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Robert L. Brown Returns From Tulelake Project

Project Director Ralph P. Merritt told the block managers Friday at Town Hall that the rumors regarding conditions in Tulelake WRA Center are unfounded and that Assistant Project Director Robert L. Brown on his return from that center brought back definitely a favorable report.

The project director disclosed that many of the rumors prevailing in this center about riots in Tulelake were traced to messages written in Japanese on the bottoms of lettuce crates that came from Tulelake.

"There were no riots; no one was injured. The camp is peaceful and all is in good order. All departments in Tulelake are operating normally and everything is satisfactory in every way," said Mr. Merritt.

Ray Best, project director of Tulelake, according to Robert Brown's report, is well liked by the evacuees and has won the confidence of the residents.

Mr. Brown supervised the loading of 511 evacuees who left Tulelake on September 13. The train left on time without incident.

Mr. Merritt announced that 248 adults, 15 children between 5 and 12, and 12 babies are scheduled to leave Manzanar for Tulelake on October 9; a total of 275 persons. In deciding those who are to leave on that date, priority ratings were determined in the following order: 1. Those women who, under the Army regulations, and in the opinion of Dr. Little, should be moved now because of their pregnancy. 2. Those who are ill or physically weak and should be moved before the cold weather begins. 3. Skilled workers—carpenters, plumbers, and cooks, who offered to go ahead and help to build or prepare the camp for later segregates. 4. Those who in record show extreme uncooperativeness or those who show a great desire to leave immediately.

The special train will leave (Continued on Page Two)

Private Enterprise Elimination Asked

Project Director Ralph P. Merritt has asked the cooperation of the block managers in eliminating private enterprises in the center.

"Perhaps some of the private enterprises in this center are a convenience to the residents but others are definitely not. It would be unfair for me to say that some may continue and others may not, so the only fair alternative I have is to not allow any private enterprises," said Mr. Merritt.

The project director stated that it is also unfair to allow any one person or group in the center to profit at the expense of the rest, and that the Consumer's Enterprises, in being the only business enterprise in the camp, has taken the responsibility insofar as possible of providing goods and services which are needed by the residents and not furnished by the WRA.

Course Expansion Plan Announced

Following on the heels of the initial registration of Manzanar High School students, Rollin Fox, high school principal announced the news of the expansion of the school program to provide for a wider variety of courses of study.

Bearing the general approval of Mrs. Dorothy Cragen, county superintendent of schools, who was a recent caller at the school, and Manzanar Superintendent of Education Dr. Genevieve W. Carter, is the enlarged program to provide for five types of diploma courses.

They are: general, below college entrance grade but providing for a terminal four year high school course of study in subjects approved by the school; college entrance, to enable students who desire to enter college to complete such subjects as needed for a particular college or university; business, to give a student training in stenographic, secretarial, office practice, and civil service fields; vocational homemaking, a four-year practical homemaking course that will meet the standards set up by the United States Office of Education for the schools of the country and which will give those students entering for this week in order that they may carry into practice the science of the subjects studied.

A high school assembly is planned for this week in order that details of the enlarged program may be explained and other matters discussed, the high school principal stated.

Farm Division Gives Away Food Products

About 3700 residents were present Sunday at the Agricultural Farming Exhibit to receive their share of Manzanar-grown food products, Chief Clerk Y. Amamoto of the Farming Division reported.

Ten tons of watermelon, five tons of honey-dew and five tons of cantaloupes were served to the residents between 2 and 3 p.m. on Sunday while the vegetables were given away at 6 p.m.

Vegetables given at this exhibit, located near Children's Village, included string beans, "moyashi," beets, Swiss chard, sweet corn, cucumbers, Japanese (uri) melons, "daikon," egg plants, Japanese egg plants, "gobo," Italian, Harvard, and banana squash, "goma," dry and green onions, peppers, potatoes, sweet potatoes, spinach, "kabocha," tomatoes and turnips.

Although the giving away of vegetables was set at 6 p.m. many residents were in line by 5:45, the chief clerk disclosed.

"More residents than we expected were present and every one of them received his share of the food," he concluded.

Gripsholm Sails With 1400 Aboard

The S.S. Gripsholm sailed from the United States on September 2 carrying nearly 1400 Japanese being exchanged for Americans in the Far East. Of the total number of Japanese who sailed, 314 were from relocation centers.

In order to make certain that all available quarters were filled, it was necessary to send an excess "reservoir" to Jersey City to fill last minute vacancies. Hence, 30 evacuees were sent to Jersey City from the various relocation centers. Of this number 55 were returned to Rohwer later to be transferred to Tulelake while 12 evacuees were sent to the internment camp at Crystal City, Texas so that families united in anticipation of sailing, might remain together.

The Gripsholm will make a stop at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, where a small number of additional repatriates will be taken aboard to make the full exchange

Display Products Of Local Gardens

Of interest to local residents and visitors alike was the Garden Exhibit in 10-15 where samples of produce grown in local gardens were displayed. Squash, egg plants, corn, watermelons, gobs, and a variety of flowers were proof of the skill of farmers in the center. Many of these products were from individual Victory gardens.

At 16-15 an exhibit of manufactured products of Manzanar was displayed in conjunction with the fair. Garments from the local factory, dresses by the sewing class students, samples of food processed at the dehydration plant, furniture constructed by S. Sasaki of the woodcraft shop, and examples of the work of almost every department were among the things shown. This exhibit was sponsored by the Arts and Crafts schools together with the Industrial Department.

Manufacturing Tells Industrial Progress

Tofu production is proceeding under schedule, according to August's monthly report, which declares, "Cleanliness and sanitary conditions are paramount at this factory."

This division employs eight evacuee employees and approximately 6870 cakes of tofu (bean cakes) were made during August.

It was also disclosed that a new shoyu formula is being used as a result of a sampling test by various chefs. This formula uses glucose as a substitute for sugar.

Production of honey at the Apiary Project is pending to determine the nature of honey collected by the bees, the monthly report disclosed.

Forty-five WRA sewing machines were repaired by the domestic sewing machine repair division, according to the report. The division now has five men and one woman in its department.

Plans for the year are still in the formative stage and will be fully discussed among students and teachers before definite commitments are made and work begun, Mr. Fox concluded.

Approximately 291 Outsiders Counted

Although the official count of visitors from Inyo and Mono counties numbered 291, it was believed that close to 400 outsiders and Appointed Personnel were present at the various exhibits and concessions at 16-17 firebreak and had dinner at kitchen No. 1.

About 150 visitors took advantage of the tour planned and guided by Manzanar Free Press staff members.

Attempted Suicide By Man Disclosed

An illusion that someone was after him, asserted led Yaichi Tashima of 2-13-2 to an attempted suicide Friday, in the neighborhood of block 6, the Police Department disclosed this week.

Mr. Tashima slit his abdomen with a straight razor, then buried the razor somewhere near the vicinity of block 6. The time of the incident is unknown but it occurred sometime between 1:30 and 7 p.m.

Mr. Tashima then went to the hospital, but since the hospital reportedly was busy, he visited a friend in block 30 where he ate three or four bowls of rice. At that time, his friend noticed that there was blood on the chair where Mr. Tashima was sitting and immediately called an ambulance.

'Manzanar Queen' Title Given Tani

Before a large audience, the five girl finalists in the queen contest made their appearance on the 16-15 stage Saturday night. As they walked and twirled in front of the nine judges seated on the stage, the girls presented a lovely picture in their formal attire.

Diane Tani of block 15 was chosen as the "Queen of Manzanar." Her four attendants were: Amy Iwaki, Mae Kagayama, Yoneko Kodama and Kiyoko Yoshida.

Acting as master of ceremonies for the occasion was Rudie Henderson of Lone Pine.

Contest judges were: Edward Chester, Aksel Nielsen, Dr. Genevieve Carter, Joseph Winchester, Mrs. Miya Kikuchi, Dr. Jiro Muramoto, Aiji Hashii, Min Watanabe and Margaret Uematsu.

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Inyo Residents Visit Manzanar Fair Saturday

In the first official Manzanar Fair 291 Inyo and Mono county visitors were able to view first-hand the creative work of Manzanar residents Saturday afternoon from 3 p.m. in a tour conducted by Manzanar Free Press staff members. Dinner in kitchen No. 1 was enjoyed by approximately 400 visitors and appointed personnel staff members.

Exhibits in 16-15, 10-15, Visual Education Museum, 8-15, agricultural exhibit and industrial exhibit were highlights of the two-day Fall Fair sponsored by the Community Activities Department headed by Aksel Nielsen.

Diane Tani, block 15 queen was officially crowned "Miss Manzanar" at the Coronation Ball held at mess hall 33 Saturday night. Her four attendants are: Amy Iwaki, Yoneko Kodama, Mae Kagayama and Kiyoko Yoshida. A lawn party held Friday night by Mr. and Mrs. Aksel Nielsen for the block queens decided the choice of the five finalists.

Mandolin and guitar orchestra, Manzanar Concert Orchestra, Manzanar Community Band and Japanese odors were featured on the outdoor stage in 16-17 firebreak on both nights. Concessions and food booths sponsored by the clubs proved more than successful as approximately 4000 residents enjoyed themselves from 3 to 10 p.m. on Saturday and 3 to 11 p.m. on Sunday.

"Bingo" sponsored by representatives of various clubs was the most popular, followed by "penny pitch," "darts," "wheel of fortune" and "animal race." Food included coffee, donuts, punch and cookies. French fried potatoes and sodas sold out by 11 p.m. and residents all agreed that this two-day Fall Fair was "a colossal success."

Scenery Painted

"Cherry Blossoms of Spring-time," background scenery of the outdoor stage located at block 16 firebreak was painted by the well-known artist, Masasuke Henry Kumano.

Junior College To Open Door Monday

With Manzanar Junior College scheduled to open its classes on Monday, September 27, Dr. W. Melvin Strong, director of the Adult Education Department, asks all prospective students to register at 7-1-1. Auditors are also requested to sign up before the beginning of the semester to give the approximate enrollment of each class. Courses with less than 15 students enrolled will be discontinued.

Only students who have registered may take the English entrance examination which will probably be held tomorrow evening from 6:30-9:30 p.m.

Also scheduled to begin on Monday are a few of the non-junior college courses begun last semester. They are: Review English II, Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 6:30-7:30 p.m.; Intermediate Spanish, Tuesday and Thursday, 6:30-7:30 p.m.; Public Speaking for issei and kibe, Tuesday, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Students may register for these classes at 7-1-1.

Clothings Altered

Community Alteration Department repaired and altered approximately \$300 worth of evacuee clothing, according to August's monthly report. The amount also included repairs of clothing for the WRA projects.

About 18 workers are employed by the department.

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Let's Give It A Try

Growing American acceptance of the evacuee has boosted the idea of relocation to an important issue in the minds of many of the loyal evacuees in camp. High government officials have employed them helping to minimize the prevailing labor shortage. The WRA has been doing its utmost for the benefit of the relocates. Station wagon service has been inaugurated to save the relocates bus expenses. Jobs are always on hand. On top of all this, the government pays train fare from Reno to your destination in travel grants to those who need them.

Many are hindered by the ill forecasts spelled before them by the west coast newspapers to which many of the residents here subscribe. Yet, can one be informed to conditions in the East by reading west coast newspapers? Complimentary articles concerning the evacuees are numerous in eastern newspapers which we do not have the opportunity to read.

The WRA is trying its utmost to facilitate the relocation program so that loyal evacuees may rehabilitate themselves. They are once again given the opportunity to assimilate into the American public and contribute to the American way of life to which so many are accustomed. The finishing touches are up to the evacuees themselves to complete. Many residents have given this program a test and have found it to be favorable and successful. Why don't you give it a try?

Dies Committee Report

At last a member of the Dies committee, Representative Eberhardt of Pennsylvania, has challenged the irresponsible attacks of the majority on the War Relocation Administration's handling of Japanese-Americans.

No government agency has faced a more difficult task than WRA. Some Japanese moved from the West Coast were dangerous aliens, but tens of thousands were American citizens, devoted to democracy and having no allegiance to Japan's emperor. The emotional fury burning against them was intensified in the West by the economic motives of Anglo-Saxons who wanted to get rid of competition.

The head of the Dies sub-committee, Representative Costello, is a Californian, whose personal political fortunes are tied to California's prejudices. The majority report cried horrendous charges against WRA, hinting that inmates of relocation camps were pampered and charging that WRA had released subversives.

Mr. Eberhardt has the courage to dissent and to cite facts to counter the majority's generalizations. He listed food costs at the relocation centers at only 40 cents per person per day. He pointed out that not a single report of disloyalty or subversive activity had been filed against the 16,000 individuals released. He showed some concern for constitutional principles in dealing with persons who, whatever their ancestry, are citizens of this republic. He sharply attacked "unfair criticism" of WRA.

This is something unknown on the Dies committee since Congressman Voorhis resigned the fight. If Mr. Eberhardt keeps up the good work, it will be less easy for the Dies committee majority to make political capital by irresponsible procedures and loose charges.—Chicago Sun, Aug. 28, 1943.

Not Makin' Excuses But—

We're not making excuses for the blunder we made, but we're just telling the truth of how the situation was for the "trained" guides from the Free Press staff.

After receiving such a build-up from the Inyo Independent, a weekly newspaper printed in Independence, that "more than 20" trained guides from the Free Press staff will assist the Inyo County residents in showing the various parts of the center and the exhibits of the different projects," the force of the Free Press staff's "trained" guides must have been a very big disappointment to the visitors.

We were at a loss to explain the functions of some of the departments, and then to answer the questions of the visitors, were "gone." We were very fortunate

to have receptionists in the various departments who explained the functioning of their respective work in their departments excellently. We too, like the visitors, learned many things from the interesting tour.

The dehydrating and pickling plant located in the camouflage building, the tofu and shoyu factories, guayule, woodcraft, clothing factory are only a few of the many departments which we visited for the first time, and many projects were "new" to us.

In the exhibits, the articles by the woodcraft classes, the products from the Victory Gardens showed a view of Manzanar.

The visitors were kind, sympathetic and considerate, and we only hope that the next time that Manzanar holds an open house,

Free Press Staff Acts As 'Guides'

On Saturday, from 3 to 5:30 p.m., the Manzanar Free Press staff acted as guides for the Inyo and Mono county visitors. As car after car came through the gates and passed military inspection, they were met at the Police Station by staff members who wore tags identified by the word "Guide."

The tour took approximately two and a half hours, and some of the highlights were: the garden exhibit at 10-15, guayule laboratory at 6-20, tofu factory at 1-20, clothing factory at Warehouse No. 30-31, handcraft and production exhibits at 16-15 and the farm exhibits located south of Children's Village.

Comments of the visitors were favorable and many of them were impressed at the resourcefulness of the center residents. They were generous in their compliments for the vegetables and melons grown in Manzanar, the many fine carpentry and art works.

After the tour, they were taken to mess hall No. 1 where they enjoyed dinner consisting of Manzanar-grown products plus recorded music.

Rev. Bovenkerk, Abe In Shuyokai Lecture

Shuyo Kai will give their second lecture of the autumn series at mess hall 21 on Saturday, September 25, 7 p.m.

Rev. H. V. Bovenkerk, who was formerly a missionary in Japan will speak on "Japanese in Ancient Times and in the Present." The Rev. Seizo Abe's lecture will be on "Production of Human Beings."

All interested persons are invited to attend.

Comin' - Goin'

ARRIVALS...

Yosokuma Ogata; Chester Matata; Yamamoto; Mototaro Ueyeda; Masao and Hideo Ueyeda; Annie, Helen and Tommie Yamada; Mary Hayashi; Masako Yotsukura; Kishiro Anzal.

DEPARTURES...

Henry Daiji Osumi, Aurora, Utah; Takeshi Koizumi, Kichizo Hamaguchi, Reno, Nev.; George Juichiro Hirooka, Minneapolis, Minn.; Frank Sakae Fuchita, Berrien Springs, Mich.; George Manonobu Sueyehara, Monroe, Mich.; Echu Goto, Toppa, Utah; Kazu and Sachiko Hachisuka, Margaret and Katherine Handa, Kay Kaworu Jeneye, Chicago; Sam Muto, Farmington, Utah.

—ROBERT L. BROWN

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Lone Pine in the morning. It will include two sleepers for women, children and the ill; four coaches; three cars for baggage and kitchen and one diner. Meals will be cooked on the train with some evacuees helping the Caucasian personnel. The army will provide 50 guards, two army nurses and kitchen supervisors. Pullman porters will help make the trip as comfortable as possible, said Mr. Merritt.

All persons scheduled to move at that time will receive a personal notice on or before September 23, and those who have applied and do not receive a notice by that time are those whose applications have been rejected, he concluded.

TEACHER ARRIVES

Just arrived to assume duties as foreign language instructor is Harold Rogers from New York.

And if we of the Free Press staff are given another chance, we hope that we will be fully prepared for such an excursion.

The next time, we will be experienced, and also "trained."

Letters from the Public

Manzanar Free Press Staff,

Manzanar, California
Hi, Gang...

Sept. 11—10 a.m. Left good ole Manzanar for points east. When you leave the gate, it's like waking up from a dream. The trip to Reno was hell for the milk! I had that and also fried chicken, steak, hamburger and hot dog.—Come on, now, aren't your mouths watering yet? Got my divorce from Manzanar at Reno. Now I'm free!

We got on the train—shucks, there were no available seats. In Ogden, a soldier offered me his seat. His gang was sitting in back of us and they were really friendly. One kept serenading me and another wanted to know if I knew how to do judo.

I woke up once in a while—noticed a couple of soldiers standing and offered them seats, but was refused. Finally, one accepted a good-looking one at that. We sat and talked till morning about everything, Gee, was he a swell guy! We finally went to sleep about 2 a.m.—his shoulder even made a swell pillow.

At present I'm lying in front of a log fire on a nice rug listening to swell music and writing to you, Free Press. It was town with old-fashioned houses. We live outside the city limits in a modern glass house—just like good old Southern California. People are really nice to me.

Don't worry gang. Seems as though I've been gallivanting around, but 'tain't so. I've been a good girl. Oh, yes, it's funny, I've met some nice girls out this way and have seen loads of nisei soldiers, but here are the civilian nisei boys? They just don't seem to be around.

So long, folks. Adios, muchachos, companeros de mia.
Just, Claire Seno.

Announce Winners Of Garden Contest

Winners in the Victory Garden exhibit held at 10-15 on Saturday and Sunday were announced by Masao Tanaka, in charge of hobby gardens.

Shigetoe Ishikawa of 17-3-4 received first and special prizes for his vegetable collection, R. Tsujimura of 12-2-4, special awards for New Guinea gourd collections; Jingo Hayamizu of 17-5-2, 2nd prize for banana squash; Mr. Koziroa of 12-8-2, 2nd prize for Japanese pumpkin; H. Nakamura of 12-10-6, special prize for soy beans; T. Ueki of 4-5-2, 2nd prize for vegetable collection; Sukikazu Yato of 13-11-1, 1st prize for "gobo" and Recreation Test Farm group won three separate 1st prizes, one second prize and four special prizes. All winners received ribbons as prizes.

H. K. Nakamura of 29-2-4 received a special prize for his Manzanar insect and butterfly collections. There were 130 various insects represented in his hobby.

TO PRESS STAFF

Mr. Roy Takeno
Acting Reports Officer
Manzanar Relocation Center
Manzanar, California
My dear Mr. Takeno:

Will you please express to all the members of the "Free Press" staff who participated as guides and in every other way, our thanks for all that they have done in making the Manzanar Fair such a great success.

Very sincerely yours,
Ralph P. Merritt
Project Director.

THANKS

In behalf of the various fair committees and the Community Activities Division we wish to thank the residents of Manzanar for their wholehearted support of the fair. We also thank the various organizations and individuals who helped to make the fair a success. We appreciate the help we received from the Public Works Division in preparing the fair grounds with posts and lighting, transportation from the Motor Pool, the sprinkling of grounds by the Fire Department, and the support from the Police Department. We also thank the Agricultural and Production Divisions, the Victory Gardens and the various Arts and Crafts Departments for their wonderful exhibits.

We extend our appreciation to the Education and Garden Departments and to the Mess Division for the dinner which was served to the visitors. To the Free Press Staff, we give our thanks for guiding the valley visitors to the various points of interest. Finally, we express our thanks to the Queen Committee, judges and to everyone who contributed to the free entertainment on the outdoor stage, and to those who in any way helped make this a memorable event in the history of Manzanar.

Joe Kogihashi,
General Chairman of Fair Committees

A. G. Nielsen,
Supervisor of Community Activities

MEET 'QUEENIE'

Meet the 1943 Queen of Manzanar, Diane Kikuo Tani, formerly from Venice, California. She is 5' 1 1/2" tall, designs her own clothes, and "does" her own hair. Her ambition is to become a dress designer. Majoring in art at Manzanar High School, Diane styles clothes as a hobby.

Relocating to Minneapolis after graduation is among her plans for the future.

Diane, a member of the Sub-Deb club, likes the color blue best. She has no favorite song, but her favorite movie star is Betty Grable.

Two Fires Reported Here Last Month

Manzanar Fire Department reported two fires during the month of August. One in a mess hall had negligible damage; the other in a vehicle caused an estimated damage of \$750.

Ninety-five foam type fire extinguishers have been received from the U. S. Engineering Department. Application has been made for sufficient auxiliary equipment to comply with the minimum requirements for the new appointed Personnel housing, chicken and hog projects, new auditorium and gymnasium, which have been approved for construction.

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTH:

Baby girl born to Mrs. Lily Inazu, 25-12-1 on September 19.

Those persons wishing to join the YBA hardball team are asked to register at 13-15 immediately.

Purely Personal

By Sue Kunitomi

REVELATION:

Taking a tour through Manzanar with the Inyo and Mono counties visitors proved an eye-opener for most of the guides. We couldn't help but feel a surge of pride when we heard the many favorable comments made. I certainly didn't realize how much talent the residents kept hidden until now. Perhaps, the most revealing of them all were the exhibit at 16-15, Orchids to the Community Activities Department for sponsoring a highly successful fair.

An elderly gentleman from Lone Pine, who was a member of the group which I guided, taught me the unforgettable lesson that love of the soil is and should be part and parcel of the successful farmer. He was just one of the visitors who was highly impressed with the progress made by evacuees in the field of agriculture. "It is remarkable what you have done with your pluck and determination," was what he said.

MEMORIES

The biggest thrill that came to us was the dinner. We escorted our visitors to mess hall No. 1 and then waited our turn to eat. We didn't have to stand in line, high school girls brought our tea, silverware and even a napkin. The dinner came in three separate plates, carefully arranged by the home economics class and more delicious than any of us have imagined. It was like dinner "back home."

We may have known about the center itself, but the visitors were one step ahead of us in the history of Manzanar. They related incidents about the people who lived here many years ago. They reminisced "of old times." The visitors were more impressed by the visitors than the visitors with the guides. Or so it seemed to us.

"Bingo," can certainly get into a person's blood. After trying two cards, we kept playing and playing but no luck. Everybody else except us were yelling: "Bingo."

Everybody enjoyed the weekend and we'll remember the small incidents in later years. Living in Manzanar isn't so bad, after all.

150 Pupils Enroll In Nursing Class

Home Nursing classes conducted by Catherine Yamaguchi are being held in Ward 5 at the hospital, 36-15 and 7-9-4. More than 150 have enrolled in the course which will last for one month. Others who wish to enroll in her class may apply either at the hospital or at their block offices, it was announced.

Arriving via Minidoka and Tulelake, Miss Yamaguchi, R.N., will remain in Manzanar for two months. She has been sent here by the American Red Cross headquarters in Washington, D.C.

A native of Seattle, Washington, where she attended the University of Washington and Seattle College, Miss Yamaguchi disclosed the fact that she "likes

Under Age 'Buck' Bids Farewell To Shelby Soldiers

CAMP SHELBY, Miss., Sept. 18—The Army is saying goodbye temporarily to Pvt. Harry E. Maura. They're taking away his rifle and pack but there's no way the Army can get back that 25 pounds they've crowded onto Pvt. Maura's diminutive chassis.

Pvt. Maura is one of those under age youngsters who in their zeal to get in the fight have been turning up in all arms and branches in this war. Maura is only 17 years old, so the Japanese-American Combat Team, made up of volunteer Americans of Japanese ancestry, will have to lose his services at least until November 15, 1943, when Maura will turn a belated 18.

"I'll be back," Maura told his comrades today as he reluctantly left for unwanted civilian life. "I like the Army, and this is the best organization in the Army. The thing I'll miss most is Army chow. I put on 25 pounds during the ten months I've been in."

Maura is the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Maura of 187 New York Avenue, Huntington, Long Island, N. Y. The day after his 17th birthday Maura, then a student at Huntington High School, enlisted in New York City. Someone neglected to ask for his birth certificate so Maura got by. He was sent first to Atlantic City, N. J., for technical training in the Army Air Corps. Transferred to Columbus, Ohio, he attended the Ohio Institute of Aeronautics. His next post was at Fort Hays. Last July he was transferred to the Combat Team of Japanese-American training here.

Maura will re-enter high school aid with his added 25 pounds he hopes to make the football team. Anything will do, he said, to fill time until his 18th birthday rolls around in November, and then he hopes to take up where he left off in the rigorous training of a combat soldier.

Local Service Flag Numbers 272 Stars

Approximately three months were required by the Garment Factory workers to make the service flag which is now hanging on the north wing of the administration building, the Industrial Division announced.

The flag measures 8 by 5 feet and has one foot borders in red. Blue stars numbering 272, representing men from Manzanar in service, were all hand-sewn on a white field. According to the Industrial Division, the stars represent the nisei volunteers from Manzanar, nisei soldiers with relatives residing here and appointed personnel who entered the armed forces.

Manzanar very much." Though more than 50 persons attended her first Home Nursing class Monday, a limit of 30 pupils made it necessary to turn many away, it was announced.

WEEKLY ACCOMODATIONS FOR FIVE LOCAL RESIDENTS IN CHICAGO TOLD

Five residents from Manzanar can be accommodated weekly at the Brethren Hostel in Chicago, according to a telegram from Chicago Hostel Supervisor Ralph E. Smetlzer.

According to an announcement from the Relocation Office, residents who relocate via hostels generally find jobs within a week after their arrival. Housing is offered shortly thereafter, making the average person's stay at the hostel about two weeks. The hostels have, in addition to a general director, job and housing counselors. Jobs are found in cooperation with the relocation supervisors and housing is procured in cooperation with church federations.

Dehydration Plant Begins Operation

Work is progressing satisfactorily on the construction of the vegetable dehydrator, according to the August Monthly Report, which also revealed that actual production will probably begin sometime during the middle of this month.

All surplus farm products are being pickled by this department which employs 28 workers. Approximately 55,699 pounds have been processed, the report revealed.

FUNSTERS ELECT

Yukie Shiba was unanimously chosen as president of the mighty Wee Funsters. Other officers are: Rosie Tamai, vice president; Yuri Yamazaki, secretary; Marian Uyematsu, historian; Tedy Hayashi, athletic manager. Initiation and installation was held jointly.

CLASSIFIED ADS

WANTED: Good condition electric refrigerator. State year, make, and size. Contact Tom S: Ikkanda, 215 Maple street, Reno, Nevada.

wait for an invitation, so applicants should have their affairs in order for immediate departure," declared Manzanar Relocation Office Counselor Mrs. Fumiko Hirata.

"Hostels should not be thought of as convenient stopping places for evacuees who wish to 'shop-around' from one city to another. Since they cannot expect accommodations at more than one hostel, applicants are urged to carefully choose one hostel and plan to settle in that city. They may then, if they so desire, move on to a second city on their own," the counselor said.

Persons interested in being invited to hostels either in Chicago, Cleveland, Cincinnati or Des Moines are asked to contact Mrs. Hirata at the Relocation Office, 1-2-2, to fill out application blanks.

B. Tamura Elected Y. B. A. President

Berry Tamura was elected president of the Young Buddhist Association at a recent election meeting held at 13-15. Toshiye Higashida and Yoshikatsu Nakayama were elected first and second vice-presidents respectively. Joan Fukuda is secretary, Tashi Hori, treasurer; Roy Nanjo, auditor; Yasujiro Ohata, Sunday School superintendent; Trudy Oajima and Masaye Masuyama, music chairmen; Mas Nakadaira, men's athletic chairman; Toyoko Ioki, women's athletic chairman and Suiko Hori, publicity.

An installation dance will be held this Saturday at kitchen 27 from 8 p. m. General chairman for this occasion are Roy Nanjo and Toshiye Higashida. Yoshikatsu Nakayama will be emcee. Bids will sell at 35 cents per couple and they will be available at 13-15 office from tomorrow.

Pioneer's Day will be sponsored by the YBA for persons over 70 years of age this Sunday from 5 p. m. at the Buddhist Church. Dinner and entertainment will comprise the evening's program.

Other Centers..

HEART MT. WYOMING... Old man frost visited the center and destroyed approximately two-thirds of the yield from 46 acres of the farm. Some crops were lost entirely while the yield on others will be reduced because immature plants will not develop.

HEART MOUNTAIN joined the nation in the 15 million dollar Third War Loan Drive.

GILA, ARIZONA... Technical Sergeant Kazuo Komoto, son of Mr. and Mrs. Y. Komoto of Canal, who was wounded in action in the southwest Pacific was awarded the Purple Heart decoration "for military merit." The Purple Heart medal is for officers and men honorably wounded in action.

A new case of upset stomach, gastro, was caused by the temperature of 105 degrees. The outbreak has subsided at present.

DENSON, ARKANSAS... A program of wood cutting in the center has begun with 200 high school boys assigned for a three week period on this work.

Workers receive the privilege of best transportation via trucks to and from their blocks during the lunch hour.

AMACHE, COLORADO... An Agricultural Fair was held with the best farm products on show.

The reception committee completed the program for the Tulelake people who arrived September 16th.

Advertisement for Sears, Roebuck & Co. featuring a cartoon of a man cooking and a list of products including Building Materials, Paints, Hardware, Wall Boards, Sash and Doors, Oil Heaters, Cement, Plaster, Roofing, Clay Products, and Lumber & Supply. The text emphasizes 'PLAY SAFE!' and 'BUY SAFE!' when buying by mail.

IN APPRECIATION— May I take this means to thank my friends for the visits and gifts during my stay in the hospital. I am now at home recuperating. Asaji Katayama 8-2-5

IN APPRECIATION— I would like to express my thanks to my friends for their kind visits and gifts given to me while I was in the hospital. Yonosuke Ozaki

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