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4,511 PERSONS ATTEND ARTS, CRAFT EXHIBIT

Proving to be the most successful project yet to be undertaken by Community Activities, the arts and handicraft exhibit closed its doors Monday, with 4,511 persons reported having passed through the Rec. 21 portals during the four-day exhibition.

Tabulations disclosed Saturday's crowd to be the largest, with 1,446 persons being recorded, while the total number on Sunday was 1,414. Friday and Monday's crowd were tallied as 726 and 925 respectively.

Encouraged by the enthusiastic cooperation of colonists in contributing exhibits and the overwhelming response of the general public, such as the throng which braved Monday's downpour to wait in the slow-moving line, Mrs. Ishi Morishita, arts and handicraft supervisor, indicated that more and better exhibits will be held in the future.

Mrs. Morishita expressed public thanks to residents who contributed articles for display in the art exhibit.

OCTOBER PAYROLL AWAITED BY GLENN

BLAZE DAMAGES APARTMENT WHILE OCCUPANTS AWAY

Apparently originating in a paper and wood pile placed too near the stove, a fire broke out in 17-10-F at 11:30 a.m. Monday, burning away a good portion of the south wall, the Fire Department announced.

The occupants, Waka and Mina Kinura, were away at the time.

A neighbor, smelling the smoke, immediately called the fire station. However, by the time Capt. Toraiichi Sae and his crew arrived, volunteer firemen from the neighboring blocks had the blaze safely under control.

Aside from the ceiling, the walls, and a few personal belongings being water-soaked, the damage is nominal, Sae said.

"This is the first time a fire broke out inside the barracks," Sae said, "and if the people persist in putting their firewood too near the stove, more fires are bound to start."

The possibility that the October pay for Hunt workers would be forthcoming on the heels of the September disbursement was indicated this week by Marlow Glenn, principal fiscal accountant, who declared that he is awaiting arrival of the October checks from Portland.

Glenn said the payroll had been sent in to Portland and expected the checks do arrive, approximately 3,700 Hunt workers will be paid \$47,536.42, as compared to the 3,491 workers who were paid \$39,952.36 for their September pay.

Most of the workers have received their September pay with the exception of persons working on outside farm contracts. They are receiving their checks as they return, Glenn said.

McCullough Leaves

B. O. McCullough, Hunt's representative of the Amalgamated Sugar Company, left Saturday for Monzon to recruit workers for the spring harvest season.

SEVERAL RECRUITED BY SAVAGE LANGUAGE SCHOOL WILL ENROLL FOR ARMY CLASS STARTING DEC. 10

Several Hunt kibei and nisei who, in a special test arranged for them, displayed a conversant knowledge of written and spoken Japanese as well as the ability to translate English into Japanese and vice-versa, were recruited this week for enlistment in the Military Intelligence Service Language School in Savage, Minn.

The recruitment, ordered by the War Department, started Monday morning and will continue till 5 p.m. today in the recreation hall across the administration building.

Those selected here, as well as from other relocation centers which the recruiting party will visit, will be sent to the school in time for the next six-month term which will commence Dec. 10.

Men interested are first given a test by the recruiting party from the Savage

School, headed by 1st Lieut. Roy H. Hira, formerly of Los Angeles, and including Tech. Sgt. George Ichikawa, formerly of San Francisco; Tech. Sgt. Ichiro Nishida, formerly of Wapato; and Sgt. Tsutomu Kynagai, formerly of Seattle.

Those found qualified are enlisted by another group from the 7th Service Command, Oncha. This group, headed by Capt. J. P. Tobin, includes Staff Sgt. Robert Green, Sgt. Charles H. Ford, and Pvt. Melvin F. McGrath.

The recruiting party, which visited the Heart Mountain project and enlisted several men there, arrived here Saturday afternoon. On Friday it is scheduled to stop at Nyssa, Oregon, before proceeding to Tule Lake this week-end.

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TOPAZ TIMES - Utah

A hog farm will be started here soon, consisting of 160 acres with equipment for about 4500 animals.....a slaughter house for butchering hogs and cattle will be built next fall....500 attended formal opening of Protestant Church.

TULE LAKE - Calif.

The erection of a 200-foot brooder house, ready to accommodate about 5000 chicks, is the start of a proposed poultry plant with a capacity of 40,000 hens....400 pounds of hamburgers tickled the palate of hungry Tuleans at the recent Harvest Festival... Found in Ken Hayashi's column: "Reports from those who have visited the Minidoka project are all good. This Idaho center is really super, according to these boys."

GILA NEWS - COURIER

Linen coverings for Butte apartments have arrived...."How Green Was My Valley" and "In the Navy" are scheduled for one-night stands....A volunteer Junior Traffic Patrol has been organized here to safeguard school children on their way to and from school.

HEART ME. - Wyo.

Plans for a USO for entertaining visiting soldiers are being contemplated by the girls' club staff.....36 girls' clubs have been organized to date....Residents will go to the polls for the first time to elect block representatives to the city charter commission.

GRANADA PIONEER - Colo.

Two former Walt Disney studio artists, Chris Ishii and Tom Okamoto, are art instructors in the high schools and fine art classes of the adult night school....A co-operative store for junior high school students will open with the board of directors to be elected from the members.

ROHWER OUTPOST - Ark.

Forty Caucasian teachers and 43 resident instructors attended a four-day confab preparatory to the opening of school.

Editorial:

STUDENTS' REACTION GOOD

High school began Monday and some 1300 boys and girls traced unfamiliar, faltering steps toward Hunt's make-shift classrooms.

Therein remained the bitter taste of last spring's evacuation. Their school year incompleting, students were carevanned to assembly centers. During the long interim between May and November one of the primary worries of thoughtful parents was the possibility that the evacuation and an over-long vacation would have an adverse effect on their children.

Most children, however, despite their parents' anxiety, seem none the worse for having experienced the evacuation and the attitude of saddle-should and corduroyed 'teensters on the opening day showed their willingness to grapple again with the new curriculum and continue the upward climb.

Instructors report that their classes were remarkably well-behaved. Whether they remain ardent disciples or develop apathy toward school is dependent on the teaching caliber of the instructors and their assistants.

The nisei, as a whole, have had exceptional scholastic records wherever they have gone to school and there is every indication that they will continue it here. Competition, needless to say, will be keen. Evacuation has thrown together many who will vie for valedictory and salutatory honors.

High School Principal Light and the educational staff have faced innumerable problems in getting the school started. The residents know this and appreciate their effort which has resulted in a tangible note of encouragement and a promise of a school system equal to those students left behind. R.C.T.

LABOR BOARD RAPS WIRE FENCING

Vigorous opposition will be given by the Fair Labor Board to the erection of guard towers and barbed wire fences, George Takigawa, executive secretary, announced at the board's executive staff meeting last week at the administration building.

"A lot of people are talking about the guard towers and barbed wire but nobody is doing anything about it. So, the Fair Labor Board is going to take some action soon to oppose

them," Takigawa said.

"We won't take it sitting down. It will undermine our confidence in the WRA," he added.

Takigawa also announced plans for a meeting of harvest workers who have returned to hear their stories on work conditions. He stated he has already been handed reports by workers on misrepresentations in contracts, inadequate travel allowances, poor living conditions and uncomfortable modes of travel.

MAIL BOXES WILL SPEED DELIVERY

Hunt residents without nameplates or mail boxes were asked to remedy the situation as a measure to expedite and simplify the delivery of mail by their block managers.

A mail box will eliminate the necessity of a second trip when residents are not at home when mail is being delivered.

The request was made by block managers of Blks. 5, 6, 7 and 8 but all residents were asked to cooperate.

OUTSIDE WORK TO BE FORUM TOPIC TONIGHT AT D.H. 24

Bringing up all the difficulties involved in "The Problems of Outside Employment and Relocation," a lively and interesting discussion is expected at the weekly forum tonight at 7 o'clock in D.H. 24.

Through popular demand after his work as moderator at the last gathering, Jerome T. Light, high school principal, will lead the discussion again tonight.

The panel consists of George Yamauchi, in charge of private employment; Chiye Moriuchi, private domestic employment; Ronald Shiozaki, leaves and parlours department; The Rev. E.W. Thompson, and Yukio Nakayama, farm labor recruitment. Another representative from the social service department is expected to complete the panel.

Recreation Halls 8 And 34 Converted Into Community Movie "Theaters"

Movies are now being shown in Rec. Halls 8 and 34, which were recently converted into "theaters" with a seating capacity of about 300 each. Movies will be shown on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays in Rec. 8. Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays Rec. 34 will be used, Charles Beltt, supt. of Community

CHAIRS, PIANOS HERE FOR PROJECT USE

Donations of chairs, pianos, and organs from Buddhist and Protestant churches of Seattle and Portland that have arrived have been allocated for church, adult social, and general community use, the Community Services Division reported last week.

Expected to be put in use eventually when the entire

CLOTHING GRANTS BEING ISSUED AT HEART MT.

Distribution of approximately 2000 checks as July, August and September clothing allowance for Heart Mt. residents began last Thursday (Nov. 5) afternoon, the Heart Mt. Sentinel stated last week.

Only families whose head had worked at least 15 days during September or those involuntarily unemployed were eligible for the allowance.

The arrival of an additional 200 checks from the Denver disbursing office sometime next week will complete the payment for this first period, the Sentinel said.

Labor Lack Holds Up Airport Work

Hampered by the lack of laborers, the construction of the airport which is to be located one-half mile north of Blk. 29, has been temporarily upheld. The airfield, 4300 feet long and 600 feet wide, will be graded and surfaced as soon as the ground can be cleared of sagebrush.

Volunteers are needed to clear the area.

shipment of chairs arrive are four recreation halls for the Buddhist churches, 4, 13, 29, and 36; and six recreation halls for the Protestant churches, 2, 8, 16, 22, 34, and 40. Of these, nine recs will probably be ready for church service this Sunday, Abe Hagiwara of the Community Services Division, said.

The above recreation halls are exclusively for church use on Sundays and for any religious gatherings during the week, but will be available for community activity use during all other hours, Hagiwara stressed.

Twenty pianos and three organs are now on the project and will be assigned to various recs, nurseries, and elementary schools. Three hundred of the chairs will be used in both Rec. 8 and 34 for the weekly showing of the movies.

REGULAR ARRIVAL OF COAL ASSURED

With the regular arrival of 10 to 12 carloads of coal per day, the worries of a fuelless winter are over. Five mines in Utah, Wyoming, and Colorado will supply Hunt with 40,000 tons of coal, the need for the community being estimated at 20,000 tons per year, Howard W. Mann, procurement officer, indicated this week.

Due to the beginning of high school, a call has been issued for more coal swappers to distribute the coal.

GOLD-RIM GLASSES, GLOVES FOUND

A pair of gold-rim glasses and a pair of gloves are being held at the lost and found division in the Post Office.

Enterprises, said Monday.

The question of future movies is being studied further by the Co-op's temporary board of directors, according to John Essene, associate Supt. of Community Enterprises, and Beltt. Arrangements are being worked out for the continued showing of motion pictures, Beltt said.

LABOR STUDY FORMS BEING FILLED OUT

Labor study forms, which were distributed by the Placement Bureau to the various division heads last week, are slowly being returned, filled out, according to Kenzo Nogaki, secretary to Placement Officer Harold James.

George Hara, of the Placement Office's statistical division has been assigned to make a survey of the labor conditions based upon the data furnished through the study forms.

Returning Workers Given Housing Aid

Colonists returning from work furloughs will be re-assigned to their former residences in all possible cases, Takami Hibiya, housing official, pointed out this week.

Those who arrive in the project after 9 p.m. and have no quarters, however, should report to the Internal Security office, 23-2-B & C, for temporary housing, Hibiya said.

Regarding plans for the occupancy of Blk. 44, Hibiya said the decision will be up to the administration office.

COUPLES ONLY

Only couples will be admitted to the Thanksgiving Day "Turkey Hop" in D.H., 22-24, George Okada, entertainment supervisor, announced this week.

Curfew Violator Leaves For Portland To Hear Sentence

Minoru Yasui, former Portland attorney, accompanied by U.S. Deputy Marshal Leo McLian, left here Saturday for Portland where he was to have been sentenced yesterday by U.S. District Court Judge Phoe for violation of the curfew law last spring.

Yasui voluntarily gave himself up to the police

DELEGATES LEAVE FOR UTAH CONFAB

PLAN NEW LIMIT EXPANSION OF CENTER AREA IS ENVISAGED

The completion of the barbed-wire fence and watch-towers has been temporarily hold-up as a change in the center limits is being contemplated. Expansion of the center area in order to give colonists enough room for truck gardening and possible building construction is envisaged. Moving of the fence will also involve the moving of the watch-towers which surround the center limits. If the present plan is approved, the fence and towers should be completed in two weeks.

FOSTER, GERSHWIN MUSIC FEATURED

An "All-American" record concert, featuring folk songs of Stephen Foster, "Ballad for Americans" by Robinson and George Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue", will be held in ward 4 of the hospital tonight from 8 o'clock.

A "Pop" (request) concert in D.H. 40, an "All-French" musicale in Rec. 8, Friday and another "Pop" program in D.H. 28 Saturday, were also announced by Mrs. I. Hara, music supervisor.

James Y. Schamoto and Milton Maeda, official delegates of the Minidoka project, left here at 11 a.m. Sunday to attend the one-week conference of JACL leaders to be held in Salt Lake City starting Nov. 17.

The two headed by car for Shoshone from where they entrained for Salt Lake City.

Among the principal speakers at the conference which will be attended by representatives from the ten WRA centers and members of the National JACL staff, will be National WRA Director Dillon Myer, Dr. Galen Fisher of the Institute of Pacific Relations, and Robert O'Brien, National Director of the Committee on Resettlement of Japanese-American.

ESSENE RETURNS AFTER LECTURING AT STANFORD U.

After an absence of ten days, John Essene, associate Supt. of Community Enterprises, returned to Hunt last Sunday night. Essene first went to Palo Alto, California, where he lectured at Stanford University before the Educational Sociology Department which is working on the "Source Book for Co-operatives in Relocation Centers".

Essene contacted the WRA Regional office in San Francisco and the Co-op wholesale in Oakland and discussed merchandise for the Co-op stores.

He then went to Seattle to confer with the Naval Office of Procurement to determine his draft status.

"Rain in Seattle, rain in Portland, sunny in California, enjoyed my trip very much," Essene said.

Essene will continue with duties here until he is called into the military services.

WAKAMATSU WINS BERTH AT G.R. CONFAB

Toshie Wakamatsu, a delegate of Hunt Girl Reserves, was elected vice-president of the "Magic Valley" District and Twin Falls Girl Reserves for the coming year, at the G.R. Conference in Filer Sunday. She was the lone Nisei officer earning a berth on the cabinet.

Thirteen Hunt Girl Reserves and five advisers attended the meet, represented by delegates from Edon, Twin Falls, Hazelton, Filer, Burley, Buhl and Hunt.

Main speakers of the day were Miss Ecco Hunt, a member of Hunt high school faculty, who spoke on the Conference theme "Forward Today for the Future" and Mrs. Rose North who had as her topic "Personal Relations."

Teachers Asked To Attend Drama Meet

Mrs. Masaru Uno, director of religious education, has requested all Sunday School teachers to attend the meeting of the Drama Club from 6:15 p.m., today in the classroom of Robert Coombs, drama club adviser, at 23-5-E.

OVER 200 STUDENTS ALREADY ENROLLED IN ARMY SCHOOL

(Cont'd, from pg. 1)
Chief of Staff, Maj. Gen. Strong, the Military Intelligence Service Language School has more than 200 students enrolled. It was formerly located at Presidio, San Francisco, but was moved out of the war zone to Minnesota last May, according to Lieutenant Hirano.

Classes are held from 8:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily except Wednesdays and Saturdays when classes are held only in the mornings, and Sundays which are free days, Lieutenant Hirano said.

Those completing the six-month course will be given a ranking to corporal or higher depending on the individual.

GRADUATE OF INTELLIGENCE SCHOOL GLAD TO BE SERVING

The opportunity of serving the United States is proving an arduous but happy experience for a Nisei staff sergeant now assigned in a combat zone.

The Nisei soldier, whose name was withheld, is a graduate of the Military Intelligence Language School in Savage, Minn., and a letter from him was received Monday by an officer of the school, according to Lieut. Roy M. Hirano, a member of the recruiting party presently here in Hunt.

Excerpts from the letter follow:

"Lots of hardships, yet a chance to serve our country, to be in places that are the headlines of today, the history of tomorrow, an opportunity to serve in the places you are needed most and a chance to meet people and make friends that are more than just acquaintances, because you have been through so much together. The officers here are doing everything possible for us. We are having a good time and an interesting one. I get a big thrill when I look at a map and realize that in all the hot spots, some of my friends are there and on the job.

"I tell you that anyone who hinders the war effort should be shot on sight. I'm tired of hearing of the self-pity of some people, for the only question that counts now is: Is it winning the war? Anyone who obstructs it isn't worth a darn. I have a good chance of not coming out of it alive and I tell you that I don't mind dying but I won't stand for anyone undoing all the work that you, our classmates, and all of us are doing."

MISS YAMAMOTO WEDS KATAYAMA

Private Sadao Katayama of Camp Grant, Illinois, and Yoshiko Yamamoto of this project exchanged nuptial vows on Sunday, Nov. 15.

The newlywed couple is residing in this center at present.

OLD AGE BENEFITS LIMITED TO WRA

A recent article in the IRRIGATOR stating that colonists may work on the project or out on farms and still be eligible to receive Old Age and Survivors' Insurance benefits referred only to persons employed by the WRA.

The eligibility of Community Enterprises employees to receive Old Age and Survivors' Insurance benefits is still a matter under consideration, according to E.R. Fryer, regional director.

IRRIGATOR'S OFFICE MOVED AGAIN

The IRRIGATOR'S offices were moved Saturday to the new quarters in 23-12-G & H in the same block. The new offices will be permanent.

"The school is located 15 miles southwest of Minneapolis so that students may, on their off hours, easily visit this city which is very friendly to Nisei and Kibei students," Lieutenant Hirano said.

"Only recently the University of Minnesota, in Minneapolis, threw a Halloween dance for the students," he asserted.

Lieutenant Hirano is the only Japanese among the 33 officers at the Savage school. There are two Chinese officers. Five Japanese, however, are master sergeants.

John F. Aiso, former Los Angeles, attorney is the head instructor at the school which is headed by Lieut. Col. Kay Rosnassen,

SOCIALS ENCOURAGED FOR SOLDIERS VISITING HERE

Due to the inadequate entertainment facilities for visiting soldiers in Hunt, George Okada, entertainment supervisor, announced this week that all socials and dances sponsored by private parties for men in uniform will be encouraged.

The recreation depart-

ment will aid such persons or organizations in securing the place and will also assist with the program, he said.

Okada also revealed that Community Activities will hold weekly dances to further promote the entertainment interest for soldiers on furlough.

FRANK SUGAI PACES SEC. V TO 57-27 WIN

Paced by the aerial feats of halfback Frank Sugai, Sec. V demolished Sec. III with a 57-27 triumph in a Class "C" pigskin fracas at the 28-30 gridiron Saturday afternoon.

Sugai, with his remarkable passing exhibition, and Henry "Wimpy" Kamada's end runs dominated the victor's offensive punch. Most of Sec. V's touchdowns were garnered through Sugai's accurate passes.

Held scoreless in the first half the losers, led by "Chuck" Kinoshita, marked up all of their 27 counters in the second half. Charging, blocking and passing, Kinoshita proved to be the worst headache for Sec. III.

The most brilliant play of the game was the 40-yard, completed pass from Tom Deguchi to George Ozaki which earned a touchdown for Sec. III.

Sec. V (57): Paul Hiro-mura (RE); Konji Onishi (C); Hiro Onishi (LE); Janos Ando (Q); Frank Sugai (RH); Henry Kamada (LH); Yoichi Kitayama (sub).

Sec. III (27): Katsuni Aoyama (LE); Osa Edamura (C); Chuck Kinoshita (RE); Ted Chihara (Q); Bob Samoshima (LH); Tom Deguchi (RH); Tsutomu Nakagawa (sub); George Ozaki (sub).

Non-seasonal Alaska workers who applied for unemployment compensation and who have received the Notice of Unemployment Compensation Commission's Claims Benefit Determination Papers should contact the Legal Aid Office, Clarence Arai, Legal Aid Officer, announced Tuesday.

Brevities

Davis McEntire, WRA regional chief of employment, has been engaged in a study of labor conditions in the nearby beet and potato fields following his arrival in Twin Falls last week. He may return to San Francisco without visiting Hunt, it was announced by the Placement Office.

Classes in Pro-natal care will be conducted by Nurse Natsuko Yamaguchi from 1 to 2:30 p.m., Friday in D.H. 5, and in D.H. 17 from 2:30 to 4 p.m.

Classes will be conducted in a series of lectures in the various dining halls. Among the subjects discussed will be layettes, diet, and hygienic care during pregnancy.

Soldiers who visited with friends during the week are as follow: Sgt. Howard Minato, Camp Robinson, Ark.; Pvt. Sid Katayama, Camp Grant, Ill.; Pvt. Joe Ito, Fort Warren, Wyo.; Frank Hidaka, Fort Warren, Wyo.; Pvt. George Kunisada, Fort Bliss, Tex.; and Pvt. Mikio Mori, Fort Warren, Wyo.

Cabinet officers elected at the first meeting of Sec. III Girl Reserves, Wednesday, were announced as follows: Aki Kato, president; Hidoko Tsutakawa, vice president; Susie Takimoto, secretary; Toshi Watanabe, treasurer; Fumi Ishikawa, inter-club representative.

Sec. III G.R.'s will meet tomorrow from 7 p.m. at Rec. 15. All girls of Sec. III interested in the Girl Reserves are invited to attend.

Vital Statistics

BIRTHS

GIRL--to Mr. and Mrs. Tomomi Nose, 14-6-C, Nov. 16.

SEC. III EARNS 20-18 VICTORY

The Class "C" Sec. III (A) football six snatched out a 20-18 victory from the unlucky Sec. VI team at the 28-30 field.

The passing combination of Masa Saito to Nobu Hatsumoto clicked over and over to net most of Sec. III's yardage.

"Shorty" Kaga was the most outstanding gridder for the losers.

Additional Trucks Seen For Project

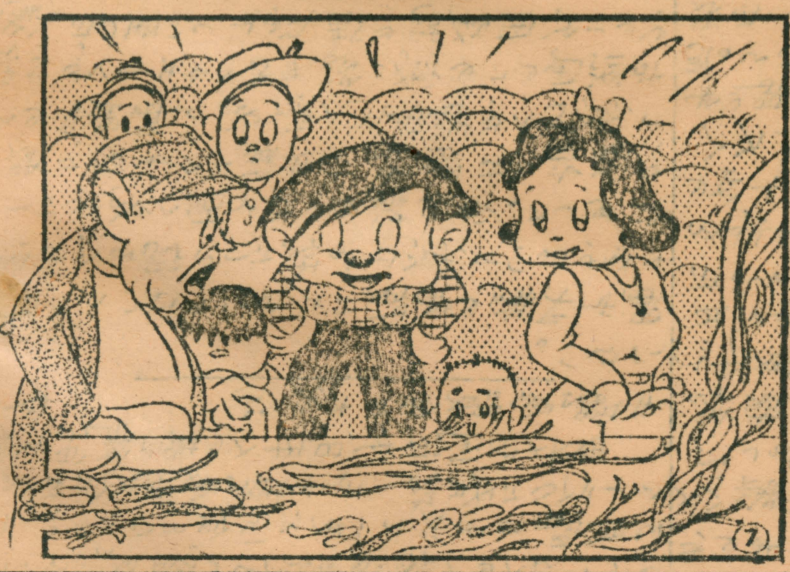
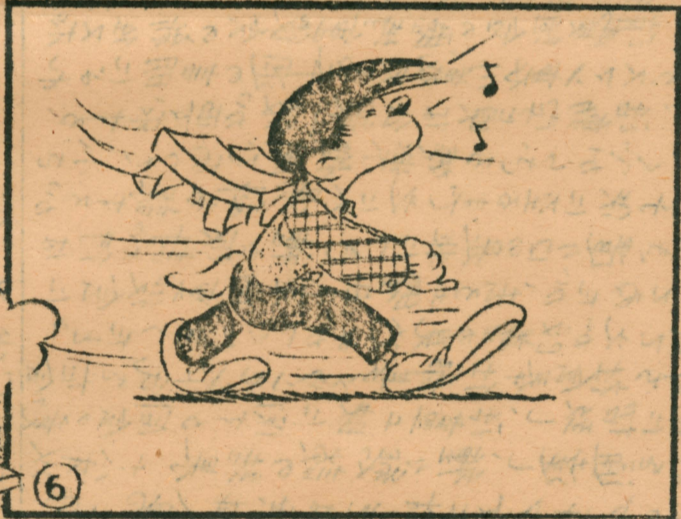
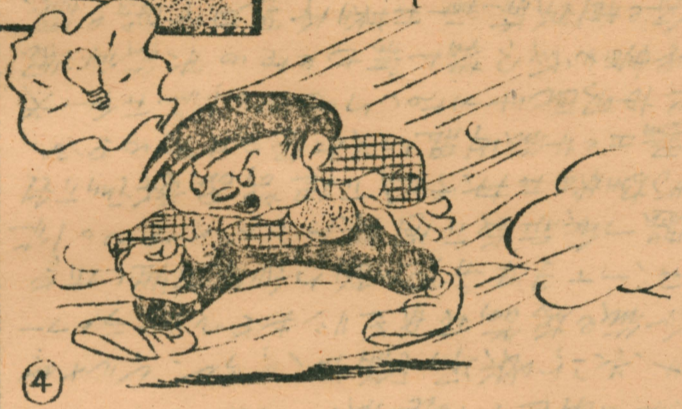
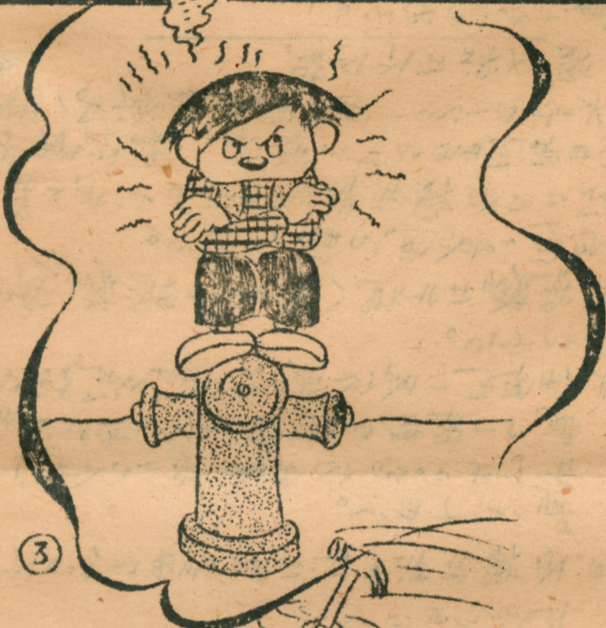
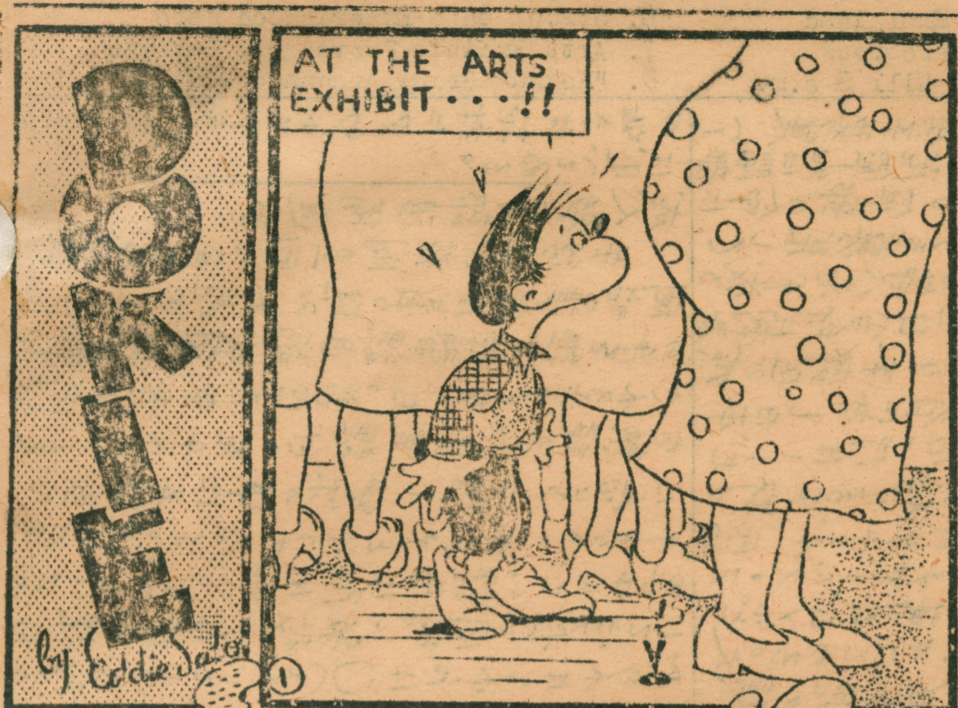
Trucks from Selma, Oregon, and Missoula, Montana, should arrive this week, Raymond R. Best, transportation and supply officer, said today. "These trucks will alleviate the transportation shortage of the center, although the problems aren't too pressing at the time," Best said.

Garage Shed 'Gone With The Wind'

Workers in the garage looked out of the eastern window and saw a garage shed Saturday; Sunday morning they looked but no shed. The several cars that were in the garage were there in the open---

but no shed. They found the remains and the pieces.

The 45-mile gale had snatched the building and carried it about 50 feet away. Only casualties were one car damaged and one slightly scratched.



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