

Now that first effect of the order rescinding the ban for mass exclusion of persons of Japanese ancestry on the west coast has worn off, it is now time to begin thinking rationally and coolly upon our next moves.

One of the first things which a center resident must think of if he is planning to return to the coast is the matter of housing. In most of the cities and towns which the Japanese left in 1942, housing is very acute. With the influx of war workers in the great shipyards and other industries essential to the war effort, it is very hard for anyone, regardless of ancestry, to find housing of any kind. Therefore, it behooves returning Japanese to go back with as little fanfare and disturbance as possible.

In the majority of cases where evacuees have returned to the west coast, there have been few unpleasant incidents. With the exception of a few, most returned evacuees have discovered that the majority of the west coast residents are friendly and cooperative.

With the formal announcement made by the War Department concerning the advisability of the lifting of the ban, we can be thankful that at least our protestations and affirmation of loyalty were not in vain. In part we can thank our valiant men in the armed services that we are once again free citizens. Free to do what we please, free to go where we please. Though the majority of us are going to start out living our free life with practically nothing, the spiritual feeling that we are actually free and the fact that America has not lost faith in us, will help materially to bolster up our lagging spirits.

We have once again come to the crossroads of life. From here on we must begin another chapter and as we peer into the future, the decision which we make now will have a significant bearing on what the future may bring to us. Whatever our choice, whether to return to the west coast or whether to go east will be up to us. We are free to go wherever we choose, but the decision must be reached only upon clear and rational thinking and the time is now.

Post Dispatch Believes In Educating Coast Agitators

The St. Louis Post-Dispatch in an editorial entitled "Fair Play for Japanese Americans" commented on the rescinding of the west coast ban for persons of Japanese ancestry.

The editorial follows: Two years and nine months after the 115,000 West Coast Japanese Americans were removed from their homes in what has been described as "the largest single forced migration in American history," the War Department has granted them permission to return. A step thus is taken toward righting a gross violation of civil liberties, but more than this is necessary before justice is fully done.

"Military necessity" was the reason given for the exclusion order. There is ample evidence, however, to show that no real danger existed, but that Army authorities were taken in by the professional anti-Japanese agitators, whose motives were and continue to be mostly economic, partly race prejudice.

There were a few disloyal Japanese, to be sure. They were known to the FBI long before Dec. 7, 1941, and were speedily arrested. As for the California Congressman's 1935 warning about a "250,000 armed Japanese on the West Coast ready to take the field in case of war," they proved purely imaginary. So did the "army" of 250,000 alleged by Bernard Macadden in a letter to the President in 1936. Not one Japanese American in this country or Hawaii was ever formally charged with sabotage or espionage. On the contrary, the 13,000 in the Army are proving to be loyal and gallant soldiers. The 100th Infantry Battalion, composed entirely of Japanese Americans, has won more decorations than

923 Chickens Used In Christmas Menu

According to the agriculture department, 923 capon chickens were killed for use in the dining halls for the Christmas dinner. The hog farm slaughtered 100 hogs also for use on the project.

The poultry farm reports that the egg production within the last 29 days has totaled 5,400 doz. Also within these last 29 days, 5 carloads of produce have been sent to other centers. These include 3 carloads of potatoes, 1 carload of carrot and 1 carload of onions. A sixth carload is scheduled for ship-

any other unit of its size. Persons of Japanese ancestry form 34.2 per cent of Hawaii's population. No concentration camps were established there, although Hawaii is much nearer the war zone than is our West Coast.

The Army order will not stop the reactionaries who have been agitating against this group for years. They are already calling for state laws to bar the Japanese Americans' return, and for mass deportation of the group to Japan after the war. A big job of education in fair play and tolerance needs to be done on the West Coast to assure these American citizens of their rights.

Chicagoans Give Opinions on Legion Post's Action

The recent removal of 16 names of Japanese ancestry soldiers from the Memorial board in Hood River by the American Legion brought forth the following letters which were printed in the Dec. 20 issue of the Chicago Sun.

To the Editor: If I ever buy any apples from a box with the name of Hood River, Ore., on it, it will be because I'm blind. The action of the Hood River Post of the American Legion in removing the names of 16 Japanese American soldiers from its so-called honor roll is certainly no invitation to help Hood River economically or in any other way.

TYPO Chicago.

To the Editor: "I think the Hood River American Legion is consistent in the action of removing names of 16 Japanese American soldiers from its roll of honor. Having lived on the Pacific Coast a number of years, I can understand the sentiment there. Certain products of the Middle West and East, such as art objects and novelties, cannot even be marketed on the West Coast if they symbolize anything Japanese.

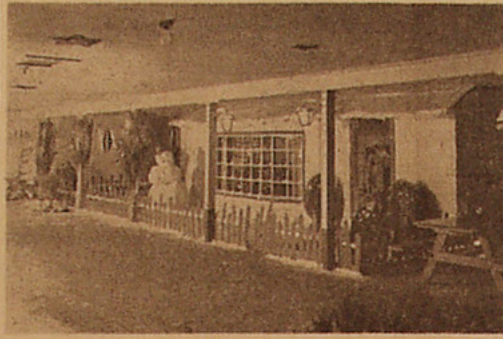
There seems little doubt that the Nipponese had more than normal dreams in regard to our Pacific Coast. Otherwise why did Tokyo become so exercised over the "California Incident" which they have so much deplored?

VIRGIL LEIB Chicago.

Giving Close Competition



With the theme "I'll be Home for Christmas" Elk 38 expressed the hope of many of the men who are now serving in far off battlefronts. With a jeep load of gifts, the GI standing before a modern home portrayed the unspoken thoughts of the soldiers and the homefront civilian during the Christmas season.



Placing third in the dining hall contest was Elk 37 with their tricky work in producing an illusion of a house within a house. Here again imagination and hard work produced an effect that is the essence of cleverness and thought provoking.

Pipedreaming... —kt

Now that the Yule season is over, the most satisfied person is the one who didn't overlook anyone in the way of gifts or cards. And the most unhappy person is the one who received such nice and thoughtful cards and gifts—

From the most unexpected people. Of course, the writer falls into the latter category, mainly from being so unprepared. However, thanks to the many people on the "outside" who so generously contributed to the center children, Christmas was spent happily among the children when Santa in his rented suit handed out the gifts at the respective blocks. One obligation that the residents must not overlook is to thank the givers, whose names and addresses were included in some of the gifts. It is our only means of communication that we appreciated the kind gesture of the generous and Christian-like spirit of the generous American people.

One of the fellows on the project is Elmer Smith. He is the "something unusual" as far as Hunt is concerned. Everywhere that Elmer goes, so goes the youth of the center. As far as the boys are concerned, his word is the essence of whatever boys should be—and have a lot of fun besides. Here is a concentrated group of evacuees and anyone who does not sport inked hair and brown—and slanted eyes is considered an outsider—the appearance of Elmer who has the ability to stroll into any gathering with all the aplomb and disarming manner of Daniel walking into the lion's den is indeed a welcome sight. To find that Elmer's presence does not arouse any sense of being "different" in a community where the color line is so definite is indeed remarkable—and very nice. Yes, indeed, Elmer is quite a guy.

Sometimes we wistfully and hopefully wish that there were more people like him.

The utter disregard of certain residents to signs such as "No Smoking," "Quiet" and the like, is amazing. Even with the cigarette shortage so acute that smokers have lost all pride in the matter of "mooching" a fag, the smoky atmosphere of a Rec. theater is quite a mystery. Another warning which movie-goers should take heed to is to behave like people when rushing to grab the most advantageous seats. Irresponsible pushing might result in dire results for among the wild "heathens" who crowd the ticket window are some tiny folks who might easily be crushed in the mad rush.

The nationwide disease of dry and rattling throats is infecting the centers. For instance, one of the best means of reaching a common understanding among all the people, no matter their color, are the cooing and titillating commentaries put out by the various cigarette companies. "Does your cigarette taste different lately? The inveterate smoker must wonder "what cigarettes?" Rat-tat-tat, ad so forth—L-S-M-E-T means such and such. "C" for the T-zone, T for throat and T and for taste." And so it goes, on and on while the domestic cigarette smoker sits by the radio or reads the magazine advertisements and look and look at the most beautiful thing in the world—a pack of cigarettes.

Of course, the only measure of

comfort with which the smoker consoles himself with is the thought that his boys in the service are getting enough. And the most potent damper to the smoker's morale are items in the paper telling of the cigarette shortage for men in action overseas.

We have always wondered how the boys overseas interpreted the newspapers put out by the Japanese Americans, and which departments were the favorites. Of course, we do receive letters and comments about the boys anxiously waiting for the newspapers to reach them in order that they might know what is happening at home, but they are usually in a general vein.

One of the letters written from "Somewhere in the Netherlands East Indies" however, which was printed in the Ann Nisei column of the Pacific Citizen seemed a little out of the ordinary. This letter expressing one GI's opinion on the subject of newsworthy items could also be taken as a general feeling of the boys "over there." The letter said in part . . . "After having read the July 15th issue of the PC, I was struck by the great contrast between your column and the main theme of the paper. Between you and me, Ann, I liked your column the best. Not for the obvious reason that you might be a woman, of course; I have a good hunch that you are, but who knows you might be wearing long trousers and smoke cigars (as all newspaper people do).

"I like the things that remind me of things past . . . like barbecued steaks, lamb, chicken or wieners and things in the backyard or if the backyard is too crowded with laundry you spread cloth on the living floor an' have a simulated picnic there. These little reminders pertaining to the gastronomical regions pain us on first thought, but OH what a pleasant aftermath. I suppose for all good things we pay with a little pain; the only difference here is that we go through the agony first . . . yeah, I can just taste that hot barbecue sauce!

"I don't really know how to react to eight concentrated pages dealing with the veritable exploits of the Nisei in Italy, the anti-movements an' all the rest of the rubbish. Am I to rise up and cheer or slump down to brood for the duration? I wonder how others react . . ."

The letter was signed "the half-barbecued soldier . . ."

Lifting of Ban Overdue Says Wisconsin Paper

In reference to the lifting of the west coast ban the Milwaukee Journal in its editorial of Dec. 19 said as follows:

After a 30 month exile, a majority of 100,000 Japanese American men, women and children are to be freed from camps where they have been detained and allowed to return to their homes on the West coast.

The army has decided that the changed military situation in the Pacific and a careful checkup of all detained Japanese Americans has made it safe to change the earlier policy. All those known to be pro-Japanese will continue to be detained. The decision of the army to release the loyal Japanese Americans comes almost at the same time as a unanimous supreme court decision that loyal Japanese Americans must be freed from war relocation centers. A simultaneous decision justified the original exclusion of the Japanese Americans from the Pacific coast areas as an emergency war measure.

The war relocation authority wisely will not attempt a mass return of the Japanese Americans to their homes, but will aid them to move back gradually to prevent dislocation. This decision to free the loyal Japanese Americans is, of course, right, but long overdue. They should be returned to their homes and their properties should be restored in the same condition as when the evacuation was ordered.

If there is trouble caused by any of the groups opposing the return of the Japanese Americans to their former homes, the United States government should use whatever means necessary to protect them. If this nation had the power to take them away from their homes for security reasons, it has the power—and the moral obligation—to return them to their homes now that the emergency is declared to be over.

DeYoung Assigned As Com. Analyst

Temporarily taking over the position of community analyst during the absence of Elmer Smith, is John De Young, who arrived here December 22.

De Young, who until recently was working for a government agency serving with the Army overseas, will be here for the next two months until Smith returns to resume his work.

Smith will be leaving the project sometime next week for work on the west coast.

Discharged Soldier Family Spend Christmas at Home

POWLER, Calif.—Kazuo Hiyanama and his wife and two children observed their first Christmas at home for the first time in three years, according to the Los Angeles Times. Hiyanama was recently discharged from the Army and his wife and children were released from the Gila River center.

washington post

To the Editor: The writer has been a member of the American Legion for 25 years and has taken an active part in promoting the membership growth and other activities of the various posts of which he has been a member over this period of time. But never has such an unworthy act as this been brought to his attention. The membership of this great organization is supposed to be made up of men and women from all races and is nonsectarian.

Tolerance is one of the cardinal points of the Legion and is even expressed in the preamble to the constitution which is recited in unison at the opening of every post meeting.

This action on the part of the Hood River Post is reprehensible, and cowardly against those who are far from their homes and cannot take a stand in their defense or speak up against the gross injustice done them. It is dishonorable and totally in contradiction to the principles for which our boys are fighting. Such an act as this might be expected in Germany, but it is unbelievable to think that it has occurred in one of the United States.

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Economic Rivalry Influenced Army's Exclusion Ban—Sun

The Chicago Sun printed the following editorial concerning the rescinding of the West Coast ban for persons of Japanese ancestry. The Sun also reprinted an editorial from the Midpacifian, armed forces' publication, in reference to the ejection of a Nisei veteran from a barber shop in Arizona.

The Sun editorial follows:

It is by no means certain that, after the war, we will look back with pride on the country's wartime treatment of Japanese Americans. The Supreme Court has upheld Gen. DeWitt's 1942 order excluding all Americans of Japanese ancestry from the West Coast states, though Justice Black's opinion admitted that it would be inconsistent with the Constitution "except under circumstances of direct emergency and peril." The fact is that we were frightened in 1942; we had been struck a heavy blow by Japan, and rumors were

of sabotage and espionage in Hawaii. We can suspect today that economic rivalry and sheer racial antagonism on the coast may have played a part in influencing the Army, but then we had the wind up.

Thousands of Japanese Americans since then have proved their loyalty on the battlefields, and the sabotage stories from Hawaii long ago were proved groundless. The court, even while upholding the Army's original orders, unanimously ruled in another case that Americans of Japanese descent can no longer be held in relocation centers without charges and conviction of disloyalty. The Army has revoked its prohibition on their return to the coast. On this page today we print an editorial from the Midpacifian, newspaper of the armed forces published in Honolulu. It is as good a lesson in Americanism as any court decision in our history.

Nisei Soldiers' Deeds Featured In Midpacifian Publication

Three dispatches just came in from Army News Service.

"Two will make you proud.

One will make you angry.

The first, datelined Washington, reveals that a single A. J. A. (Americans of Japanese ancestry) division in Italy was awarded 1,000 Purple Hearts. The second, datelined France, reports how the "Lost Battalion" in the Saint Dies area was rescued by American soldiers of Japanese ancestry who fought their way through to the trapped men.

The third, datelined Poston, Ariz., tells how a crippled A. J. A. was ejected from a barbershop because the proprietor didn't like his ancestry. The G. I. was Pvt. Raymond Matsuda, 29, from Hawaii. He had served two years with the 42nd combat team in Italy. He wears seven campaign ribbons and decorations, including the Purple Heart.

The action of one ignorant American brings shame to all of us.

His ignorance is dangerous.

It stabs at the heart of the things for which we fight.

G. I.'s who kill Japanese on Pacific battlefronts can tell you why they feel friendship for the A. J. A.'s fighting in Italy.

They're brother Americans.

G. I.'s who kill Nazis know they continue to like and respect German Americans now fighting at their side in Europe.

They're Americans and buddies.

We don't make war on people because of the color of their skin, or hair, or the shape of their faces or the nationality of their fathers and mothers.

We fight for an idea.

And we fight against an idea.

We kill fascists because it's our idea that people from every race and of every tongue should keep on living in our country as good neighbors.

We kill fascists because they think their race or blood makes them better than other people.

We fight for our idea because it is the cement that holds democracy together. We fight against the fascist idea because it is the poison that holds our enemies together.

G. I.'s know that the only difference between our enemies and our friends is what goes on in their minds.

The ignorant American from Poston, Ariz., is one of a few rot-

ten apples in the big barrel of America. His thinking does not reflect the way America thinks.

He probably doesn't realize he thinks like our enemies.

But he does.

Misguided people such as he, parrot the racial ideas of the Nazis and Japs.

As long as they do, they constitute a menace to our country.

It would be foolish for any G. I. to feel that fascism will be wiped out with the defeat of Germany and Japan.

The job will not be done until all Americans are educated to think and act like Americans.

That's our job too.

USO MOVES

After the New Year holiday, the local U. S. O. reception center, which is located at 22-11-AB, will be opened to the public for use.

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HIGH WIND

● half of the fun of
 putting a lot of effort into anything is the rehashing of the event. Generally the rehashing doesn't stop at a couple of weeks after, but serves as conversation piece years later. And too, the more gripes we had, the better we remember it.

Judging from the beautiful dining halls, we presume that competition was just as keen as last year in the decoration contest. Some blocks had to be coaxed, but when they entered, they went at it full speed. Maybe the thought that this is the last camp Christmas served as added incentive for the block members, but this year there were fewer complaints of gold-bricking.

And as usual, most of the dining halls didn't start on decorations until the last two or three days. Beary-eyed but game, almost every hall saw members keeping an all-night vigil the night before judging. Many were the complaints that the judges weren't quite correct, but that happens in any competition from The Puppy With the Bushiest Tail to Miss America. The judges' decision is final.

● it was unanimous, though.
 that Bk. 28 was the most beautiful hall. It had the professional touch that other halls couldn't quite reach. The intricate machinery that revolved the globe and at the same time rolled up the words of the song "When the Lights Go On Again" was the brainchild of a young genius. Bk. 28ers knew that the judges will be in the hall for only five minutes, and that the decoration will have to be smooth and catchy. Their theory that while a plain picture frame wouldn't register, a twisted one will; that a straight ribbon won't jell, same ribbon winding in and out of the surrealistic and giant frame will, worked.

Winning first place for the second consecutive year out of competition with a total of 66 dining halls (counting last year), is quite an achievement. Along with the rest of the camp, "High Wind" offers hearty congratulations.

Not only to the second and third place winners, and to the honorable mentions, but to all of the blocks who worked so hard and was so sure that they would at least get honorable mention, but didn't, we offer admiration for their wonderful sportsmanship. They were disappointed, of course, but they didn't waste any time congratulating the winning blocks with their best smiles.

● orchids of the week go to
 the volunteer waitresses who worked from 4 p. m. to the cleaning up of the tables, at the banquets for the winning blocks. They did more than their share, and the residents are truly grateful for their help. People like these girls and dish-washers of the Bk. 28 banquet, give us back our faith in our fellow men.

● and the lemons of the week go to
 the people who receive their cake with good or no grace, but when, through no fault of the giver, there happens to be a fly in the frosting, they go off on the well-worn tangent and raise sarcastic such-and-such. There isn't any use to elaborate. We all know just who they are.

● did anybody notice that
 the original five members of the Christmas Contest Committee members, not counting Miso Hiramura, who was appointed later, were all Buddhists? And while we're at it, the Committee should take a well-earned bow, a deep one from the waist. Their untiring and uncompromising efforts really made the success of the contest.

● it seems like the reason
 why there aren't more New Year's Eve dances doing on is because all the block clubs are afraid of the residents who crash the gates in-eriated... but weaving. Nothing short of prohibition, and even then, won't keep the happy folks from "shlebratin' wisha licka corn... It's not for us to wave a white banner... this is just a comment. But take in too much of that stuff, and we can only hope that the canteens don't run out of bromos.

● and just in closing
 may we extend to our readers our sincerest and warmest wishes for an eventful and Happy New Year... m.y.

"Gee, Santa Was Generous . . ."



Smiling and full of Christmas cheer, children and women come out of the dining hall carrying packages received from the Block Santa ten minutes before. More than 600 packages were received from kind donors on the outside, which were distributed to all children 15 and under, and to adults, 70 years and over.

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Radio Program Features Story of Ejected Veteran

NEW YORK—The widely publicized recent incident at a barber shop in Parker, Ariz., where Private Raymond Matsuda, who had been wounded in Italy, was refused a shave, was dramatized in the radio program "Five Star Final" broadcast on Nov. 15 from Station WMCA in New York City. Coupled with dramatization was the reading of a letter from Pvt. George Saito to his father regarding the death in action of his brother Calvin.

The following excerpts are from the script used in the broadcast:
 Announcer: Pvt. Raymond Matsuda, an American soldier of Japanese ancestry, had been wounded in Italy; crippled in the service of this nation, he walked with the aid of crutches. Now he was hobbling down the main street of Parker, Arizona. With difficulty he climbed the steps and entered Andy Hale's barber shop . . .

Sound: Crutches on steps . . . door opens.
 Matsuda: (slight accent) Good morning.
 Hale: Eh? (hard) Hey, what do you want?
 Matsuda: I'd like to get a shave if you're not busy.
 Hale: Go on, get out of here . . . beat it!
 Matsuda: Now wait a minute . . . Hale: Can't you see that sign?
 Matsuda: What sign?
 Hale: The sign over the door . . . read it . . . if you can read English.
 Matsuda: (grimly) I can read English as well as you can.
 Hale: What does the sign say, wise guy?
 Matsuda: (slowly) No Japs wanted here. Japs keep out.
 Hale: Get out!
 Matsuda: Look, mister, this is the uniform of the United States Army.
 Hale: Get out!
 Matsuda: See these decorations on my blouse? . . . the Purple Heart . . . the Combat Infantryman's Badge . . .

Hale: I don't care if you've got the Congressional Medal of Honor! Get out here before I throw you out!
 Announcer: Raymond Matsuda, a veteran of two years of overseas duty, wounded member of a regiment which had distinguished itself in action, was ejected from an Arizona barber shop. The proprietor didn't like the color of his skin and the slant of his eyes. In contrast to this attitude is the following letter from a Japanese American soldier on the Italian front. Describing the death of his brother in action, George Saito wrote:

"Calvin is dead, Father, and this is no time to be preaching to you. But I have something on my chest which I want you to hear. In spite of Cal's supreme sacrifice, don't let anyone tell you that he was foolish to volunteer. I'm more than convinced that we've done the right thing in spite of all that's happened. America is a darned good country, and don't let anyone tell you otherwise."
 Announcer: George Saito, a Japanese American soldier, felt that his brother Calvin had done the right to give his life for this country. Last week George also gave his life; he was killed in action. And at the same time Raymond Matsuda, a member of Saito's regiment, was shoved out of an Arizona barber shop.

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TWO FORMER IRRIGATOR EDITORS ANNOUNCE TROTH, WEDDING

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MISS MASAKO TSUJIKAWA

Miss M. Tsujikawa Announces Troth To George Tanaka

With the surprise phrase, "It's a match—Mosy and George," written on the inside of book-matches passed out to her guests, Miss Masako Tsujikawa, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Tsujikawa, 26-3-E, announced her betrothal to George Tanaka, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Tanaka, 42-10-A, on Sunday, at her home.

Lovely in a aqua blue dress with a sparkling coral pin, Miss Tsujikawa revealed her plans of joining her fiancé in Kansas City, Missouri, sometime in January.

Formerly of Auburn, Washington, and a sociology major at the University of Washington, she came to this center from Tule Lake. Mr. Tanaka is a Broadway High School graduate of 1941, and was a prominent member of the younger set.

Miss Tsujikawa is a former society editor of the IRRIGATOR, joining the staff soon after the influx of the Tuleans. She is the second society editor to announce her engagement, the first being Mrs. Yukio Okimoto (nee Katakama), who was married in Camp Shelby, Miss.

Pfc. Tom Higa Donates \$5.00

Pfc. Thomas Higa, veteran member of the famed 100th Battalion, wearer of the Purple Heart as well as the Pacific and E. T. O. ribbons, donated \$5.00 to the Parent-Soldiers Association in lieu of a Christmas gift, it was announced by the president of the association, S. Hara.

At present Pfc. Higa is stationed at an army center in California.

Movie Schedule

- "PARDON MY RHYTHM" starring Gloria Jean, Evelyn Ankers, Patric Knowles and Bob Crosby's orchestra.
- "FOLLOW THE BOYS" in a proud and exciting story of the stars who follow the boys. An all-star cast with George Raft, Vera Zorina, Jeanette MacDonald, Orson Welles, Dinah Shore, Donald O'Connor, Peggy Ryan, the Andrews Sisters and others. Also starring Ted Lewis, Freddie Slack and Charlie Spivak's orchestra.
- RECINEMA "FOLLOW THE BOYS" Mon., Tues., Wed. "PARDON MY RHYTHM" Thurs., Fri., Sat. "GANG BUSTERS" 6:30 and 8:30 p. m. and Sat. 1 and 3 p. m.
- SPOTLIGHT "PARDON MY RHYTHM" Mon., Tues., Wed. "GANG BUSTERS" Thurs., Fri., Sat. 6:30 and 8:30 p. m. Student Showing Fri., 6:30 and 8:30 p. m. and Sat. 1 and 3 p. m.

Miss Pat Nakamoto Exchanges Vows With Ex-Editor

Making a lovely bridal picture in a dark suit accented by an orchid corsage, Miss Pat Nakamoto, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. Nakamoto, 26-7-B, was married to Pvt. Ben Matsumoto, Camp Blanding, Fla., son of Mrs. Matsumoto, 26-5-F, on Dec. 26, at Twin Falls. The Rev. Emery Andrews officiated at the ceremony.

Attending the bride as the maid-of-honor was Miss Hideko Okihara, with Pvt. Joe Matsuzaki acting as best man.

The wedding reception with more than 150 guests attending, was held at the Bk. 28 dining hall on the same night. Mrs. Matsumoto was dressed in traditional Japanese wedding gown, making a striking picture with her soldier husband.

Mrs. Matsumoto is a former resident of Seattle, and a 1941 graduate of Broadway High School. Pvt. Matsumoto was a popular athlete and well-known student at Queen Anne High School, Seattle, 1941.

The couple is making their home in 26-2-E.

Pvt. Matsumoto is a former ex-IRRIGATOR staff member, serving as sports editor, and conducting the popular "Foto-Chats" column.

The Ten Thousand

Home for a short visit from Madison, Wisconsin, Miss Elsie Takeoka, was hostess to friends at a party Wednesday, at her residence, 31-6-D. Ten friends gathered to talk over old times.

Inviting the Bk. 44 Young People's Club, Bk. 41 YPC held a dance at their recreation hall on Tuesday. Refreshments and games were on tap for the evening, and another successful affair went on record.

Honoring Pvt. Benny Matsumoto, Umbrago, and Mrs. Pat Matsumoto (nee Nakamoto), Bojangle, the Bk. 26 YPC gave a festive dance party in their dining hall Thursday evening. The evening was topped off by speeches by Umbragoes Sra. and Jrs., Bojangles, and the presentation of a wedding gift from the YPC. The affair was sponsored by Pvt. Matsumoto's family, and engineered by the YPC.

D. H. 26 was the scene of an Christmas night with the entire fifty-some members joining in for games and dancing.

Through the generous donations from the Bk. Fund and individual donors, the Bk. 7 YPC held a Post Christmas chicken dinner last night at D. H. 7. Approximately 59 members of the club spent an enjoyable evening.

Co-chairmen for the affair were George Iwakiri and Miyo Abe; finance, Roy Tsuchida and program, Hajime Nakashima and Rosie Sumizuki.

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MANY NEW YEAR'S FESTIVITIES MARK ENTRANCE OF BABY '45

In two days, 1944 will be limping out, and 1945 will come bouncing in, bright with new hopes and big news. Old Year '44 fulfilled many promises for some, and failed in others. It will be up to '45 to take up where he left off and provide the weary world with mor surrises.

Ring in the new year for the third and final time in a relocation center will be several activities on tap by livewire blocks. Due to Christmas activities, New Year festivities have been marked as little less than usual, but the plans of all the dances and parties were not available at press time.

New Year's Eve Dance Given by Coal Crew

Bringing in the New Year will be a New Year's Eve Dance sponsored by the Coal Crew in D. H. 8, from 9 to 2 p. m. Tabbed as a couples only dance, bids are selling fast through members of the Coal Crew. Door prizes have been offered as an additional attraction.

Christian Church Plans Gala Eve Party

With an invitation to the public, the Federated Christian Church has planned a festive New Year's Eve party from 8 to 1 a. m.

In order to accommodate as many

guests as possible, two recreation halls, Reas. 6 and 36, has been ob-

Local Fire Siren Will Bring in New Year

Sound in the New Year at 12 o'clock sharp, will be the local fire siren, making a long wail, rising and falling in pitch. Residents are reminded not to get it confused with the regular fire call, which will be a little shorter than the ringing of the New Year, according to Verne Campbell, fire chief.

Both events will start at the same time.

Bk. 3 YPC Sponsors Invitational Dance

New Year's Day, Jan. 1, will be the date for a Bk. 3 Young People's Club Invitational Dance. The party is slated to start at 7:30, ending at 12 p. m.

Bk. 30 Gives "de Toid Nighter" Dance

With the catchy name of "de Toid Nighter," the Bk. 30 Young People's Club have planned a post-New Year's dance on Saturday, Jan. 6, 8 to 12 p. m. Smooth music and superb refreshments are offered to the lucky bid holders at this couple's only affair. Door prizes will be another drawing card.

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Radio Broadcast Praises Work Of Coach Pete Ida

The following transcription was used as a "feature story" by Tom Dalley, Sports Commentator for Station WOW, Omaha, Nebraska, during a recent 10:15 p. m. broadcast.

"When a man is born in America, and America is born into a man—it's a pretty safe bet that the man—no matter what his ancestry—will work and give his life if need be to follow American teachings and ideals. Such is the foundation of this little story tonight about the coach of Deshler, Nebraska, high school football team, Pete Ida, who last year, Deshler, under the skillful guidance of Coach Ida, won all its games but one, that a six to nothing loss to Harvard. They defeated Nelson, Edgar, Red Cloud, Hebron and Superior all by decisive scores. The season figures reveal that Deshler made 1,795 yards from scrimmage, while the opponents were held to 592 yards. That's truly a fine record and the school and its football fans are proud of it.

Coach Pete Ida attended Leland Stanford University and received his Bachelor of Science degree at the University of Nebraska. Upon graduation he was appointed physical education instructor at Teachers' College High School in Lincoln, and also assistant physical instructor at the Lincoln YMCA. Coach Ida has a brother, a Certified Public Accountant in New York, and another brother in the Service of the United States.

Coach Ida is an American-born Japanese. When we asked him his opinion and a comparison on American and the present form of Japanese government, he replied and we quote: "My reaction to democracy as a form of government in comparison with the present form of government in Japan, I would like to say that since I was born in San Francisco, California, raised and educated there, and never came in contact or studied Japan's form of government, and know no other government except democracy, I am unable to compare the two governments. Because we are living in a democratic country, for which my brother, friends, and other boys are fighting, I was given the opportunity to establish myself in an American community, and have no desire to live anywhere or follow my profession anywhere but in the United States or its territories. Much of my success is attributed to the people of Deshler for their tolerant and cordial attitude." Unquote.

Coach Pete Ida is to be congratulated on his fine record during his first year as coach of Deshler High School."

Ft. Snelling Hoop Quintet Features Ex-College Stars

The following story written by Pvt. Pete Ohtaki, appeared in a recent issue of the Ft. Snelling Bulletin, a publication put out by the men who are attached to this unit. Pvt. Ohtaki was a resident of Bainbridge prior to evacuation. He was a former member of the IRRIGATOR.

After losing a heartbreaker in their first debut on the maple court, the Fort Snelling MIS hoop stars are expected to bear down on their "rehearsals" this week for a regular scheduled "program" starting the new year. The outfit was hastily assembled last week by Warrant Officer Sal Jio, coach of the quintet, just after they had arrived from Fort McClellan. The quintet, is expected to be one of the main contenders in the Twin Cities if not in the state, what with a collection of stars from all over the West Coast. WO Sal Jio formerly saw action with the San Jose Zebras.

The outfit is depending on Wat Misaka, speedy ambidextrous forward and guard, formerly a star on the University of Utah '43 National Collegiate Champs. Wat isn't tall, but deadly on his one hand push shot, equally effective with either hand. John Leidy, who plays guard and center, on the floor, is an ex-Stanford man. He's smooth and fast and adds much height to the team.

Johnny Oshida, forward on the outfit, was a star of the Augsburg College team here in Minneapolis.

The starting roster also included Shig Fukuyama and Kenji Hosokawa, center and guards respectively, both being from Los Angeles. Also included in the outfit is Mas Nishibayashi, ex-University of Cincinnati hooper and Johnny Okamoto, an all-city star from Broadway High, Seattle.

Manager of the outfit is Sgt. John Matsuo.

What little hope that Ye Ole Sport's Scribe had that the residents of Hunt may see some casaba games this season is glimmering now. All of us are looking forward to the day when we can enjoy the luxuries of playing in-doors rather than out-of-doors in the bitter weather. Even with the lifting of the West coast ban, many will not be able to return to the West coast right away. So we are hoping that at least the floor will be finished and opened for the use of residents as well as the high school physical education classes.

Basketball which is the favorite in-door sport of the American people has swung full swing this week. From now until the spring thaw begins, basketball will be dominating the camp athletics as well as America's athletic world.

At Heart Mountain casaba enthusiasts are pounding the maple floor almost daily. The Heart Mountain Eagles officially inaugurated their casaba season by playing their initial game on December 23. The center basketball league, under the sponsorship of the Community Activities athletic department, will officially get underway soon. Block 20, one of the many entrants, boasts such stars as Tak Tsutsui, former all-star from Tule Lake center, who played with the Sacramento Mikados. The block 20 quintet is rated as one of the top-notch teams in that camp. The roster of that team is mainly composed of casaba celebrities of Tule Lake. Others on that team are Tak Ikeda and the Watanabe brothers, Joe and Tetsie.

The world famous Harlem Globetrotters have started their 18th season delighting fans from coast to coast with their unusual comedy and brilliant play.

The Globetrotters will entertain the people of the Magic Valley on December 31, at Burley, on their short trip to the coast. They started the 1944-45 season with an unequal record of having won 2439 games against only 198 defeats during the past 17 years.

Despite the war situation cutting down into the ranks of his players, Owner-Coach Abe Saperstein has managed, as usual to assemble a squad of newcomers and veterans of last year.

Last Monday night, eight basketballers representing the 171st Infantry clashed with the 1016 Engineer Treadway Bridge Company at the Field House, and were the victims in a heartbreaking overtime game, 24-26.

The score at the end of the regular game was 22-22 and in the three minute overtime, the Engineers managed to score two baskets while holding the 171st Infantry to just one basket.

Sato and Irinaga of Company "A" were high point men with 10 and 7 points respectively. In spite of the fact that the boys had never played or practiced together, they displayed remarkable ability against the towering giants of the 1016 Engineers.

The other members of the squad are: Tanoue, Umene, Uchida, Goto, Uyesaka and Morishita. Sgt. Buto of Company "A" is their coach.

These are not the only sports that are the pastimes of many of our Nisei. There are those hobbies that we may consider as sports such as model airplane building.

Pfc. Morihiro, member of the 171st Infantry Battalion Separate, "Able" Company's model airplane builder deluxe, has designed one of the best-performing models ever seen. It is a "super" ship, streamlined to almost perfection and is unsurpassable for all-around performance. The November issue of "Air Trials," a publication for the air-minded, contains a very interesting two page article featuring his model.

Quoting from the article: "His plane is amazing! It'll out-glide and out-soar anything on the field. It has a very tight, flat, circling glide; just seems to spin its tail around without banking. It resembles a high-performance glider and there are no exposed power units or landing gears. It doesn't seem as though any ship could glide that flat and not stall."

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THE MINIDOKA Sports IRRIGATOR

What little hope that Ye Ole Sport's Scribe had that the residents of Hunt may see some casaba games this season is glimmering now. All of us are looking forward to the day when we can enjoy the luxuries of playing in-doors rather than out-of-doors in the bitter weather. Even with the lifting of the West coast ban, many will not be able to return to the West coast right away. So we are hoping that at least the floor will be finished and opened for the use of residents as well as the high school physical education classes.

Basketball which is the favorite in-door sport of the American people has swung full swing this week. From now until the spring thaw begins, basketball will be dominating the camp athletics as well as America's athletic world.

At Heart Mountain casaba enthusiasts are pounding the maple floor almost daily. The Heart Mountain Eagles officially inaugurated their casaba season by playing their initial game on December 23. The center basketball league, under the sponsorship of the Community Activities athletic department, will officially get underway soon. Block 20, one of the many entrants, boasts such stars as Tak Tsutsui, former all-star from Tule Lake center, who played with the Sacramento Mikados. The block 20 quintet is rated as one of the top-notch teams in that camp. The roster of that team is mainly composed of casaba celebrities of Tule Lake. Others on that team are Tak Ikeda and the Watanabe brothers, Joe and Tetsie.

The world famous Harlem Globetrotters have started their 18th season delighting fans from coast to coast with their unusual comedy and brilliant play.

The Globetrotters will entertain the people of the Magic Valley on December 31, at Burley, on their short trip to the coast. They started the 1944-45 season with an unequal record of having won 2439 games against only 198 defeats during the past 17 years.

Despite the war situation cutting down into the ranks of his players, Owner-Coach Abe Saperstein has managed, as usual to assemble a squad of newcomers and veterans of last year.

Last Monday night, eight basketballers representing the 171st Infantry clashed with the 1016 Engineer Treadway Bridge Company at the Field House, and were the victims in a heartbreaking overtime game, 24-26.

The score at the end of the regular game was 22-22 and in the three minute overtime, the Engineers managed to score two baskets while holding the 171st Infantry to just one basket.

Sato and Irinaga of Company "A" were high point men with 10 and 7 points respectively. In spite of the fact that the boys had never played or practiced together, they displayed remarkable ability against the towering giants of the 1016 Engineers.

The other members of the squad are: Tanoue, Umene, Uchida, Goto, Uyesaka and Morishita. Sgt. Buto of Company "A" is their coach.

These are not the only sports that are the pastimes of many of our Nisei. There are those hobbies that we may consider as sports such as model airplane building.

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Football is now just about the thing of the past except for the bowl lineups for the New Year day. Southern California is 1 to 4 or 20 point favorites over Tennessee. It has been written and said that the Tennessee team is being led to the slaughter as Southern California bids for its eighth straight victory in the Tournament of Roses. Duke is given a two touchdown margin over Alabama in the New Orleans Sugar Bowl. Duke tackled the best, acquitted itself creditably. The Blue Devils certainly were the finest losing team in the country, finishing like Whirlaway in the home stretch.

Georgia Tech is judged a touchdown stronger than Tulsa in their rematch in the Miami Orange Bowl. Tulsa pours it on, but can't take it. Georgia Tech has a perfect record in four bowl ventures and the Tulsa team dropped two out of three.

Oklahoma A and M is considered 20 points better than Texas Christian in the Dallas Cotton Bowl. Texas Christian prevailed in what this year was a rather a weak Southwest conference by playing them close to the vest which will be difficult to do when they meet Oklahoma A and M. Everything, including comparative scores, points to considerable daylight between these two teams.

Don't celebrate too much the night before, enjoy the games even though it's only through the radio and have a Happy New Year.

Slant Eyes Reason For Evacuation Writes K. Landis

The following open letter to Pfc. Yoshinao Omiya written by Kenneth M. Landis II appeared in the December 22 issue of the Chicago Sun. Pfc. Omiya who lost his sight in Italy fighting with the famous 100th Infantry Battalion is at present convalescing at the Old Farms Convalescent Hospital in Avon, Connecticut.—Ed. Note.

To Pfc. Yoshinao Omiya, U. S. Army Hospital:

You have been on my mind since I read that you had landed at an East Coast port with both your eyes blown out by German mine.

I suppose you know that the U. S. Supreme Court has just decided that it was constitutional for you to be born with slant eyes.

The decision was unanimous, and whenever the Supreme Court decides anything unanimously, you can be pretty sure it is the law of the land, even though it took a long time to find out.

Your home is Honolulu, which is lucky, because your folks haven't been penned up in concentration for over two years as they would have been if they had lived in California.

In Hawaii, your people have been treated like all other Americans. I suppose you know that the U. S. Supreme Court has just decided that it was constitutional for you to be born with slant eyes.

Instead of making trouble, they gave their blood, their labor, and their lives. And in May, 1943, the Army told us:

"There have been no known acts of sabotage, espionage or fifth column activity committed by the Japanese in Hawaii either on or subsequent to December 7, 1941."

But in California, where your people were only 1 per cent of the population we decided we couldn't take any chances on their loyalty. This was the official reason, and technically sufficient.

Of course the real reason was the slant eyes, and it was dangerous for Chinese and even Filipinos to walk the streets of Los Angeles. Our eyes were bloodshot, and your people had to be locked up for their own protection.

It made no difference that most of them were native-born Americans, many of them with sons in the Army. The American Legion demanded that the soldiers be discharged and locked up too.

The other day, as you may have heard, the Legion post in Hood River, Oregon, erased the names of 16 Japanese American soldiers from its roll of honor.

But the Supreme Court has decided that your kind of eyes are as good as bloodshot eyes. All loyal Americans of your ancestry now have a right to take their chances on the streets.

You will be glad to hear that over a hundred fathers, wives and sisters of Japanese American soldiers have already been released from the Poston, Arizona, concentration camp so that the soldier fighting abroad can be notified in time for Christmas.

It will make a real Christmas present for your comrades of the 100th Battalion in Italy, which the War Department has called "the most decorated unit in the entire Army."

And Merry Christmas to you, even if you can't join the American Legion.

Los Angeles Mayor Cannot 'Guarantee' Safety to Evacuees

LOS ANGELES—Mayor Fletcher Bowron declared Monday that Los Angeles "just can't guarantee" protection to the returning Japanese, according to International News Service.

"If they come back and start putting out war workers to get a place to live, I don't know what the result will be," the mayor said. "With our police force inadequate because so many of its officers are in the armed forces, we just can't guarantee them protection."

"I think it is a mistake to bring them back while we are busy fighting a war," Mayor Bowron said. He expressed a belief that in view of the decision to allow them to return, it would have been better if they had not been removed in the first place.

Clearance For The Nisei

The Joplin News Herald (Mo.) published the following editorial in its December 18 issue:

Although we have allusions that the Japanese are almost defeated, the possibility of an invasion of the United States by the Nipponese is so remote that the war department has rescinded its order excluding all persons of Japanese ancestry from the west coast.

It is expected there may be sporadic cases where this action may cause flurries of trouble, but most people are convinced that the early months of the war evoked a bitterness against and suspicion of Japanese Americans which was in no way justified in a great majority of cases. Surely, there is no more reason why people from Japan, or whose immediate ancestors are from Japan, cannot make good American citizens than people from any other foreign country.

Some incidental testimony in this direction has been developed locally in recent weeks. Some months ago E. R. Van Pelt, Joplin architect, while working at Camp Crowder, became acquainted with a young Japanese American by the name of Otsubo, who was working as a draftsman. Later on, this young man of Japanese blood was called to the front, where the worst grim possibilities of war were shortly realized. Recently Mr. Van Pelt received the following letter:

Dear Mr. Van Pelt: We wish to inform you of the loss of our son, Technical Sergeant Richard Otsubo, who was killed in action in France on the 23rd of November.

As an American, he fought for his country, hoping to prove to the people that the Nisei are loyal citizens of the United States. Your friendship and the kindness you had shown him while he was stationed in Missouri assures us that he did not die in vain.

We cannot express in words our sincerest appreciation for all you have done for Dick to make his training more pleasant. May we take this opportunity to thank you for your graciousness.

Very sincerely yours, MIE AND MITS. OTSUBO.

This letter was sent from the relocation branch of McGehee, Ark. Will any American parent who has lost a boy in this war, or who even has a boy in the war, fail to applaud the fine spirit displayed by these Japanese Americans? Keeping in mind the readiness with which Japanese soldiers die for their employer, it is entirely believable that Richard Otsubo was glad to give up his own life to help prove his Americanism and the loyalty of thousands of other Nisei to American ideals. Unhappily, this, after all, is about the only way such things can be proved.

Weather Report

	Max.	Min.
Dec. 7	50	21
Dec. 8	50	22
Dec. 9		
Dec. 10	36	9
Dec. 11	39	9
Dec. 12	39	10

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Church School as usual in each section. ENGLISH WORSHIP SERVICE: 10:45 a. m., Rec. 8. Guest speaker, Miss Betty Adkins, Willamette University, Rec. 36. Rev. T. Fukuyama, "Am I Ready?" Also baptismal service. EVENING YOUTH FELLOWSHIP: New Year's Eve get-together at Recs. 6 and 26, 7 p. m. Area B will join Area A youth group at 10:45 p. m. at Rec. 6 for a combined watch night service which will begin at 11:30 p. m. Refreshments will be served after service. A cordial invitation is extended to the public.

WEST END: 10-12, 8 a. m., Holy Eucharist with Fr. Kitagawa; 10:30 a. m., Church School, 22-3-D, 9 a. m., Holy Eucharist, Fr. Shoji. EAST END: 9:30 a. m., Holy Eucharist, Fr. Kitagawa; 10:30 a. m., Church School. New Year Services will be held at the West and East ends at 11:30 p. m.

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Leaving Hunt for Twin Falls	Leaving Twin Falls for Hunt
8:15 a. m. via Jerome	7:00 a. m. via Jerome
9:00 a. m. via Jerome	10:30 a. m.
12:10 p. m. (Sat. only)	11:20 a. m. (Sat. only)
1:30 p. m. via Jerome	
*5:10 p. m. via Jerome	*4:30 p. m.
*5:10 p. m.	
8:00 p. m. via Jerome	6:15 p. m. via Jerome
11:35 p. m.	10:30 p. m. via Jerome

Leaving Hunt for Shoshone via Jerome: 11:30 a. m.
Leaving Shoshone for Hunt: 12:45 p. m.
Connection to Hunt at Jerome: 7:30 a. m., 6:45 p. m., and 11:00 p. m.
Leaving Hunt for Eden and Hazelton: 8:00 a. m. and 7:20 p. m.
Connection to Hunt at Eden: 8:45 a. m. and 8:20 p. m.
Connection to Hunt at Hazelton via Eden: 8:35 a. m. and 8:00 p. m.
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