

BOSTON, Mass.—A staff correspondent of the Christian Science Monitor in reviewing the anniversary issue of the Free Press, writes: "In the early days last year, living at Manzanar was not easy. It took pioneering spirit of the highest order to see it through. Because conditions were hard, many people outside... became very critical of the relocation project, called it un-American. While it probably stays true... that confinement... seems hardly desirable... the Relocation Center at Manzanar has become an integrated community... As the year number one ends for Manzanar, it seems safe to say that the vast majority of the stable stock of its people are living sensible lives."

WASHINGTON—1500 civilian American prisoners captured by the Japanese in the Far East may be returning to America in exchange for an equal number of Japanese civilians, the Relocation Authority's State Department said that it is indexing the 1500 Japanese civilian prisoners in this country whom the Tokyo government wishes to repatriate in exchange for the Americans.

MILWAUKEE, Wis.—American born Japanese, who were as incensed as any other American citizen when Japan attacked Pearl Harbor... who are eager to prove their loyalty to their country are being denied this chance by public prejudice, Hiroshi Neeno, former Manzanar resident and co-op employee told the Men's Breakfast club at the Wauwatosa Methodist church, as he appealed for an understanding and a "fair chance" for his comrades of Japanese ancestry.

175 Nisei Soldiers In South Pacific On Special Duty

The WRA announced recently that 175 nisei soldiers are in the South Pacific front on special assignment and that others are in overseas service in North Africa and the European front according to the Heart Mt. Sentinel.

Three nisei from Honolulu were awarded the Legion of Merit for important services, the War Department announced, and press dispatches this week reported that Sgt. William Ozaki, 27, of Florida is stationed in a U. S. fighter base in India and is in charge of four machine gun squads.

Four Reasons To See Exhibit

The first meeting of the Board of Directors was held Friday evening at the Adult Education office with Dr. Genevieve Carter, superintendent of education, presenting over plans for a visual education calendar of events.

The functions of the Board were discussed as follows: to stimulate, foster, and develop interest and interest that would get the community to come and see the exhibits; to interpret and publicize the museum; to develop a permanent collection of visual aids and exhibit material; and to develop the visual education and museum so that it better meets the needs of the people in the community as well as the schools.

Four exhibits are scheduled for each month, the fine arts exhibit now on display till June 6. Other events are Youth Organization, Project Relocation Week, Inyo County Arts and Crafts, and World of Science.

Plans also were made to send three traveling exhibits containing all forms of activities in Manzanar throughout the middle west to familiarize the people with the Japanese in the centers.



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CENTER VISITORS REQUIRED TO PAY ROOM AND BOARD

Subsistence and housing charges will be made to Japanese-Americans visiting the center. E. M. Rowatt, acting director stated in Administrative Instruction No. 61 revised, just received here.

A charge of 20 cents will be made for each meal furnished to visitors including servicemen and also a charge of 20 cents per night for living quarters furnished for visitors. None of these charges apply to evacuees visiting from other centers. Visitors living in quarters of family, friends, or relatives, will not be charged room rent.

RUMORS RUMORS RUMORS

Rumor: That the cause of a number of stomach ailments last week were caused by contaminated water.

Answer: Some 60 persons from block 19 reported last week to the hospital with diarrhea cases. Dr. Yoshiye Togsasaki of our public health department says excess chlorine in the drinking water did not cause diarrhea. When water flows downstream from the mountain as result of rapid melting of snow in volume greater than the amount which can flow through the screen, volume of chlorine increases proportionately. This results temporarily in cloudy water. That is what happened last week.

Rumor: A hard ball baseball diamond is said to be planned in the firebreak between Blocks 19 and 25. Residents of the two blocks say this plan will endanger the lives of the children.

Answer: Such a field is being proposed. Recreation department discloses. But since the firebreak width is 600 feet, it is felt that it is of sufficient width even for home run swatters. Moreover, at least \$100 will be raised to purchase equipment before this plan can materialize.

Rumor: That Manzanar is to be evacuated during July.

Answer: Same rumor reported in most of nine other projects. Rumor: That new housing quarters being erected for doctors and nurses are being readied for the medical staff which will look after wounded American soldiers from the Pacific battle fronts; thus anticipating removal of evacuees from this project.

Answer: As reported in last edition of the Manzanar Free Press, these housing quarters are being erected to accommodate our own medical staff.

NEW M.P. ESCORTS ARRIVE HERE

After being stationed here for approximately a year, the 322nd Military Police Escort was replaced early Sunday morning by the 319th Escort Guard during one of its usual routine shifts. The present company, 319th, arrived here from a nearby Prisoner of War Camp and is under the command of Captain D. Nail.

REMEMBER
THE
RED
CROSS!

Discussion Urged By WRA Official On Relocation

Evacuees interested in outside employment not covered by job offers received at the project are urged by WRA to discuss their situations with a representative of Relocation Office, especially where they have special skills or professions or where there are special family problems. It will be possible to refer their applications for special placement effort by field relocation officers in the cities where employment is desired.

Job offers received at the project are not altogether indicative of actual employment opportunities for evacuees, especially in the less common trades and professions. Relocation supervisors are equipped to make special efforts to place many individuals, provided they know the particular type of employment for which the applicant is fitted.

While the relocation officer may not always find an employer willing to make an employment offer sight unseen on the basis of correspondence alone, the general employment market may be so good in the applicant's particular line of work that, on the relocation officer's recommendation, WRA will issue indefinite leave to permit the evacuee to go to the area to secure work with the assistance of the relocation officer and the local office of the U. S. Employment Service.

Results Released On Art Exhibit

Winners of the Relocation Center Art Exhibit Contest which was held in Cambridge, Mass., sponsored by the Friends Center has been announced.

The sole winner from Manzanar is Kango Takemura, whose painting "Thistle" won honorable mention. First prize went to Prof. Chiura Obata of Topaz for his landscape painting "New Moon."

Mr. Takemura is a staff artist at the Visual Education Museum at 8-15. He has worked at RKO and Paramount studios for over eight years. Prior to evacuation, Mr. Takemura was Head

BROWN ADVISES PLAN TO COLLECT CASH FOR MEDICS

Wisdom of the plan to collect sums of money from the residents to be given to the evacuee medical staff was questioned by Acting Project Director Robert L. Brown Friday at the block managers' meeting in Town Hall. Some of the blocks, according to reports, already have collected money for such a purpose.

The director suggested that the managers hold this plan in abeyance pending the return of Project Director Ralph P. Merritt from Washington, where he is in conference with the national director of the WRA. Although acknowledging the fact that the medical staff frequently is overworked, while evacuee doctors and nurses are finding lucrative outside jobs, the director felt that this method, while well intended by the residents, is not the solution. A solution to this problem, it may be expected, will be forthcoming from the WRA headquarters in Washington.

Awnings Prohibited

Attention is again called to residents of Manzanar, the cloth or canvas awnings are prohibited, due to the danger of soot lighting on and igniting them.

These cloth or canvas awnings should be replaced with either plasterboard, roofing paper or wood slats.

ATTENTION!

The special Mid-Summer Pictorial edition is devoting space for club and organization greetings. Here's a chance to extend greetings and appreciation to friends and neighbors.

The rate for clubs and organizations is \$1.50 per column inch. Reservations are now being taken and as this space is limited, all groups interested are asked to contact the Free Press office right away.

Technician and Supervisor of the Still Picture Dept., at RKO Hollywood studios. He resides at 35-12-1.

He studied art under Mr. Sekido, a Japanese water color painter, and also attended the Chouinard Art School in Los Angeles.

WARNING GIVEN VIOLATORS

Four residents were taken in by the Military Police Sunday, the opening day of the south area, as a result of violating the Manzanar Park laws, the Police Department disclosed today.

The four, Yoshiaki Takeshita, 8-10-2; Kanichiro Shiota, 19-12-1; Yoshiyoshi Yamashita, 32-4-1, and Sensuke Baba, 22-4-2, were immediately seized by Lieut. Raymond as they hiked along the foothill of the Sierra Nevada range.

LENIENT SENTENCES

Although laws outlined by Block Managers' Assembly Chairman Kiyoharu Anzai and Acting Project Director Bob Brown clearly state that all violators will be turned over to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the foursmen were given lenient

sentences (by being left in the hands of local Police Department) since no appropriate warning signs were posted as previously announced.

Chief of Police Thomas Taya-yama, however, warned residents that signs will be posted sometime this week making it inexcusable to violate these laws.

Approximately 500 residents took advantage of the opening day while the honor of being among the first to enter the area went to six boys from block 16.

MUST OBTAIN PASSES

Residents were reminded to obtain passes from their respective block managers, enter only through the gate south of block 4, and make sure that all fires

\$5,000 Fine Or Prison Term For Law Violators

Strong warnings were issued Monday from the offices of the acting project director and the block managers' headquarters, at Town Hall that residents who go into the picnic areas must not wander outside of the fenced area of the project.

Those who disobey this instruction, it was pointed out, would be violating the Presidential Proclamation No. 503 which prescribes specific penalties. Violators would be picked up by the FBI and charged with misdemeanor. Upon conviction, they will be liable for a fine of up to \$5,000 or imprisonment up to one year, or both.

Called the Act of March 21, 1942, the proclamation was enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives in Washington.

TRAFFIC RULES TO BE ENFORCED

California Vehicle Code should be enforced here as in any other California city with the following exceptions.

SPEED LIMIT: Not to exceed 20 miles per hour.

STOP SIGN: Any vehicle approaching any intersection sign posted with a stop sign shall stop before entering the intersection.

SCHOOL ZONE: Fifteen miles per hour (No. 511-a V. C.). Before, during and after school hours when playgrounds of any school are in use by children.

PARKING: At least 20 feet from any building. (Exception, when loading or unloading, and when a licensed driver is in front seat.)

ALLEY-WAY: Not to be driven in. (Emergency vehicles excepted.)

NO PARKING ZONE: On second and third street between A and B streets. (Cars should use parking lot.)

After a citation for a traffic violation has been approved by the Chief of Internal Security, and a complaint filed with the Project Attorney, the defendant will be brought before the Project Director for a hearing, as outlined in Administrative Instructions No. 85.

R. P. MERRITT,
Project Director.

SAVE YOUR CO-OP RECEIPTS REBATES ARE COMING!

Farewell Banquet Given for Brown

A farewell banquet in honor of Hervey Brown, Senior Engineer was held last Saturday evening by the Public Works Department. A five-piece orchestra and the Manzanar swing band provided the music for the dancing which followed the dinner and Shizuko Setoguchi and Kiyomi Okazaki were vocalists. Before singing "To You a Lei," Miss Setoguchi presented leis to Mr. and Mrs. Brown.

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For the Greater Good—

It cannot be denied that, for the evacuees, the enactment of the Lowery property seizure bill at Sacramento last week is a disconcerting announcement. It means that valuable properties of the evacuees can be seized by the state authorities under the all-powerful legal technicality of eminent domain proceedings. The effect is emphasized by the fact that scarcity of farm equipment, for instance, is creating premium values on it; notwithstanding the price ceiling established for it by the Office of Price Administration in Washington.

The fact that Governor Warren signed the bill, of course, does not mean the seizures will be effected immediately. But it does mean that the state now has the legal authority to do so. How it will be done, and on what terms, remains to be worked out. The bill carried the appropriation of \$150,000 to finance this program.

PROBLEM ARISES

Evacuee farmers here who had hoped to relocate and use their tools now face a problem, and they undoubtedly will be given exhaustive assistance by the evacuee property department.

Before the Japanese property owners cry out that this measure is unjust, it is well for them to remember this fact. The United States is confronting a serious food production problem created by war. The very food we eat in the mess halls can be affected by this shortage. It is a reasonable policy of the government not to permit strategic tools for food production to remain idle.

AIMED AT JAPANESE

For its editorial policy, a Los Angeles newspaper emphasized the angle that this law is aimed at the Japanese. Actually, the law affects all owners of idle property. Newspapers have given exaggerated estimates of the amount of such property stored by the Japanese. The number and types of such items probably is best known to the WRA evacuee property office in San Francisco.

Post-War Immigration—

The problem of administering the migration of vast hordes of war-dislocated nationals throughout the world cannot be solved. The evacuation of some 100,000 Japanese from the West Coast is but a molecular drop in this huge bucket.

The suggestion of erasing the Chinese exclusion act, simultaneously enacted with the Japanese exclusion act 20 years ago, brought heated opposition from the American Legion and the A. F. of L. last week. The legislation apparently was introduced as a gesture of friendship toward China, a member of the United Nations. But California Congressmen declared that the enactment of such a law might mean that "many Chinese could apply for entry to this country under quotas of other countries."

The implications of this proposition, as suggested by the Congressman, are legion. The right to become naturalized might be the next step. Clearly, a uniform law on quotas and naturalization is needed in America. But that must come after the conclusion of this war when the statesmen can put aside war-borne bitterness, and when they can conceive legislation that will be eminently fair to all peoples.

Minority Problems Studied by Writer

America has 17,000,000 minority peoples—roughly one-eighth of its population. It's these people and their problems which concern the Los Angeles writer-attorney, Carey McWilliams in his new book, "Brothers Under The Skin."

America, he says, has two traditions; the generous, liberal and democratic tradition; and the narrow, bigoted and authoritarian tradition—the latter prevailing today to a considerable extent toward the evacuees. As one of his forthright solutions, he would have Congress enact a new Federal civil rights statute as a means to eradicate discriminations.

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

SOLDIERS ON FURLOUGH:

Pfc. George J. Handa, Fort Leonardwood, Missouri; Pfc. Wm. Tagawa, Fort Meade, So. Dakota; Pfc. Isao Tsuchiya, Fort Sam Houston, Texas; and Pfc. Eddie T. Yoshida, Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

DEPARTURES:

Jitsuji Imai, Poston, Ariz.; Tetsuo Fujita, Kiyoko Fujita, Irene Fujita, James Tanaka, Setsu Tanaka, Shinchi Tanaka, Minidoka, Ida; Tatsuo Ochi, Clarence Miura, Haruko Miura, Mary Shio Miura, Howard Miura, Mary Honda, Shiro Maruyama, Thomas Ichien, Chicago, Ill.; Roy Ito, Peggy Ito, Bruce Ito, Oak Park, Ill.

NYA Applicants Depart for Iowa

The first group of applicants for NYA training left the center for Milford, Iowa on Monday. This group consisted of eleven boys.

The boys who left are Michael Yamane, Hisyuki Ojimachi, Wallace N. Ban, Kazuo Kunitani, Henry Sato, Tom T. Zoriki, Roy Izumi, Nobuo R. Izumi, Thomas Komatsu, Kazuyoshi Arai and Paul Takagi.

The second group is expected to leave this week-end, the Relocation office announced.

Ray Buzzetti stated that there is a call for twenty-five girls, but no one has applied for the offered courses.

RELOCATION BOOKLET

A booklet on relocation is being edited by the Adult Education Department. Charles Ferguson announced that each department will receive a copy when it is completed.

Letter to Manzanar . . . From Points East

The following are excerpts from letters written by resettled Manzanar residents.

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Chamberlain, . . . Living expense is not too high, although it's high enough. Meat is hard to get, but we can get enough. Plenty of fresh lake fish, and plenty of chickens. Vegetables are very reasonable. Lettuce, celery—10c each, such goods like carrots, turnips, etc., 7c bunch (large bunches); apples 7c to 10c per pound, best at 12 1/2c per pound. So you see, it's not so bad. We have more different kinds of vegetables than even California. . . .

Your friends,
Harry and Jean Tayama

Dear Mr. Chamberlain, "Being in camp I hadn't realized how much I was missing, how it felt to be able to walk down a glittering avenue of shop windows, to hear music floating out of cocktail bars, to feel the

surge of a tired crowd pushing its way home. It's really wonderful to be able to feel again the pulse of a big city. And the people here are so friendly, more so than I ever thought they would be. They take you for granted; they don't even look at you, and what a swell feeling that is after the dirty looks we got in California. . . .

Chiye Mori.

Dear Mr. Heath, . . . If one is willing to work hard without regards to anything, but just to get out, it is O. K. On the other hand, I would advise evacuees be employed in districts where fruits or vegetables are grown as it is natural for Japanese decent to work in that line of business. I suppose it is really hard to work it that way. But in the long run, you will have more evacuees reside permanently if it were fruits or vegetable farms. . . .

Sincerely,
Elmer Uchida.

WITH THE CLUBS

BUCKEYES

The newly organized Buckeyes held their initial dance practice last Friday night at Block 24's manager office. The officers are: president, Henry Ohmoto; vice-president, Duck Mayeda; secretary-treasurer, Ken Yamamoto; historian, Masa Miyakoda; athletic manager, Johnny Sakioka and sergeant-at-arms, Hiro Yamasaki.

BARONS

"Barons" was chosen as the name for the newly organized social and athletic organization.

Election returns were as follows: president, Douglas Hiraida; vice-president, Yuichi Hirata; secretary-treasurer, George Ichien; historian, Ben Adachi and athletic manager, Jim Kimura.

Advisor is Henry Tsurutani. A cabinet meeting will be held at the home of Yuichi Hirata tonight

to plan the social calendar.

YMCA

Almost every American community has a service club such as Rotary, Y's Man's Club and Exchange. The Board of Directors of the YMCA felt that Manzanar should have a service club for married men. This organization will include both evacuees and appointed personnel.

The club hopes to furnish two programs a month with outstanding speakers and also assist in the activities which an ordinary service club supports in outside communities. This club hopes to affiliate itself with the Y's Man's International.

The initial meeting will be tomorrow, 7:30 p.m., in the YMCA hall, 19-15. Dr. Morgan Edwards will be the speaker for the evening.

THANK YOU . . .

Our sincerest thanks for the many lovely gifts and generous donations upon our recent marriage.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Ozaki

23-8-5

THANK YOU . . .

For all the kindness shown to me during my visit to Manzanar.

Pfc. Katsumi Taniguchi,
Fort Riley, Kansas.

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Ideal

TO STRIVE FOR THE IDEAL OF SERVICE, THAT MAN AND NOT MONEY SHALL BE THE UNIT OF CONTROL IN SOCIETY.

Additional Services and Shops, Keynote of Co-op

A brief review of the financial statement will readily indicate that the local cooperative enterprises have been a financial success. The net operating coverage (income) for the period under consideration, May 24, 1942 to April 1, 1943, amounts to approximately \$75,500. This amount has been account may present a "moving" picture of the enterprises.

APRIL-MAY 12

Ford Ord Army Post Exchange operated a Canteen at 1-8-4 with limited list of merchandise. Larry Collins, WRA advisor, on tender cooperatives made several visits speaking to block leaders and representatives of the Free Press preparing the ground for a cooperative.

MAY 23

WCCA announced the discontinuance of the Army Post Exchange Canteen.

MAY 24

H. A. Nelson, procurement officer, was put in charge as supervisor of Community Enterprises. Three-month wholesalers' credit obtained; and the new Canteen was set up at present address, 8-14.

MAY 31

General Store opened at 21-14. Management of the enterprises was divided among three managers: Matsusaburo Shiozaki, manager of the General Store; Frank Hirashima, Canteen manager; Dennis Shimizu, comptroller.

JUNE

Lee Poole assigned to Manzanar by WRA as associate superintendent of Community Enterprises. Temporary committees were formed to disseminate cooperative technique and economy. Cooperative films were shown by educational committee to accelerate the formation of consumer co-op.

JULY

Dr. William J. Bruce was appointed Superintendent of Community Enterprises. Formation of co-op took definite shape.

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Value of Cooperation Stressed by President

Fellow cooperators.

The Manzanar Cooperative starts its second year of operation. Although we have no previous figures to make a comparative estimate of the past year's achievement, the record speaks for itself.

The present board members wish to thank Dr. William J. Bruce, Superintendent of the Consumer Division and his associate, Mr. Lee C. Poole. Their liberal point of view, advice and assistance made possible the present cooperative.

We also owe a great deal to past board members and managers for laying the groundwork of the present organization, which has made our task less onerous. We cannot overlook the work of several men who served under the early community enterprise set-up—Mr. Matsusaburo Shiozaki, former manager of the General Store; Mr. Frank Hirashima, former manager of the Canteen; and Mr. Dennis Shimizu, business manager and comptroller.

Through the efforts of these men, the cooperative with its

THESE MEN RUN YOUR BUSINESS

One persistent question is "Who runs and owns the co-op?" The answer is—the consumer members own it. They, through their elected representatives who compose the General Congress of Delegates ultimately control the enterprises. Congress in turn elects a Board of Directors of 15 from the membership at large which determines the general policies of the corporation. The board in turn appoints four major officers to run the business in the interest of the consumer members—the general manager, the assistant general manager, treasurer and comptroller. The general manager is authorized to select the personnel for the successful operation of the enterprise. The various officers on the co-op staff are listed as follows:

DEPARTMENT HEADS

General manager, Hideo Okada; assistant general manager, F. K. Kurahashi; treasurer, S. Takeyasu; Comptroller, S. Sugimoto. Department Managers: Canteen, M. Yoshii; general store, M. Hori; sporting goods and flower shop, Min Watanabe; shoe repair, T. Shibata; barber shop, M. Kamoi; beauty parlor, Margaret Uyematsu; laundry depot, Rinji Hara; movie department, S. Betsuin; photo studio, T. Miyatake; watch repair, Miki Seki; warehouse, Monji Ogi; maintenance, G. Yamamoto; accounting office, A. Hara, Harvey, Takeuchi, Hiroshi, Ioki.

DISCUSSION AND PUBLICITY AIM OF BULLETIN

This co-op bulletin is issued not only to mark the anniversary of the cooperative enterprises, but also to give its member patrons a summary report of the year's operation.

The Education Committee feels the need of greater publicity regarding the financial status of the cooperative, its outlook, and the general attitude of its consumer members. Therefore, it plans to issue with the operation of the Free Press a monthly bulletin. This bulletin will print the monthly operating statement and balance sheet which up to now were mimeographed and distributed to Congressmen only.

Unfortunately, many Congressmen have never relayed such news or interpreted it in the proper light to block residents, and in turn block residents have not sought out their Congressmen regarding the financial details of their cooperative.

The Education Committee is convinced that monthly bulletin available to all members will develop a closer working unity between the management and the consuming public. It will also serve as a common meeting ground where gripes, criticisms, and suggestions can be aired. Only through frank discussion, can there be mutual faith and confidence.

We hope that this bulletin and following bulletins will in some measure pave the way toward that necessary harmony which makes for a successful cooperative.

Education Committee.

Co-op Stores, Shops Employ 200 Persons

The Manzanar Cooperative currently employs close to 200 persons in its stores and shops, including its administrative and managerial staffs.

On the anniversary of the organization, the management found 19 persons who have worked continuously without absence from May 24, 1942, to May 23, 1943.

They are Shizuko Akiyama, Miyaji Hara, Sumiko Hori, Frank Hoshizaki, Masuye Hosi, Kazuo Kimura, Keiichiro Kishii, Kazuo Matsuba, Muneo Nanjo, Alice Nomura, Betty Sakamoto, Shigemasa Shimba, Kichii Uyeda, Tsugio Yokota, Yoshiko Enomoto, Kiyomi Okasaki, George Yamashita, Kinu Hirashima, Helen Nakachi.

PRESENT PERSONNEL

The distribution of personnel according to stores and services are: Administration, 8; accounting and rebate, 17; canteen, 25; general store, 54; sporting goods and flower shop, 4; barber shop, 14; shoe repair shop, 19; movie department, 6; photo studio, 7; watch repair, 3; laundry depot, 3; warehouse division 12; maintenance, 3; beauty parlor, 17; total, 192.

Odd Items

Board meetings are held on every second Saturday afternoon of each month at Town Hall. Members who are interested in the affairs of their corporation are always invited to attend.

A further reminder on check cashing services. Checks are cashed daily except Saturdays from 10 to 11:30 a.m. and from 2 to 4 p.m.

Year's Operation Reveals Substantial Savings

The phrase "rags to riches" truly sums up the development of Manzanar Cooperative Enterprises. It is a Cinderella tale. Without a cent it has grown into a stable financial corporation with an active membership of 7,157 persons doing about a million dollar's worth of business. A chronological distribution of the consumer patrons in the form of membership equity amounting to \$49,000 and cash orders amounting to \$26,500. This represents a substantial saving to the community. The consumer public must realize at this point that ordinarily this huge coverage of patronage accrues to a few individuals, if this cooperative had not been organized.

OUTDOOR MOVIES TO START SOON

All roads lead to Firebreak 20-21.

The co-op outdoor theatre under the management of Sanjuro Betsuin "opens" June 5, with "Tales of Manhattan" starring Rita Hayworth and Edward G. Robinson. This picture will be shown for two consecutive nights, starting at 8:30 p.m.

Billed for June 8 and 9 is "Footlight Serenade" with an all star cast of Betty Grable, John Payne, Victor Mature and John Wayne.

During the last few weeks the movie department and carpenter's crew have been working full speed so that the community could again enjoy its usual run of picture shows.

The present arrangement eliminates the crowding that usually attended messhall showings. It will also give a greater variety of entertainment to all the people at once. Movie lovers no longer need wait for shows to come to their respective messhalls.

Members who are permanently leaving the center for relocation are advised to drop in and leave their names at the co-op office, 1-6, so that checks covering the full value of their equity may be sent to their new addresses.

A review of the balance sheet reveals that of the total assets of \$120,000 more than \$108,000 is in the form of current assets (cash, receivables, and inventories), thereby leaving only a small portion invested in fixed assets. Also, it is interesting to note that only 16% of the members' capital is invested in fixed assets. This leaves the cooperative in a relatively liquid financial condition. The state of affairs is almost imperative in view of the temporary nature of the enterprises.

NEED FOR HIGHER RATIO

It must be borne in mind by everyone that, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles, the valuations placed upon various types of assets are going-concern values which may be slightly higher than the realizable value under forced liquidation.

The working capital ratio of our co-op (current assets to current liabilities) which is a criterion accepted by many creditors for measuring the soundness of a business concern is approximately 2.35-1, which is slightly

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Financial Status of Co-op Favorable, Says Manager

Fellow cooperators.

If we recall correctly our cooperative was formed with WRA advice and assistance so that evacuees may purchase individual necessities at a minimum of cost. A year ago, we all went through the pressing problems of adjusting ourselves to our new environment where life was stripped to its bare essentials. Many of us, as individuals, could not or would not understand the meaning and the need of cooperative economy.

We have come a long way since. Originally starting with the canteen and general store, the management is finding rationing in merchandising and because of the isolated nature of the center, freight and transportation handicaps add to the cost of operation. Relocation and furlough are depleting our personnel.

Therefore, more than ever, we need the cooperation of every member patron to maintain operational efficiency. We would like to see a greater willingness on the part of every member to work for the cooperative which is his own store so that substantial benefits may accrue to the community.

The treasurer's and comptroller's reports show a favorable financial condition. The current assets and liabilities still stand in the ratio of 2 to 1. The cooperative has done about three quarter million dollars worth of business during the period beginning May 25, 1942, and ending April 1, 1943. It has saved the community \$75,500.19 and has distributed this saving in the form of patronage refunds to its consumer members.

However, we have some immediate and serious problems to face. Because of wartime prices and nation-wide rationing, the management is finding difficulty in merchandising and because of the isolated nature of the center, freight and transportation handicaps add to the cost of operation. Relocation and furlough are depleting our personnel.

Cooperatively yours,
Hideo Okada,
General Manager.

On the Twin Pines Trail

By Dr. William J. Bruce

A report of the past year's activities of the Manzanar Cooperative Enterprises will show many outstanding successes achieved, some failures, and should point out some lessons to be learned as a result of the year's activities. The Consumer Enterprise Division staff is charged with the responsibility of advising and assisting the cooperative association in any and all its problems. An advisor can sit on the sidelines and, thus, is able to get an objective viewpoint. From this vantage point the following comments are offered.

Success of the Cooperative
One of the objectives of the cooperative is, to supply its members with goods and services of high quality at the minimum possible cost. In the light of this objective the Manzanar Cooperative Enterprises, Inc., has been successful. It has saved the community approximately \$75,000.00 in patronage rebates on the total of \$618,745.00 which the community spent for goods and serv-

ices. These facts speak for themselves in pointing out that the Manzanar Cooperative is a financial success.

A second and more important objective of a cooperative is the establishment of methods of working together whereby people can solve their economic and other problems by the cooperative technique. The Manzanar Cooperative Enterprises, acting through its cooperative congress, its board of directors, its management and its employees, has slowly been learning a new method of operation. This method of operation is based upon the fact that the person who buys merchandise or services in the various stores is also the owner of those stores.

As consumers, the 7151 owners of the enterprises are helping each other to work out a method of cooperative buying, cooperative merchandising and cooperative planning for community needs which not only insures the consumer of quality goods and services at low prices but also builds up an organization and a method of operation that can tackle and solve any of the common problems which consumers face. The principal value lies in the lessons we learn and the techniques we develop of working together to solve our mutual problems.

Occasionally, the board has been too conservative in its policy and has been reprimanded by the congress and instructed to offer more services or a wider variety of merchandise. This is a healthy sign for it shows the members of the community are thinking about their own mutual interests and are planning their enterprises accordingly.

Some Failures at Manzanar
A cooperative association cannot exist long if a large part of the members lose interest in the activities of the organization. At Manzanar the fact that the management has operated the business so as to make it a financial success has lulled too many people into a complacent attitude regarding their obligations as members of the cooperative. Con-

POLICY MAKERS OF CO-OP HOLD NINE MEETINGS

The Board of Directors of the Manzanar Cooperative, elected by the General Congress, is the policy making body of the corporation. It is responsible, together with the management it appoints, for the operational efficiency of the enterprise.

The present board has held nine regular and special meetings since March 5. During its short tenure of office it has been instrumental in adding several additional services—sporting goods store, flower shop, and the handling of American Express travelers' cheques and money orders.

Current board members are: C. Nakano, president; Aiji Hashii, vice-president; Fred Kato, executive secretary; I. Aramaki, S. Harada, A. Hasegawa, Y. Sakuma, K. Shiroyama, T. Tashima, M. Yashiki, Y. Muramatsu, H. Kinoshita, F. Enseki, Kawamura, S. Matsuda.

—Substantial Saving (Continued from Page One)

better than the standard ratio of 2-1.

However, it is becoming especially important for us to maintain a high ratio, somewhat better than the standard ratio, because of the fact that more and more suppliers are asking "cash on the line."

A glance at the members' equity section of the balance sheet will show that about one-half of the total assets are being financed by the members. However, with the continual increase in the number of services offered by the cooperative, coupled with the (increased restriction in) destructive criticism of any and all aspects of the cooperative program is vitally needed at Manzanar. There is much, too much, destructive criticism rampant in the community. There is entirely too little of the sort of criticism which comes to the congress, the board of directors, and the management, with kindly and courteous suggestions of better methods of operation or new services that could be readily made available to the community.

(To Be Continued)

Figures Reveal Sales and Distribution of Income

The operating statement of the Enterprises from May 25, 1942, to April 1, 1943, a period of 10 months, reveals a promising outlook for the corporation. A considerable saving has accrued to its consumer members.

The net income would have been larger, but a number of services have been operated at cost. Besides, the movie department has been operated without charge to its member patrons; the cooperative has also underwritten the printing cost of the Free Press. Because of the average realized from the Canteen and the General Store, the enterprises have been able to install its many additional services.

The following figures show the amount of sales and the income of the last 10 months:

Gross Sales	\$618,745.91
Gross profit	113,446.41
Gross operating expense	39,181.42
Net profit	74,265.99
Other income (purchase discounts)	\$12,947.27
Other expense (movie, Free Press)	11,670.07
	1,277.20
Total net income	\$ 75,542.19

The following figures show the distribution of the above income: First and 2nd Period (5-25-42 to 12-31-42): Income \$54,331.80; Membership, \$35,725.00; 10% Reserve, \$4,704.14; Refund, \$7,775.24; Unallocated surplus, \$6,127.42.

Third Period (1-1-43 to 3-31-43) Income \$21,210.39; Membership, \$214.13; 10% Reserve, \$2,094.40; Refund, \$16,604.38; Unallocated surplus, \$297.48.

Total: Income, \$75,542.19; Membership, \$35,939.13; 10% Reserve, \$6,798.54; Refund, \$26,379.62; Unallocated surplus, \$6,424.90.

—S. Sugimoto, Comptroller

credit terms, it becomes apparent that the present capital outlay is somewhat inadequate. Consequently, it may be more discreet to retain a major portion of the earnings of the subsequent quarters to strengthen the financial structure.

NO IRREGULARITY

The result of operation and the present financial status, as shown in the statements issued recently, reflect the combination of recorded facts, accounting conventions, and personal judgments. The soundness of judgment necessarily depends upon the individual's competence and integ-

ity. It is for this reason that an audit of the accounting records is made periodically by a disinterested third party. The recent audit did not uncover any irregularity which would have tended to disparage the work of the accounting department.

The accounting office stands ready to give an honest and unbiased report to the consumer public with regard to the cooperative's financial status; therefore, anyone is invited, in fact encouraged, to send in queries regarding the financial end of this cooperative.

—By Akira Hara

—Keynote of Co-op

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AUGUST 8
Representatives selected from each block to form a Cooperative Congress which met at messhall 26. Sho Onodera acted as temporary chairman.

AUGUST 22
Congress elected its first Board of Directors to act as incorporators.

SEPTEMBER
Board of Directors in its first meeting elected Hiro Neeno who left for furlough work.

OCTOBER
Board of Directors selected a managerial staff for the cooperative: Hideo Okada, general manager; Sokichi Sugimoto, assistant general manager and buyer; Shigematsu Takeyasu, treasurer; and Henry Ushijima, comptroller.

Additional services were installed during this month: Mail Order Department, Beauty Parlor, and Barber Shop.

NOVEMBER
Movie department established under the management of S. Betsuin.

DECEMBER
Legal transfer of the Community Enterprises to the Manzanar Cooperative Enterprises, Inc.

Application for membership in cooperative filed by residents over 16 years of age.

JANUARY, 1943
Shoe repair shop established. Cash register receipts collected by blocks and posted in 'Patronage Journal.'

FEBRUARY
Patronage refunds distributed. Block Managers' Pool enabled many to become fully paid-up members of the cooperative.

MARCH
Regular semi-annual meeting of General Congress elected new Board of Directors. In the first meeting of the Board of Directors George Shinno was elected president; C. Nakano, vice president; and John Aono, executive secretary.

APRIL
Photo studio opened. Also entire co-op offices moved into one barrack, 1-6.

MAY
Special meeting of General Congress was held to elect six new board members to replace those leaving for relocation and furlough. In a special board meeting C. Nakano was elected president; Aiji Hashii, vice-president; and Fred Kato, executive secretary. These officers replaced Geo. Shinno and John Aono who left for relocation.

More new services were installed—sporting goods store, flower shop, and fish counter.

Rebates for fourth quarter and membership certificates are now being issued.

A watch repair shop opened for business.

Negotiations to handle American Express travelers' cheques and money orders are almost complete.

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SPORTS

Warming-up with tom yamada

In this issue of the Press, I place pen, pencil, eraser and all else into the able hands of our sports writer, who will know personality—Shiro Nomura.

In the late Yogie-TBA game, Harry Tashima pitcher for the Yogores turned in a beautiful performance from the pitcher's box by striking out 11 batters in six innings. The record to date is 13 strikeouts. This held by four pitchers of last season—Tashima being one of them.

Sakie Yamauchi husky weight lifter of the Venice Barbell club turned in some form of record when in a practice game, against the Skippers he swished a cool no-hit, no-walk, no-run, in fact no one reached first save by one error.

Walt Okamoto playing for the newly organized Packers heads the list for the week. In the Packer-Has Been game, Walt batted a mean 4 for 4, clouting out a homer, a triple and two doubles. It seems that he isn't satisfied with just a single...every man must have his day...eh, Walt...

Official league games look as though they'll be in full swing now that the first round of the elimination tourney has been played...thirty...

SKIPS BITE DOGS

Adding another win to their string of victories, the superior Pedro Skippers muzzled the baffled Bulldogs with a convincing score of 8-0 in the AA elimination tournament game, Sunday night on diamond No. 3.

Blasting Bulldogs' chucker, H. Okamura, for three hits, the Skippers took an early lead, scoring 5 runs in the first inning. Again in the second inning, lead-off batter, Y. Tatsumi rapped out a single and scored on D. Murata's round tripper on the left fielder's error.

O. Nishida fled out to left field for the first out and L. Kawachi hit a sharp Texas leaguer to center in their way for another scoring spree but was nipped in the bud when A. Hashimoto's bounding grounder to shortstop was thrown to second forcing out Kawachi and catching Hashimoto at first for a double play.

The Skippers scored their 8th and final digit in the fifth stanza, when A. Hashimoto on a fielder's choice, gained first and advanced to second on Mikuriya's free pass. C. Miyake's hit to center brought in Hashimoto. The Bulldogs at no time threatened seriously, only to place two men as far as second once in the fifth inning and again in the seventh.

The heavy batters for the evening were, C. Miyake of the Skippers and J. Okamura of the

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GAY-NINE CHOKE ROUGHNECK, 21-7

The strong remnants of the made over Dusty Chicks team calling themselves the Gay Niners roughed the inexperienced Roughnecks to the tune of 21-7 in a league game Saturday night.

Profiting from the young Roughnecks' nervousness and taking advantage of their errors, the Niners forged ahead in the first inning and never relinquished their hold on the lead. They put across 4 runs in the first inning, 2 runs in the second, 2 more in the third, and 13 in the disastrous fourth inning, totaling 21 runs and not scoring in the fifth.

Trailing 4-1 in the first stanza and coming to plate in the second inning with the score reading 6-1, M. Hata with two men on, clouted a four-bagger bringing the score up to 6-4. Unable to score in the third and denting the plate once in the fourth, the Roughneck fell back, 21-5. A short spirited rally in the fifth inning, scoring two runs and threatening to score more fell way short of the goal.

F. Mizutani of the Niners and M. Hata of the Roughnecks highlighted the game with their circuit clouts, each bringing in two runs ahead of them.

Dusters Pick 'Nots, 9-8

In the fourth National League girls' softball game, the Stardusters eked out a close 9-8 victory over the younger Forget-Me-Nots Sunday evening. Although the Forget-Me-Nots were the younger outfit they managed to retain the upper hand most of the game until the final stanza when they were forced to relinquish their lead.

The initial inning saw the Stardusters holding a lead of 2-1 as E. Kitaoka and E. Tamaki crossed the home plate while C. Yamada chalked up the only digit for the Nots in that inning.

The second frame saw the nots forge ahead with a strong 5-run rally to grab a 6-3 lead. It was Kitaoka again for the Dusters in this inning as she connected for a circuit clout with no one on base to profit.

H. Hino, Y. Shimizu and S. Furuta turned in three runs during the third to tie the score, 6-6. Fourth stanza saw both outfits marking up a point apiece still neck-and-neck, 7-7. H. Hino's Star's chucker, sneaked a long homer when she stood at the plate. T. Tushima turned in the solitary run in this round for the

Bulldogs with two hits at three trips to the plate and also Y. Tatsumi with two hits in four tries. The Skippers totalled six hits to the Bulldogs' five.

Elimination Tourney In High Gear

Yogies Wash YBA

TASHIMA WHIRLS NO-HIT, NO-RUN

The second of the "AA" elimination games, played Friday evening, saw a 17-5 victory for the Yogores over the YBA team.

The first half of the game, the YBA nine was leading, 5-3, and it looked like the Yogies would be held down, but as Yogore chucker Tashima found his arm for those change-of-pacers and the team got their batting eye, it spelled doom for the valiant YBA's.

YBA's marked up 5 digits in the initial out of pitcher Shig Miyake while the same inning saw only one run for the Yogores. These were the only marks the YBA outfit could chalk up during the game.

In the second stanza, H. Tashima stood the mound for Yogies and exhibited a masterpiece of windmilling. He swished nine strikes over the plate for three K's.

The 4th and 5th frames saw Yogie machine shift into high gear to roll up 13 runs to cinch the game for them. Twice the bases were loaded and cleaned.

Chucker Tashima of the Yogies turned in another of his brilliant performances. While on the mound he pitched a no-hit, no-run game with a total of 11 strikeouts.

HAS BEENS EDGE PACKERS

6-Run Rally In 6th Packs Packers

The strong Venice Packers fell to the Has Beens, 9-8 Saturday evening, in the first round of the AA elimination tourney. The game was a close thriller and stood in the Packers' favor until the 6th frame when the Has Beens rallied 6 runs to lead the fracas.

Has Beens claimed first lead in the initial inning as B. Yoshiwara hit a homer with S. Tachioka and Y. Shishido on base to tally.

T. Matsumoto marked up the lone digit for the Packers when he reached home on catcher Okamoto's double.

In the second H. Tanaka connected for a double followed by S. Nagai who also reached bag. With two on, chucker Yamauchi of the Packers met with the ball which resulted in a double play that put him and Nagai out, but Tanaka scored.

The numbers were evened in the third frame, 3-3, as Okamoto of the Packers struck a beautiful homerun over left field.

Packers grabbed the lead in the fifth by crossing two men over the home plate, changing the score 5-3.

Sixth inning rally cinched the tilt for the Has Beens as they rallied 6 runs. With two on base, W. Yamada smacked a lobbed ball for a long homer that was good for three more runs.

With the score reading 9-5, it looked as though the game was in the bag for the Has Beens, but the Packers set up an offense which threatened the Has Beens' lead. Catcher Okamoto came to plate and with two strikes knocked the ball for a triple with two men on base to score. This made the score 9-7. Next at bat, Hattori tied a long one out to left and Okamoto ran in to put the game on ice.

Only trailing by one point the Packers could not chalk up another digit to tie the tilt. Bating an amazing 1000 was W. Okamoto of the "Packers, two doubles, one triple and a homer.

Stars as she connected to bring in the winning points giving them the game at a close 9-8.

H. Hino was the big sticker of the game, turning in a perfect batting of 4 for 4.

Takeuchi Takes C-Flight Trophy

Vying for that first prize of a handsome trophy in the Cee Flight linkfest held Sunday, three consolationers tied for the top position, netting a low 62.

These three netting 62 were Shobei Takeuchi, Sho Komai, and Joe Tamaki. Since the president prize can be given to only one, they teed off Monday morning.

The results of Monday morning's play-off were: Shobei Takeuchi nabbing the president prize; Joe Tamaki, placing in number two slot; and Sho Komai, placing number three.

T. Yamamoto and K. Ichiru knotted in the fourth and fifth position in the Cee Flight fest, netting a 64.

Top-notchers who qualified for the prizes were:

1st—Shobei Takeuchi, trophy; 2nd—Joe Tamaki, five balls; 3rd—Sho Komai, three balls; 4th—T. Yamamoto and K. Ichiru; 6th—Ben Maeda.

Strong Rangers Dim Stars, 6-5

Rangers took a close 6-5 win over the threatening North Star nine in the 1st elimination game.

Stars scored a run in the 3rd, a homer in the 4th and three in the final inning.

Rangers went on a 5-run spree in the 4th inning as four walks were issued, and two "FC."

Tsukashima of the Stars swatted a beaut' of a homer to center field during the 4th, tallying for only one as no man was on bag.

STARS THREATEN IN 6TH

When that "rhythmic" Ranger pitcher, Shig-Shiba issued a walk and a hit, Stars threatened to take the title as Takayama walked, Sugawara binged, H. Gashida got on with a "FC," all coming to plate on J. Tamaki's double. With two men on base, Imamoto fled to retire the side.

Both teams failed to score in the 7th to end the game at 6-5.

Rangers 010 500 0-6
North Stars 001 103 0-5

Forget-Me-Nots.
In the last inning, with two down, the Nots pushed across a run as Y. Shigemori touched home plate. The game was on as the Dusters came to bat holding the tail end of a 9-8 reading. E. Kitaoka and E. Tamaki took advantage of pitcher Akemoto's looseness and received free passes. With two down and the winning runs on bases H. Hino came to bat. She saved the day for the

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