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## Recruiting Underway for Ordnance Work at Sioux

Representatives Point Out Kind Of Job, Advantages for Workers

A renewed effort to recruit workers for Sioux Ordnance in Nebraska was launched this week with the announcement by V. V. McLaughlin, relocation program officer, that Nisei employed at the depot are eligible for draft deferment as war workers and that Issei will be given letters of recommendation by the Commanding Officer which should prove a valuable asset in seeking post-war security.

## Depot Lifts Restrictions On Evacuees

The WRA and the War Department have recently reached a new understanding as the result of the unusual success of persons of Japanese ancestry working at the Tooele, Utah, and the Sioux, Nebraska, Ordnance Depots, according to information received here from H. Rex Lee, acting chief, Relocation Division.

The Ordnance Department has agreed that persons of Japanese ancestry who are free to travel anywhere within the United States may make application and will be accepted for employment at Ordnance Depots in exactly the same manner as any other citizen applying for ordnance depot work, Lee said.

This means that it will no longer be necessary for evacuees to fill out the Personnel Security Questionnaire and obtain a prior clearance from the Provost Marshal General's Office before going to work. They may make application simply by filling out a Personnel Security Questionnaire the same as any other employee before entering on duty, but pre-clearance of this questionnaire will not be required as in the past.

However, should evacuee request pre-clearance, he may still obtain it by filling out the Questionnaire and sending it to the depot with a covering letter of explanation at the same time his application forms are forwarded. The depot can then deal directly with the PMCO in handling the PSQ. It will not be necessary for centers or field offices to forward the Personnel Security Questionnaire to the Provost Marshal General's Office as in the past.

The Ordnance Depots have also prepared a brief summary of information concerning draft status of Ordnance Depot workers and possibilities of deferment.

## Sweetheart Gracie and Her Royal Court Reigns Over Ball



Making a charming picture on the stage with the background of pastel modernistic lines, the Sweetheart of Minidoka and her Court is caught by the camera in an unposed shot as they reigned over the program. They are left to right, Princess Junie Oyama, Princess Aiko Heyamoto, Sweetheart Gracie Kawata, Princess Mary Masunaga, and Princess Anne Nakamura.

## Expunged Nisei Gives Life In Action at Battle of Leyte

UNITED STATES ARMY HEADQUARTERS, Feb. 16 — Frank T. Hachiya, 25 years old, of Portland, Oregon, one of 16 Japanese Americans whose names have been stricken from the county memorial roll by the Hood River, Oregon, American Legion Post, died while performing a dangerous volunteer mission. It was reported by the Army, according to the Seattle Times.

Son of Mr. Junkichi Hachiya of 37-1-2, Hachiya was attached to the 7th Division and was wounded fatally on Leyte, December 30. He died January 3 after most of the men in his regiment volunteered to give him blood transfusions.

Lieut. Howard Moss, Hachiya's commanding officer, said Frank volunteered to cross a valley under Japanese fire to scout an enemy position.

"A Jap sniper let Frank have it at close range," Moss related. "Frank emptied his gun into the sniper. Shot through the abdomen, Frank walked back up the hill. Medics gave him plasma and started him to a hospital. He was operated on immediately but the bullet had gone through his liver and he died."

Hachiya attended the University



T/3 Frank Hachiya

of Oregon. He enlisted shortly after Pearl Harbor and served through the Kwajalein and Eniwetok invasions.

## \$33.20 Collected In 'Dime' Drive

A total of \$33.20 was collected from coin boxes placed in all dining halls by residents during the "National March of Dimes Campaign" by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, according to Frank S. Barrett, project attorney.

Leading the block contributions was Bldg. 24 with a total of \$4.55. Second was Bldg. 15 with a total of \$3.80.

## Candidates Nominated

Twenty-one candidates to the Community Council were nominated by the 45 representatives from the blocks at the Nominating Convention held at the Council Chamber last Tuesday afternoon. Yoshito Fujii, chairman, Community Council, announced this week.

Election of the 7-man Council will be held next Monday, Feb. 26, Fujii said.

The candidates in alphabetical order are: Ichizo Akiyama, Elkon Ashizawa, Yosajiro Doi, Eiji Fujitomi, Chosaku Hashiguchi, Masamori Hashimoto, Sadahiko Ikoma, Kunzuo Mayeno, Genji Mihara, Fukuichi Mori, Yozo Murakami, Shigeru Masugi, Bunei Nakasone, Isao Oyama, Saichiro Seda, Teruharu Suzuki, Daichi Takeoka, Masato Uyeda, Ken Yamada and Junkichi Yoshida.

## D. MYER SPEAKS BEFORE 1500 RESIDENTS AT GYM

Five Reasons Given For Closing Centers; 442nd Cited

Citing the outstanding record of the Nisei men in uniform who are serving overseas and who are still in training, National Director D. S. Myer spoke before approximately 1500 residents last Monday at the gymnasium.

Myer, who is making an inspection tour of relocation centers, further stated that 13,000 Nisei youths have either volunteered for service with the armed forces or have been inducted.

## Indef. Leave Procedure Clarified

Several changes in the relocation procedure were disclosed on February 21 by V. McLaughlin, relocation program officer.

For those relocated before January 1, applications for assistance grants must be made through their closest field office. The project relocation office will accept only grant applications for project residents, said McLaughlin.

Applications for indefinite leave have been discontinued and in place a gate slip to enable the person to meet the proper gate procedures will be issued. The old indefinite leave cards have been discontinued.

Various outstanding job offers were given note by McLaughlin also.

Below is given a general summary; for details on specific job offers inquire at the relocation office.

Many farm jobs and sharecropping offers have been received from Utah and Idaho, secretarial positions in Pittsburgh, Pa., Seattle, Great Lakes area, and Chicago area, domestic work for couples from almost every part of the country, including the coast; mechanic offers from the Great Lakes area, and offers from the Sioux depot for secretarial workers, ammunition handlers, checkers, and other positions.

### NOTICE TO CAR OWNERS

All cars parked near the entrance must be removed before noon Monday to the designated area across the canal, according to orders given by J. H. Nichols, assistant project director in charge of Administrative Management. Failure to comply with this ruling will result in the administration taking up the matter with the motor pool and effecting the removal of such cars that remain near the driveway where the Sun Valley buses park.

## All-Center Parley Ends This Week; Myer, Kimball Speak

SALT LAKE CITY—Opening on Monday morning the all-center conference elected as chairman, Masaru Narahara, Topaz, and Minejiro Hayashida, Heart Mountain, and Genji Mihara, Hunt, as vice-chairmen, according to T. T. Ogawa, secretary to the Hunt delegation.

According to a letter received here from Tom Ogawa, it was decided unanimously that news releases, even to center papers, will be under control by a Press Release Board. No releases have been sent out since convening.

Delegates numbering 29, seven of them Nisei, are meeting in small discussion groups and conferences at the Salt Lake YWCA and Japanese Christian Church.

"During the first few days of conference, there was quite a difference of ideas in the respective delegates regarding the manner in which we should approach and handle the job, but material brought here from all seven centers is practically identical," Ogawa said.

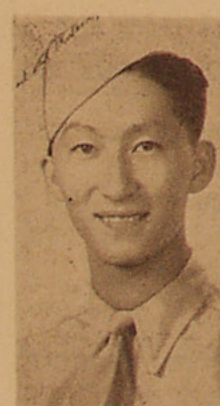
The seven lists have been consolidated into one, and will be sent out to the centers as soon as possible, it was said.

Dillon S. Myer, national director, met with the delegates in a closed session Wednesday. Solon Kimball, community government head, Washington, is also expected to attend the conference.

The Hunt delegation follows: Genji Mihara, vice-chairman, Community Council; Isao Oyama, member of the Fact Finding Committee, and T. T. Ogawa, secretary to the delegation. Yoshito Fujii, chairman, Council, who was to have been the fourth member of the group, was unable to attend the conference.

Delegates from the other centers are: Granada: Sakae Kawasiri, Shinichi Furuya, Roy Uragami, Rohwer: Chester Fujino, Shintaro Ito, Lloyd Shingu. Heart Mountain: Kaoru Akaishi, Minejiro Hayashida, Shigeichi Kawano, Minekichi Tsunokai, Kumezo Hatchimonji. Poston: Minoru Oyamoto, George Kato, John Kubota, Katsumi Takashima, Nobuo Matsubara. Gila: Yoriyaki Sato, Harry Nishimura, Mitsuru Fukuzo, Shigeichi Mitsuyoshi. Topaz: Masaru Narahara, Tsuna Watanabe, Shigeo Sasaki, Kichiro Nodohara, Ichiji Sugiyama.

## Seattle Nisei Promoted on Front in France



Cpl. John Ogishima

WITH THE SIXTH ARMY GROUP, France—Private First Class John Ogishima, formerly of Seattle, Washington, was recently promoted to the rank of corporal.

Corporal Ogishima, a member of the 522nd Central Postal Directory Battalion of the 442nd Central Postal Directory, fought through the Italian campaign north of Rome to and across the Arno River. Then during the Seventh Army's push through the dark Vosges Mountains of Northeastern France, his unit, then attached to the 36th "Texas" Division, rescued the now famous Lost Battalion of this war. When the trapped battalion had been cut off by the enemy for seven days, the Combat Team whose personnel consists of American soldiers of Japanese descent, fought its way through the thickly wooded forest near Bruyeres, and broke the tight encirclement.

Corporal Ogishima entered the service from Jerome, Idaho, on May 13, 1943. His parents Mr. and Mrs. G. Ogishima, reside at 6-12-A, Minidoka War Relocation Center, Hunt, Idaho.

## Myer Opposes Housing PW's in WRA Centers

Proposal that some arrangements be made whereby the Hunt relocation center could be used partly for housing prisoners of war for farm labor was opposed this week by Dillon S. Myer, national director of the WRA, according to the Twin Falls Times-News.

Possibility of getting a portion of the camp to house prisoners of war was discussed with Myer by a group of Magic Valley business men Tuesday morning at the project director's office.

The committee told Myer that this section of the country faced an acute labor shortage for the next growing season, and they urged that some arrangement be made whereby a few blocks of the Hunt relocation center be fenced off and used to house POW labor.

Myer, in stating that he was against any such proposal "without qualifications," said that in the first place it would create terrific problems from the public relations standpoint. As an indication of the difficulties involved, he recalled an incident in the middle west last year in which German prisoners were found to have become intimate with Japanese girls.

He added that the WRA is not running a concentration camp and that prisoners of war staying there would give it that name and would reflect unfavorably on the WRA and Japanese American set-up.

After he announced that the WRA was asking for funds only through January 1, 1946, he was asked what would happen to the camp after all Japanese and Japanese Americans had left. Myer responded by pointing out that the equipment and center would be turned over to the surplus property board for disposal.

As a possible stop-gap in labor requirements, he said that arrangements could be made with Japanese American families for indefinite leaves from the camp but that there will be no more seasonal leaves. He pointed out that if the evacuees want to relocate in Chicago, the WRA will pay their transportation there.

Therefore, if local farmers would guarantee them transportation to where they finally want to settle,

it might be worked out that they could work here for a considerable time and then be transported to where they want to settle. Some of the families, he said, would desire to settle in this territory. Many, however, because of age, could not be classed as potential farm labor.

He said there would be no encouragement by asking the evacuees to accept seasonal labor because it would break down the WRA policy of relocation.

## Two Draft Evaders Sentenced in Boise

BOISE—Tatsuo George Fujinaka, Portland, and George Katsumi Kodama, Seattle, were found guilty on Thursday in U. S. district court on a charge of failing to report for military induction, according to the Twin Falls Times-News.

Both Hunt men were sentenced by P. J. District Judge Chase A. Clark to serve two years and two months in a federal prison and pay a fine of \$300.

## The National Director Speaks to Residents



Gathering in the still incomplete high school gymnasium, some 1500 residents met to hear National Director D. S. Myer speak last Monday. It was the first time that residents had such an opportunity to hear Mr. Myer speak at a mass meeting at this center.



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## ORIENTATION CLASSES NOW BEING OFFERED

Registration for short-term (2, 3, 4-week) courses in vocational training will end April 27. This new set-up in the adult education and vocational training section was begun due to the termination of all such activities on June 1, according to the Education Division.

"In the past many residents have seized the opportunity to become skilled in an occupation. However, others may have postponed orientation or brush-up training until the last moment. That moment now has arrived."

This statement was issued jointly this week by Arthur M. Kleinkopf, superintendent of education, Richard Niver, adult and vocational supervisor, and Richard B. Johnson, supervisor for vocational training from Washington. Johnson is visiting here this week for the purpose of evaluating the on-going program of vocational and adult education, and of assisting in the development of an emphasis for the remaining weeks.

Niver and the adult-vocational education committee have completed an inventory of training facilities at the center. The purpose of this study was to identify facilities which could be used for short-term orientation courses preparing in part for types of positions in which relocating persons now are finding employment. Below are identified the titles of these courses. Registrations now are being received at the adult-vocational office in Rec. 23.

Following the title of each course included in this list are two figures; the first representing the number of weeks the course will

### Some Types of Positions for Which Training Or Orientation May be Obtained at Minidoka

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Course Number	Course Title	Number of Weeks	No. of Class Meeting per week	Length of Meeting (hrs.)	Total Hours
1	Acetylene Burner	3	2	3	18
2	Advertising Layout	4	2	3	24
3	Assemblers Automotive Parts	4	2	3	24
4	Assembler Electrical Equipment	4	2	3	24
5	Auto Mechanic Helper	4	2	3	24
6	Auto Service Man	4	2	3	24
7	Body and Fender Man	4	2	3	24
8	Car Washer	4	2	3	24
9	Caretaker	4	2	3	24
10	Clerk, General	1	5	8	40
11	Clerk, File	1	5	8	40
12	Clerk, Storeroom	1	5	8	40
13	Clerk, Shipping	1	5	8	40
14	Drill Press Operator	1	5	8	40
15	Factory work, Light	1	5	8	40
16	Grease Man	1	5	8	40
17	Library Assistant (part-time)	1	5	8	40
18	Laborer, Laundry	1	5	8	40
19	Laborer, General	1	5	8	40
20	Laborer, Truck (swamp)	1	5	8	40
21	Machine Operator	1	5	8	40
22	Machinist Helper	1	5	8	40
23	Office worker, General	1	5	8	40
24	Orderlies, Night	1	5	8	40
25	Painter, Spray Gun Operator	1	5	8	40
26	Simulator (car polishing)	1	5	8	40
27	Photographer	1	5	8	40
28	Repair Man, Electrical	1	5	8	40
29	Silk Screen Worker	1	5	8	40
30	Tire Man	1	5	8	40
31	Warehouse Man	1	5	8	40
32	Nurse Aid	1	5	8	40
33	Telephone Operator	1	5	8	40
34	Typing, Bookkeeping, Shorthand	1	5	8	40
35	Cooking, Family	4	2	3	24

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## The Album

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## The Readers' ROSTRUM

(Not only the Minidokans, but all readers of the IRRIGATOR took an active interest in the recent Sweetheart Contest, as witnessed by the letters that came through the mails. Two of the letters, both from the GRANADA PIONEER staff members, project newspaper of the Anasazi Relocation Center, Colo., is being re-printed for general interest. The letters serve to prove how widely people's opinions differ.—Ed. Note.)

Editor, IRRIGATOR:  
We wish to extend our congratulations to candidate MISS AIKO HEYAMOTO, as our intuitions lead us to convey, for deservedly winning the position of Queen of Minidoka.

The staff of the Granada PIONEER has taken a vote and has reached the decision that Miss Heyamoto is our choice by a majority of 11 to 1. (The opposition has written to you of his choice and does not represent us with any backing.) Her picture and description in the Minidoka IRRIGATOR impresses us as typical of our ideals. Of course, each and everyone of you have your own taste, but as far as we're concerned, she'll top beat of them all. PIONEERINGLY yours, KATA OMOI.

P. S. Whatever the consequences may be, we do extend our most sincere words to MISS AIKO HEYAMOTO that she was our staff's most lovable candidate for the queen of Minidoka. Thanks.

(Special Delivery)  
"Nuts to Journalism, hurrah for JUNIE"

Editor, IRRIGATOR:  
The staff of the Granada PIONEER extends fond felicitations and congratulations to Miss Junie Oyama, the Queen of Minidoka.

When we found ourselves gazing at the beauty of this lovely specimen of Idaho beauties in our last edition of the IRRIGATOR, we could hardly resist to take time out from our arduous tasks and select the queen from your gorgeous collection.

After hours of heated deliberation, we chose JUNIE OYAMA as the most charming and appealing to our experienced eyes. Of course, this is no surprise to you. By the time you receive this information, we know that you Minidokans have already selected lovely JUNIE OYAMA for the royal honor; that is, if we are not mistaken of your acumen for real beauty.

PIONEERINGLY yours, IRO OTOKO. (Copy Boy).

P. S. If by chance you Huntites made the grave error of giving some other damsel preference over our JUNIE, please inform JUNIE that the Granada PIONEER has chosen her to be their exclusive pin-up queen for 1945, which we hope will be some consolation.

## Lone Huntite Among Honored at Citation Ceremony

WITH THE 442nd COMBAT TEAM OF THE SEVENTH ARMY IN FRANCE—Included among the 78 members of the 442nd Japanese American Combat Team Infantry Regiment who were honored at a Citation Ceremony near Lepanges, France, was Pvt. George M. Hata, of Hunt.

Just returned from the fighting front for a brief rest, while their Field Artillery and Engineers were still carrying on against the enemy in the hills, the Infantry Regiment honored their comrades who have won decorations for their part in the great Fifth Army drive northward from Rome to and across the Arno River in Italy.

Standing at attention throughout the ceremonies, the officers and men of the J-A Infantry Regiment paid their respects to those who had to receive their awards posthumously, watched Major General John E. Dahlquist, Commanding General of the 26th Division to which they were attached, decorate all those who were able to be present, and thought of those who were now in hospitals, were missing, or were killed in action since winning these tokens of appreciation from a grateful country.

The Regiment presented arms when General Dahlquist approached to make the presentation, while the 26th Army Ground Forces Band, another unit of the 442nd Japanese American Combat Team, played honors.

Two Hawaiians received the Silver Star for gallantry in action. Pvt. Hata was among those who received the Bronze Star.

WELFARE CONSULTANT  
Mr. J. Lloyd Webb, Welfare Consultant, is a WRA man from Washington. He is here to aid the families with ONLY difficult situations in resettling. He will be here until March 1st.

## The Boy Who Died For The Orchards, the Valley

The Hood River American Legion post has stubbornly refused to admit that it acted too presumptuously, to say the least, when it ordered the names of Japanese Americans, reared in the area and taken into the armed service, stricken from the county memorial roll. The post would not agree that these boys were Americans.

Now there comes from Leyte the story of Frank T. Hachiya, one of the expunged sixteen, and how he died by way of proving that the American flag and Hood River apple bloom were as dear to him as to any. Who is un-American now? Not the late Frank Hachiya, GI.

This American soldier of Japanese blood was a veteran of Kwajalein and of Eniwetok. In the fighting on Leyte he volunteered to scout an enemy position, while necessarily under fire. His regiment depended upon him and Frank Hachiya was in advance of a protecting patrol. A Japanese sniper shot him in the abdomen, but, returning the fire, he killed the sniper. Then he walked back to the American lines and was taken to a hospital—where he died. Most of the men in his regiment had offered blood transfusions. They knew an American and a soldier beyond all mistaking. Is the Hood River post so sure that it can identify one? What price is prejudice?

Such shining tales of gallantry and devotion of Japanese Americans fighting under the flag have been more than occasional. The Hood River American Legion post has chosen to disregard them—but this one strikes home. This one is about a boy who died for the orchards and the valley, for the Oregon sunshine and mist for the principles of his birthright. Doubtless he would have liked to return, but he cannot—yet forever he is part of America.

We should like to know what the Hood River post now intends to do about his name. Clearly the post blundered into an untenable and shameful position. The American way to deal with this error is to confess and to remedy it. The memory of Frank Hachiya is not supplant; it is proud, it is proved. This is the inescapable rebuke.—Editorial, Oregonian, February 17, 1945.

## Letters sent to P-I

The following are comments published by the Seattle P-I concerning an article by F. H. Phillips concerning persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States.—Ed. Note.

To the Post-Intelligencer:

A few comments upon the letter of F. H. Phillips of February 13. I do not believe that "being a white man" is any excuse for expressing a desire to keep this country a white man's nation. This country is already composed of Filipinos, Chinese, East Indians, Koreans, Africans, Japanese, American Negroes, Mexicans; all possible mixtures of these, plus all types of nationalities and religions, which cut across race lines.

The philosophy of east is east and west is west, and never the twain shall meet," does not show clear perception of the fact that one of our most important allies in the present war is an Eastern nation—namely, China. Ideals, not skin color, hold people together. JOYCE E. COOPER, Seattle.

To the Post-Intelligencer:

This is in reply to F. H. Phillips of Bremerton, who, in opposing the return of the Nisei to the sacred soil of the West Coast, quoted that old chestnut from Kipling:

"For East is East, and West is West;

And never the twain shall meet." May I suggest that he reread the poem, especially the last verse which closes approximately:

"For there is neither color nor creed,  
Border nor breed nor birth;  
When two strong men stand face to face,  
Though they come from the ends of the earth."

You see Kipling believed that two differing races could live side by side when the individuals concerned were big, not small-minded men.

RALPH ERICKSON, Pvt., U. S. Army, Seattle.

To the Post-Intelligencer:

F. H. Phillips says ("For Nisei Reservation," Feb. 13) "Being a white man it is perfectly natural that I should desire that this country should be kept big, new and forever, a white man's country."

Why doesn't he bring himself up to date and acquaint himself with the facts that led men to refer to this country as the melting pot?

With respect to the Indian I'd like to point out that the Indian is truly becoming a vanishing race by assimilation.

My brother is a quartermaster in the navy. I have two cousins—one a sergeant—in the army. There are Indians in the legislature in Alaska. My father owns and is master of a salmon seiner that employs white men. These cases are fairly common rather than exceptional. All the persons mentioned are Southeastern Alaska Indians who have never occupied reservations.

LAURENCE DENNY, Tacoma.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The USO would like to make acknowledgements to the Steward Division, Irrigator, Community Activities, Cantenets, the Hunt orchestra, the high school, and the general public for helping make the Benefit carnival a success, according to Miss Grace Kawata, USO president. It was only through their kind cooperation that we were able to give the visiting servicemen a memorable time, she said.

## Are You Planning to Settle in New York?

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## ORDNANCE WORK

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any person can do. Concerning deferment from service in the armed forces, McLaughlin said that Nisei should study the seven points listed by his office. They are:

1. At the time of selection of the prospective employee, the W. R. A. Center and/or the W. R. A. Regional Office will advise the Commanding Officer of the prospective employing establishment, giving: (a) name of employee, (b) number of his family for whom housing must be provided, (c) name, number and address of his Selective Service Local Board, (d) current Selective Service classification, and (e) time and place of travel by train in order to provide transportation from railroad station to Ordinance establishment.

NOTE: It is highly desirable that permission to change employment from WRA to essential War Work be secured from the Selective Service Local Board prior to making the change. In the cases of men deferred for agricultural activities (III-C or II-C) it is mandatory that such prior permission be secured.

2. The Ordinance establishment will provide the necessary form by which the applicant will notify his Selective Service Local Board of change of address and job, before leaving the Center. The Center Relocation Staffs will assist the applicant in accomplishing this form and mailing same to the proper Selective Local Board.

3. At the time the man arrives at the Ordinance establishment, the Commanding Officer will so advise the Selective Service Local Board, and that a request for occupational deferment has been sent to the appropriate War Department Regional Deferment Committee.

4. The Commanding Officer of the Ordinance establishment will forward the request for occupational deferment to the appropriate War Department Regional Deferment Committee, prepared in accordance with current regulations. He will also maintain a tickler file showing current Selective Service status, on which appropriate subsequent action may be taken. The employee must advise the Commanding Officer or his designated representative of any change of continuance of such status.

5. Members of the Enlisted Reserve Corps on inactive status, or men under age 26 may be employed by the establishment to the date of induction. No deferment from military service will be requested for men in these groups.

6. Applicants currently classified in 4-F or 1-A (L) regardless of age are eligible for employment provided they can pass the necessary physical examinations required for all munitions handlers. Requests for occupational classification will be forwarded promptly to the appropriate War Department Regional Deferment Committee pursuant to current instructions.

7. It should be noted that the maximum period of deferment or occupational classification is 6 months and it is necessary to file new request at least three weeks prior to expiration of any period of deferment or occupational classification.

NOTE: As "Munition Handler" is included on the War Department List of Key Positions (Deferment Memo. No. 22, OSW, 16 Oct. 1944), the employing establishment will endeavor to secure his occupational deferment under current procedures.

NOTE: Government employees, who are acceptable for general military service, under age 26 and men who are members of the Enlisted Reserve Corps are not eligible for deferment.

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## HIGH WIND

### it went down on record

Saturday night was a smash success. Convoys stopped running at 12 p. m., but few went home. They stayed until the last strains of "Goodnight Sweetheart" ended, and then they walked home in the slushy remains of the snow blizzard. If that isn't the definition of a successful dance, then we'll quit writing for good. Practically everybody in camp who turns a neat waltz was there, so we thought it wasn't necessary to mention that we're talking about the "Sweetheart Ball."

### sweetheart gracie and her royal court

made the prettiest picture up on the beautiful stage. Formals make such a difference, we're willing to stake our lives, double or nothing, that every girl wished she was in a formal too. Petite, charming, and gracious, Sweetheart Gracie ruled over the festivities plus the hearts of the dancers with piquant vivaciousness. Though she possesses all the

### just before the final election

we received a post card from two voters through the mail. It said, "After a careful contest, we cast our vote for Miss Aiko Heyamoto by following qualifications: Beauty, 100 percent; Charm, 100 percent; Personality, 100 percent; Poise, 100 percent; for Hunt's Queen of 1945."

### as impossible as it sounds

We think the Sweetheart Committee did a pretty good job of keeping the identity of the Sweetheart under cover for five days. It slipped out from somewhere along Thursday, but the majority of the residents was in the dark until Saturday night.

Twin Falls people must have wondered at the sight of seven girls, the Court and two committee members, walking into every dress shop in search of a suitable gown. That was to throw off any suspicion as to who was the queen.

### orchids of the week go to

the indefatigable T. R. Goto, and his volunteer crew who put up the decorations for the Ball. With limited time, and limited material, T. R. and his crew transformed that bare hall into a technicolor dream, modernistic checkrooms, et al. Behind that, of

### just for the heck of it

we're leaving out the lemons this week, and tack on some more orchids. This one is for the different troupers around the center who contribute their talents to the programs and entertainments that provide so much enjoyment to the public.

Troupers have to have the intestinal fortitude to be just that. They practice and practice to present a fair act. They get up in front of hundreds of people and give with their best. And then if they're good, a few people might say, "that was all right." But if they slipped up on something, "it was all right, but why don't you try this and why didn't you try that."

At one time or another, they "lost fight" and decide to drop from the limelight for a time.

### being on any committee

is no fun. They work for weeks on making the event a success, and when it doesn't broil right, it's their fault, and when it's done to a turn, they're too tired out to enjoy it.

But however they felt, (and if they didn't look tired, they're Aca-

### my, but it's good to hear that

the kids will have a Teen-Age Canteen. We've been needing something like that for a long time. The teenagers will probably do themselves proud on running it smoothly and efficiently.

And not only that, but the opening of the Canteen will mean that the Community Activities will be moving out (according to a verbal agreement) to make room for the

expansion of the USO. The soldiers have been aching for some room to learn to jilt, and dance around, instead of just sitting and playing pinocchio. At the present, it's only "a hole in the wall," and the expansion will finally enable the USO to give the doughboys what they deserve. We reiterate with a sigh of gladness, it's good to hear of two good things at one time.

evening for a shower. Miss Taniguchi's fiancé is Pvt. Tai Ninomura. As a "so long for a while" gesture to Pfc. Tzu Kanaki, who left the project yesterday, the Bk. 26 Young People's Club held a light social Thursday evening. Refreshments and dancing filled out the evening.

### Movie Schedule

"THE HOUR BEFORE DAWN," with John Sutton, Binnie Barnes, John Stephenson, Phillip Merivale, and Nile Astor. "SALUTE FOR THREE," starring Betty Rhodes, MacDonald Carey, Marty May, Cliff Edwards, Lorraine and Rognan, and Dona Drake and her band. A musical salute to fun, rhythm, and romance.

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### Festive Songfest Attraction Friday

Expected to draw a capacity crowd, a Songfest, the first to be held in the auditorium, will go on record next Friday, March 2, from 7:30 p. m., according to Frank Okita, CA assistant supervisor. With a long list of popular singers who will render solos between songs, the event is being mapped according to a careful plan in order to give the public the most enjoyment, Okita said.

## Camera Catches Biggest Social Event in Full Swing



All the glamour of a beautifully decorated stage, decorated further by the Sweetheart Court and accented musically by the Minidoka Matineers. Hunt orchestra, is seen through the camera's eye in the midst of the entertainment. Crooning into the mike is the high school "Frank Sinatra." Mits Katavama.



As the climax to a 45 minute program, emceed by Hero Nishimoto, the Court led a Grand March in which 200 dancers participated. In the front row are shown the Court and their escorts. From left to right, they are: Princess Aiko Heyamoto, Howie Okubo, Princess Anne Nakamura, Sadanobu Miruki, Sweetheart Grace Kawata, Edo Sasaki, Princess Mary Masunaga, Steve Haba, Princess Junie Oyama, and Walt Fukuyama.

### Miss Yo Terayama Announces Troth To Pfc. Al Ouchi

Choosing St. Valentine's Day as her announcement date, the betrothal of Miss Yoichi Terayama, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. Terayama, 44-6-E, to Pfc. Al Ouchi, 41-11-F, came as a pleasant surprise to her many friends.

Approximately 40 well-wishing friends and relatives were present at the informal party held on the evening of Feb. 14, at D. H. 44.

The attractive bride-elect, a popular member of the young adult's set, is a former resident of Bainbridge Island, Washington, and a graduate of Bainbridge High School.

Pfc. Ouchi is an alumnus of Franklin High School in Seattle, and was a law student at the University of Washington. He is a volunteer from this project, and is now serving with the 442nd Central Postal Directory.

Miss Terayama is circulation manager of the IRRIGATOR.

### Miss Mona Saito Weds Yosh Mukai At Twin Falls

Exchanging vows in a lovely two-piece blue suit, accented by an orchid corsage, Miss Mona Saito, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Saito, 39-4-D, was wed to Mr. Yosh Mukai, 28-11-F, in a simple ceremony at Twin Falls last month. The Rev. Emory Andrews officiated.

Attending the bride as maid-of-honor was Miss Judy Omura. Mrs. Mukai is a Girls Polytechnic graduate of Portland, Oregon. Mr. Mukai is an electrical engineering major of the University of Washington, '41, and a former Seattleite.

The newly-wedded couple is making their home in 29-11-B. Mrs. Mukai was a princess in the Sweetheart Court of 1943.

### Mrs. Booth to Speak Before Area A Candlelighters Sun.

Featuring guest speaker Mrs. Grace Booth, former associate relocation officer in the Cleveland area, the Area A Candlelighters will conduct its weekly meetings at Rec. 6 at 6:30 p. m. Under the chairmanship of Shiharu Nagai of the World Outlook Commission, the meeting will have as its theme "Finding Christ."

### MISS GRACE KAWATA CROWNED SWEETHEART OF MINIDOKA, '45

She's lovely, petite, and vivacious—contested balloting.

Earning the coveted title of the Sweetheart of Minidoka, Miss Grace Kawata, charming hope of the Relocation Division, came out approximately 160 votes ahead of her nearest competitor to be crowned at the ceremony at the Sweetheart Ball last Saturday.

Miss Aiko Heyamoto, boosted by the Statistics Division, placed second in the hotly contested balloting.

Other princesses making up the Royal Court, were the princesses Mary Masunaga, Anne Nakamura, and Junie Oyama.

While the orchestra played "A Pretty Girl is Like a Melody," each Princess came out from the wings with an escort and ascended the throne dais.

Sweetheart Gracie made her entrance at the last from the middle, escorted by General Chairman Harry Nakata.

"I consider it a great honor to be chosen as the Sweetheart, and I want to thank each and every one of you who supported me so much," Miss Kawata said.

The coronation and entertainment was climaxed by a Grand March, led by the Sweetheart and her Court.

The dance, with more than 500 people as witnesses, was hailed as one of the most successful events on the social calendar of Hunt.

Patrons and patronesses for the affair were Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Johnston, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Barrett, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Yamaguchi, Mr. and Mrs. James Sakoda, and Mr. and Mrs. Toru Araki.

The couple is making their home in Jamieson, Oregon.

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## TEEN-AGE CANTEEN TO BE OPEN MAR. 5

Canteen Committee Forms Nucleus Of Club; Center to be Run by Youth

With the remodeling of Barrack 22-9 starting Monday, Feb. 26, Hunt will join ranks with other small towns in boasting a Teen-Age Canteen by the first Monday of March, according to J. W. Johnston, CA supervisor. A contest for a suitable name for the canteen is being sponsored by the Canteen Committee composed of Edwin Uyeki and Fudge Sakamashi, high school Student Council; Miss L. Jones and F. Stillinger, high school faculty; Miss Betty Crusere, Welfare Office; and Johnston and Frank Okita, Community Activities.

The first prize for the best name submitted by the deadline of Wednesday, Feb. 28, will be a ticket entitling the winner to 100 cokes. Second prize will be a ticket for 40 cokes, and third, 10 cokes. Names should be turned in to the C. A. office as soon as possible.

### Youth Operates Club

As in all teen-age canteens throughout the United States, Hunt's will be built and operated by the youth. Boys and girls under supervision will tear down partitions, remodel, paint, decorate and plan the program of the center.

In order to accommodate the majority of teen-agers, the center will be open from 9 a. m. till 5 p. m. This schedule will permit students having open periods during the day to enjoy an hour of ping-pong, shuffle board, checkers, or just visiting in one of the snack booths.

Evening hours will be planned soon after the opening. "It's quite possible that one night would be a cabaret night, and other nights may be devoted to social programs planned and sponsored by different high school clubs," Johnston said.

Schedule of hours are tentative for the coming month and will be determined as soon as a definite program is established.

### Teens' Own Place

"The main objective of the center is to provide a place that teenagers can call their own. A place for fun, a program, and though supervised by adults, permits a maximum of expression and planning on the part of the youth," Johnston concluded.

## "Child Important Issue," Points Out PTA Main Speaker

Pointing out that "a number of years ago, the child was treated as a business, but now he is regarded as an individual and a more important issue," Mrs. J. E. Hayes, national chairman of publicity and associate editor of the national



Mrs. J. E. Hayes

P.T.A. magazine, spoke as the guest speaker on the Founders' Day program at the local gymnasium last Friday. Approximately 2,000 people attended the traditional candle-light ceremony and Japanese entertainment.

Mrs. Hayes continued that "if we are to fight a war we must employ every effort to win that war, we must carry on the essential tasks necessary for development and growth of children. It is futile for youth to give their lives for liberty unless they can preserve children for liberty. If we can erase prejudice between peoples we have in part paid our debt to members who die in the service," she concluded.

The affair was under the joint sponsorship of the high school and elementary P.T.A.'s, and under the chairmanship of Mrs. Mary Jane Watanabe and James S. Nomura. The welcome address was given by Mrs. Yoshito Fujii.

### Combo, New Song Listed on Matinee

With the addition of a violin played by Miss Mariye Morimoto, and another sax, the Minidoka Matineers are rehearsing a "better than ever" program for next week's broadcast, according to Hero Nishimoto, producer.

With the highlight taken by the Yank of the Week, two orchestra numbers and a combo, "Darktown Strutter's Ball," are featured.

A new song, introduced over the air for the first time, titled "It's Dreamtime Again," will be sung by popular Mary Nakata.

Last week's broadcast with T/4 Toah Taniguchi as the Yank of the Week, was recorded and will be sent to Washington, D. C.

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## SPORTS' FOCUS

Turning back the pages to the sports section of many of our metropolitan newspapers, we noticed that many sport minded Nisei are dotting the starting lines of many colleges and universities throughout the country ... with so many top ranking stars in various phases of sports in the armed forces, all of the schools are continuing their sports activities with 4-F's, 17 year olds and some Navy trainees ... drawing the human eye of us Nisei are those Nisei boys participating in various collegiate sports activities. These are a few of them that have hit the sport headlines during the past few weeks.

Item I ... During the recent triangular cinder meet between Wisconsin, Minnesota and Northwestern, the Wisconsin Badgers won five first and tied for another to capture the meet. In that meet there were two Nisei tracksters that placed. Watanabe of the winning Wisconsin Badger squad came in fourth position in the 40-yard dash. Yamamoto of Minnesota placed in two divisions: pole vault, tied for third position; and the broad jump, fourth position with a jump of 20 feet and 11 1/2 inches.

Item II ... Minnesota wrestling team kept the Big Ten lead at Minneapolis last Saturday night, February 10, by tying Michigan, 14-14, giving the Gophers three victories, one loss and the tie. Togami is one of the members of the Minnesota Gopher grapplers and is in the 121 pound class.

Item III ... While other colleges wear themselves out boasting of their basketball's height, Kalamazoo College comes up with the claim that it has the shortest team in the country! The five men of the first string squad average 5 feet 8 inches in height. Following are the members of the first string quartet: Hazen Keyser, 5 feet 6 inches of Ford Wayne, Indiana; Tom Sugihara, 5 ft. 6 inches; Louis Spitters, 5 feet 8 inches; Paul Hiyaama, 5 feet 10 inches; and "big" Gus Birtas, 5 feet 11 inches.

Item IV ... Wounded veteran Pfc. Tokio Shiomichi was reported in the Milwaukee Journal of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, last week as being a good bowler despite his loss of a leg in Italy. "With amazing timing and balance," Shiomichi proved it at a downtown bowling alley to the reporter.

A year ago in the latter part of March, the area "A" community activities sponsored a barbell exhibition meet. The tedious training of approximately two and a half months bore fruit as these lifters gave an exceptionally well-presented exhibition. Last night four of these boys from last year's barbell team again performed at the local sports carnival sponsored by the Hunt High School physical education department. They were well above par of last year. These boys demonstrated various types of weight lifting to the audience.

Much credit should go to Kay Hoshida, assistant physical education instructor, for his valuable aid in planning the intramural program. He has achieved much in spite of the enormous difficulties that confronted him throughout the school years. This department has set forth the following goal for the year: to have the boys participate in the various ious activities and to build them physically as well as MORALLY. Until the usage of the gymnasium was granted to the high school, they had to make use of whatever space and equipment available. The classroom was fixed with many ingenious modifications of various games.

The University of Washington Huskies were sunk last week, 36-35, by the University of Idaho Vandals and here are some "firsts":

(1) It was the first time under the 16-game schedule that the Vandals had won both games of a series from the Huskies.

(2) Last week's setback marked four straight defeats on the eastern trip for the Huskies, something no Idaho and Washington State teams of the past were able to accomplish.

(3) The four losses, coupled with the four defeats sustained on its trip into Oregon earlier in the season, marked the first time a Husky team has gone through a season without a single win on the road.

With the 45-43 victory of Oregon State over University of Oregon last Saturday night, the Northern Division lead is jointly held by the two Oregon teams with 8 wins and 5 losses apiece.

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## Introducing the Fort Snelling Quintet



Shown above are the members of the Fort Snelling quintet who have run up a record of eight consecutive victories and are now the 11th place in the Twin Cities Northern Division League. The quintet is entered in the 8th Service Command Basketball Tournament which will hold its final in Omaha.

**FORT SNELLING ALL-STARS**—Front row, left to right: Pfc. Sakaya Hayashi, trainer; Sgt. Jon Matsuo, assistant coach and business manager; seated: Pfc. Shigeru Fukuyama, center; Tec. 3 John Leddy, guard; Pfc. Wat Misaka, forward and team captain; Pfc. Kenji Hosokawa, guard; Pfc. John Oshida, forward; back row standing: Warrant Officer Sal Jio, coach; Cpl. Cheek Matsuo, Special Service Representative; Pfc. Frank Katsuyama, forward; Pfc. Harold Noguchi, guard; Pfc. Masaru Nishibayashi, center; Tec. 3 Merle Gulick, guard; Pfc. Johnny Okamoto, forward; Pfc. Frank Kuramoto, guard; and Major Fred E. Keller, Battalion Commander.

Students Participate In  
Intramural Floor Hockey  
Leagues in P.E. Classes

Senior, Junior, Midget Titles Copped  
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With many athletic aspirants making the utmost use of the incomplete gymnasium under the prevailing conditions; namely, the restricted usage of the gymnasium; the Hunt High School physical education department sponsored intramural floor hockey leagues in the gymnasium. The floor hockey was played mainly with six players and there were from nine to ten players constituting each team's roster. The scores and rules of the game were revised by the physical education department and these rules regulated the intramural league games. There was one league in each of the physical education classes; and the champions of each period played off for the class championship, thus determining Midget, Junior and Senior class "champs."

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## SENIOR LEAGUE ALL STARS

Name and Team	Period
Ray Mitsudo (Capt.) No. 3	6B
Kaz Tsujikawa, No. 3	1A
Mits Kawachi, No. 4	1A
Tokio Hayashi, No. 1	1A
George Sakurai, No. 2	6B
Joe Natsuhara, No. 1	6B

## JUNIOR LEAGUE ALL STARS

Players and Team	Period
Paul Hiromura (Capt.) H. U.'s 2B	2B
Terumasa Oka, Rangers	5B
Mas Nakawatase, Dechorns	2A
Frank Kato, Terriers	2A
Haseki Watanabe, Unknowns	2B
George Tamiyasu, All Shots	2B

## MIDGET LEAGUE ALL STARS

Players and Team	Period
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