

Spanish Consul Addresses Block Managers Assembly

Senor F. de Amat, Spanish Consul from San Francisco, told members of the block managers' assembly on Friday of last week, that the Japanese government has requested the names and addresses of the nearest of kin in Japan of persons who have deceased here. This information should be submitted to Mrs. Lucy Adams, assistant project director in charge of community management.

The consul, who was accompanied by Erle R. Dickover of the State Department in Washington, was introduced to the assembly by Project Director Ralph P. Merritt who explained that the two were working on a report of conditions in relocation centers requested by the Japanese Government before further negotiations for exchange of nationals would be considered.

Senor de Amat stated that he would like to hear from the block managers; complaints, suggestions or questions of a general nature. Subjects that were more specific or personal were received by the Consul that afternoon.

When asked what type of reception the expatriated nisei received in Japan, the Consul stated that the reception was apparently on the same status as nationals, judging by the Japanese government's request for some nisei in the past exchanges.

He added that the Spanish government has been asked by Tokyo to protect Japanese nationals in this country; the nisei is recognized as citizens of the (Continued on Page Two)

Merritt Warns On Travel Regulation

Project Director Ralph P. Merritt today warned alien evacuees planning to leave the centers on seasonal or indefinite leave to be certain that they understand and comply with all Department of Justice regulations governing enemy aliens.

Mr. Merritt cites as an example a recent arrest of four seasonal workers from Heart Mountain Center in Wyoming. They were apprehended by the FBI in Spokane, Washington for traveling without the required permits and detained for several weeks. He stated that after being given hearings before an Alien Enemy Hearing Board, they were finally released by order of the Attorney General of the United States.

REGULATIONS

These regulations require that aliens apply to the U. S. District Attorney in the State in which they are living at the time for permission to travel from one city or town to another. Application for permission must be made at least seven days BEFORE any trips can be made.

The Project Director suggested that alien evacuees planning to leave the center in the near future see J. Benson Saks, project attorney for further explanation of these regulations.

TO KILL CHICKENS FOR NEW YEAR'S

About 2000 chickens, each averaging four pounds will be slaughtered and dressed this week in this center, announced the Farming Division. It disclosed that these chickens will be stored and used in the New Year's feast.

This will be the first flock of chickens to be slaughtered within this center. Another 5000 is scheduled for slaughtering by June, the end of the present fiscal year. Also scheduled for slaughtering during the same period are 200 heads of cattle and 280 heads of hogs.

All these will be consumed within the center but will be distributed according to the point system as is now in effect throughout the country, the announcement revealed.

GREETINGS from RALPH MERRITT

A very Happy Christmas to everyone in Manzanar! We have had a year of which we may all be proud since peace came to Manzanar a year ago.

Throughout the world people of all nations and all faiths are coming to recognize more and more the deep meaning of this day dedicated to peace on earth and good will among men.

As little children have toys and decorated trees and young people sing carols and have gifts, so let us older people of every faith and ancestry begin another year in which we work together and pray together for peace and good will among men.

In this thought I wish everyone a happy Christmas season.

Ralph P. Merritt
Project Director

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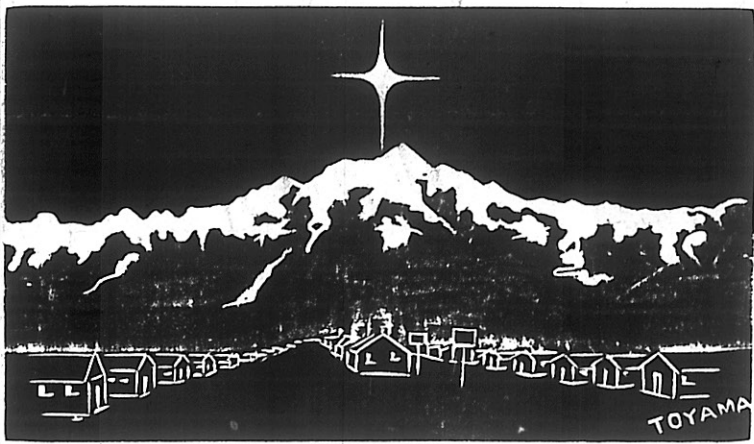


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Peace On Earth...



Gifts Arrive For Center Distribution

Almost 3000 boys and girls in Manzanar will receive gifts this Christmas, according to the Rev. H. C. Bovenkerk. Packages of gifts, some holding from 30 to 40 in one package, have been received by approximately 264 donors from the outside.

These gifts came from many different states in the Union. To name a few: Pennsylvania, New York, California, New Jersey, Virginia, North Dakota, Indiana, Massachusetts, Washington, D. C., Wisconsin, Kansas, Maryland, etc.

Most common are puzzles, drawing sets and paper doll books. The gifts will be distributed to the children in all blocks, Children's Village and hospital.

The Rev. Bovenkerk also stated that this year in contrast to last Christmas, there will be very little candy available for the children in the Center.

The Evangelical Church in Pennsylvania, which is a congregation of German immigrants, is the largest single group to contribute Christmas gifts. Another church that contributes largely is the Unitarian and Universalist church formed of people of old New England stock.

Support Us Tonight

O Lord, support us all the night long of this troubled age, until the warfare stops, the tragedy is ended, our sins forgiven and the love of Christ is alive in the hearts of all. Then of thy great mercy, grant us a better world, cooperation among us, one and all, and peace at last, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

—Clarence Seidenspinner

Explain Revision On Shoe Ration Stamp

Effective December 1, 1943, residents need not use their shoe stamps within 30 days of their issuance as was required previously, revealed Chief Steward J. R. Winchester. He said that stamps issued here will be dated as previously but will be valid for the same period now being allowed civilians on the outside.

Residents whose occupation makes it necessary to obtain a second stamp, however, will have to use their second stamp within 30 days of its issuance, he declared. The procedure for obtaining this is to contact their division heads for their written consent and take them to their ration boards.

Provide Benefits For Camp Workers

Compensation benefits for disability or death of an evacuee worker are provided for by Administrative Instruction where injuries caused by wound, injury, or shock and for death while in the course of employment, stated J. Benson Saks, project attorney.

These benefits do not apply to (1) those employed by community enterprises or other private enterprise within the center, (2) a disease, except as a natural result from injury, or (3) an injury or death caused by unlawful misconduct or intentional injury on the part of the injured worker.

TOTAL DISABILITY

In the case of total disability, a form of unemployment benefit is granted in the amount of two-thirds of the worker's monthly wage as of the date of the accident, provided that the compensation does not exceed \$50 a month or a total of more than \$4,000 exclusive of medical treatment and hospital care. In the case of death, burial expenses should not exceed \$200.

For permanent partial disability resulting from the loss of limbs, eyes, fingers, etc., awards

R. Cozzens Hits 'Race Baiters'

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24—Major responsibility for jeopardizing the lives and welfare of thousands of American men, women and children in custody of the Japanese was placed on the shoulders of "agitators of race hatred" by Robert B. Cozzens, regional director of the WRA in San Francisco according to a WRA press release.

Cozzens' charge was made in a statement to the press after the State Department revealed that the Japanese government has broken off negotiations for the exchange of nationals until an investigation can be made of conditions under which Japanese nationals are cared for by the United States government. Such an investigation is now being made by representatives of the Spanish government which acts as protecting power for the Japanese in negotiations with the United States.

Cozzens declared that "there can be no doubt that the interruption of negotiations for the return of American soldiers and civilians, including women and children now in the hands of the Japanese was caused by the malicious campaign which has been carried on by agitators of race hatred including public as well as private organizations and individuals."

The release stated that the "heedless race baiters have hit every American family which has a loved one in the hands of the Japanese. The thought of American women and children and soldiers in the hands of the enemy anxiously awaiting the day when their exchange can be brought about should have a sobering effect on the fanatical super-patriots who have been agitating for a more restrictive policy on the part of the War Relocation Authority."

Remind Evacuees Of Draft Instructions

Evacuees subject to the Selective Service Law were reminded today of their responsibility for keeping in touch with their draft boards, according to special instructions received from Washington.

The bulletin stated that all persons between the ages of 18 and 45 who are required to register must inform their board at all times of any change of address, dependency, or marital status. Failure to do so will automatically make them draft delinquent and subject to possible criminal prosecution.

Young men reaching their 18th birthday are required by law to register with the local Selective Service Board. They are asked to contact Ralph P. Merritt, project director, who will assist them in registering.

It was also disclosed that some evacuees have as yet failed to notify their local boards of their project address. Those residents who have so far neglected to straighten out any of the above regulations are asked to contact J. Benson Saks, project attorney at 1-2-1 immediately.

may be granted in accordance with a schedule set forth by the U. S. Employees' Compensation commission, reported Saks.

Where medical facilities in the centers are not adequate, an injured worker may be granted such treatment at other U. S. medical establishments without cost to him.

A notice of injury and claim for compensation must be filed by the injured employee on Form CAI within 48 hours after the injury occurs. Form CAI is obtainable from all section heads and should be requested immediately by an injured person. Dependents of a worker, who dies as a result of injuries sustained, are also provided for under the compensation award regulations, stated Saks.

Purely Personal

By Sue Kunitomi

Christmas, 1941... it was that fateful year and we wondered what there was to be merry about. I remember this Christmas vividly because of a little incident that occurred on Christmas Eve. Seated around the table we were talking about many things, when one of us suddenly said: "What a swell Christmas present this is." We didn't have to be told what his words conveyed. We laughed it off as a joke but our laughter ended in a hollow note. That night, we tossed in our beds and with wide eyes, wondered how many more meaningless Christmases we would spend...

Christmas, 1942... It was cold in Manzanar and the wind whipped our noses on Christmas Eve. That night, 100 voices sang lustily, "O Come All Ye Faithful..." We tramped all the way from the hospital grounds to Mr. Merritt's home singing in the dark and in the shadow of the beacon shining from the sentry tower... the stars were brighter that night, too. A soldier stopped us at the postgate, but when given the explanation, he let us pass, and we continued our caroling. On our return, a group of us said: "Merry Christmas, soldier." He answered low and clear. We slept that night with untrodden minds and hearts at peace.

Christmas, 1943... It is my first Christmas away from my good family and friends. It is also my first white Christmas. Although far from familiar scenes, I'll spend this holiday among people who have made my two months' stay so grand. I'll recall the farewell party at the press office when Irving Berlin's immortal "White Christmas" was dedicated to me. I'll picture the snow-capped Sierras I miss and the cold wind so much like the winds of Wisconsin... the laughter of little children opening gifts sent by kind friends on the outside...

The light of fellowship and goodwill is burning here in Madison and in all the little Madisons, U.S.A. Should Christ look down as I know He will, He'll find that light is more than a flicker. On all the Christmases to come, those of you in the relocation centers will find this light and your future in it.

Together with the "MERRY CHRISTMAS, HAPPY NEW YEAR" that I send across a thousand miles to Manzanar, I leave this thought: "Peace on Earth, Good-will toward Men" may seem to be a worn-out phrase, but its meaning rings truer today than ever before. I know because I have found it so... Sue Kunitomi.

Spanish Consul

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United States and the Imperial government professes no jurisdiction over them.

Mr. Dickover clarified the legal status of expatriates, stating that expatriation does not have a legal effect on citizenship. A law enacted during the last war provides that no American citizen may divest himself of citizenship during the time that the United States is engaged in war, so that the only way nisei can lose their citizenship is by joining the Japanese army, he explained.

The Project Director also announced to the assembly that he would like repatriates and expatriates in Manzanar to know of the recent instructions received from Washington. There are two main points to the instruction, the first of which is: those who have applied on the project for repatriation or expatriation should send a letter to the Spanish Embassy in Washington, D. C. to the effect that they would like to be included in the list submitted to the Japanese government for exchange.

The second point which Mr. Merritt stressed was that repatriates and expatriates must

Letters from the Public

(Following are excerpts from a letter written by G. Raymond Booth, relocation officer in charge of the Cincinnati area, to the residents of Manzanar.—Ed. note.)

Dear Friends:

...Perhaps it is only a temporary lull due to preparations for Christmas. Families do like to be together at Christmas time. If you are planning to relocate immediately after Christmas, will you please write us about it now? About 350 Japanese Americans will be celebrating Christmas here, many of them around their own family firesides with trees in their homes, Santa Claus, n' everything. Many will be invited to homes of newly made friends. Perhaps some will see their first "white Christmas." We are having our first fleecy snow of the season today, and hope it stays awhile.

If you are planning to relocate in the spring, is the wait because of uncertainty about winter problems? Well, we wear the same clothes as do Californians in the winter time, plus (in rough weather) overshoes, a muffler, and a pair of heavy gloves. Coal for our homes does not cost more here than water for our lawns does in California for the summer. Then, too, winter is mostly over by March 1 in this area. Gardens are being spaded, farmers begin their spring work, and an air of expectancy-of-summer takes hold of people. Farmers want their arrangements completed by then. So, if farmers are planning to relocate in the spring, they should be inquiring and planning about it not later than January 1...

Sincerely yours,
G. Raymond Booth
Relocation Officer

Review Operations Of Manzanar Co-op

In reviewing the operations of the Manzanar Cooperative for the past sixteen months (as of September 30, 1943), Sokichi Sugimoto, general manager, stated that the Co-op has rendered a per capita saving of \$12.68 to the residents.

"The Manzanar Cooperative realized a net earning of \$114,208.80 during the last year and four months," he said. "If we take the population of Manzanar at 9,000 for the period, a distribution of this earning shows that each one in the center including the babies benefited by \$12.68. The story would have been different if the stores were government-owned or operated by private individuals."

SALES AND EXPENSES

With an average monthly sales of \$63,683, total sales registered \$1,018,928.80 for the 16 month period ending September 30.

Subtracting total expenses which ran up to \$87,213.33 from gross earnings of \$200,498.01, the Cooperative realized a net earning of \$113,282.68.

Additional income of \$926.12 raised the figure on the earnings column to \$114,208.80.

DISTRIBUTION

Membership and reserve came to \$44,707.90; the sum of \$17,684.88 as patronage refund for the last period is still payable to us bringing the members' equity to \$62,392.

After deducting the \$62,392 from the net earnings, the sum of \$51,816.80 were paid out by the Cooperative as patronage refund to its members.

CO-OP SERVICES
Since the Cooperative underwrites and carries on certain services without charge, and other services on a nominal basis, Sugimoto stated that patronage

be prepared to leave definitely if they are listed to go by the Japanese government. There will absolutely be no cancellation after Japan requests a repatriate because one cancellation of a Japanese here would mean one less American returning to this country.

CHRISTMAS CALENDAR

PROTESTANT CHURCH, 15-15
December 25:

Special Christmas programs by the intermediate and senior section of the Sunday schools will be held at 9:30 a.m., 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. The programs will be different at each presentation.

CATHOLIC CHURCH, 15-15

December 24mass.....12 midnight
December 25mass.....9 a.m.
.....mass.....9:30 a.m.

CHRISTMAS CAROLERS

December 24Music Hall group
To meet at the hospital at 7 p.m.
December 24Manzanarknights and Modernaires
December 24Protestant Church Groups

One group in English and one in Japanese.

ALL-GAL SESSION

Anticipating the turn of events come leap year '44, the weaker sex of the project will indulge in four solid hours of "Daikon Maneuvering Session" tomorrow afternoon from 1:00 through 5:00 p.m. at Auditorium Two. All girls are urged to attend this unusual all-girl affair. There will be no admission fee but those possessing spangles are requested to donate it to the cause.

Request Residents Call For Parcels

Package addressed to T. Sato of Manzanar has been received by the Parcel Post Department. Due to the innumerable number of Sato's in camp, the Parcel Post Department requests that the T. Sato who has ordered a book from Bullock to claim the package at 1-15-2.

The department also requests that persons who have received a notice to claim their packages should do so immediately, as the shelves are being overloaded in the Christmas rush.

An unclaimed package from Bullock's for a Miss Nakamura is waiting for the receiver at 1-15-2. The package contains six lap pins, the Parcel Post Department reported.

NOTICE

Dental schedule which appeared in last week's Free Press releasing the new zoning system for residents should have read, Blocks 17, 18, 23, 24, 27, 28, 29, 32, 33, 34, 35 and 36 to the hospital dental clinic and the remainder of the blocks at the Block 7 branch clinic, stated W. Morse Little, project medical officer.

Refunds have not shown a larger figure. Free services include the operation of the Free Press, check cashing, and the outdoor movie theater. Service charges at the Shoe Repair, Watch Repair, Beauty and Barber Shops are rendered at a minimum to the residents.

Barrows Explains WRA Policies; Denies Evacuee Coddling Charge

DENVER, COLO., Dec. 23.—Leland Barrows, assistant WRA administrator, who attended an administrative conference for heads of the 10 relocation centers denied "coddling" of evacuees by the WRA, according to the Rocky Mountain News. Barrows pointed out that the 100,000 Japanese Americans in the centers are rationed as to food and shoes just as any American citizen. As an example, he stated that it cost the authority \$1.20 a day to maintain each evacuee. Of this amount, approximately 45 cents goes for food.

BETWEEN TWO FIRES

"We are between two fires," he said. "So we try to walk the chalk line and make both sides happy. There are people in this country who think that afford-

ing the Japanese decent treatment is coddling and there are others who are certain that we must treat them according to their constitutional rights."

The Spanish government is acting as a representative of the Imperial government, Barrows stated. Grievances presented by the internees are forwarded to the WRA by them. Fortunately, the complaints have not been general, but spotty, he said. Most of the complaints have come from internees fed up with the monotonous camp life.

Mr. Barrows was in Denver with six Washington associates at an administrative conference with relocation center representatives to discuss the 1944 fiscal year budget. Representing Manzanar were Edwin C. Hooper, acting assistant project director, Ransom C. Bockiewicz, fiscal accountant and A. Kelly Shelton, assistant fiscal accountant.

History; Future Of WRA Told Veterans

Addressing the meeting of State Commanders and State Adjutants of the American Legion in Indianapolis, Ind., National Director of the WRA Dillon S. Myer stated, "We recognize, of course, that there is no absolute way of guaranteeing the loyalty of a Japanese American—or for that matter—of any one else. But we do feel that it is possible, by employing techniques which the intelligence agencies have used effectively, to make a determination that is wholly adequate for the purpose of protecting the national security."

Explaining in detail, the history, policies, and procedures of the War Relocation Authority, the National Director warned that Japanese militarists are watching the program for propaganda purposes.

In conclusion, Mr. Myer said, "We believe that there is opportunity here for all people of democratic faith and that the United States has benefited and will benefit by providing such opportunities for all its citizens without regard for race or creed."

Feature Dr. Opler, Saks at Discussion

Dr. Morris Opler, social analyst, and J. Benson Saks, project attorney, will be the members of a panel discussion on "The Problem of Dual Citizenship" this evening from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at 7-10-4. This will be the thirteenth in the series being sponsored by the Adult Education Department, and Dr. Opler will act as chairman, announced Dr. Melvin Strong, director of Adult Education.

All residents interested are invited to attend the discussion which is of concern to a number of evacuees, he stated.

Clothing Allowance Adjustments Made

August clothing allowance adjustments for the following persons have arrived and should be claimed immediately, announced the Clothing Allowance Section:

Susan Nishikawa, Takichi Kusano, Kiyoharu Anzai, Nobuichi Tani, Bunyom Wada, Satoru Ryono, Waka Yamashita, Yuda-yu Tanabe, Senkichi Oye, Masachi Uchida, Chose Tenigawa, Kisio Matoba, Henry Sunaga, Kenichi Takeda, Chiyeo Sugihara, Jenkichi Kudo, Wilfred Manooka, Asajiro Okasaki, Tokichi Hasegawa, Tsunejiro Yamashita, Wakaye Maeda, Richard Izumi, Minoru Nakamura, Toreshige Kikuchi, Hideo Okada, Kiyoshi Sato, Takeshi Wagatsuma, Yetsuko Tautsui.

Masakazu Hamaguchi, Yasuko Ogimachi, Frank Kamino, Kiyotochi Kodama, Shige Iwaki, Hideo Oda, Genjiro Nakamura, Sam Endow, Aiji Hashi, Masuhiro Hamamoto, Isami Yoshinori, Yonichi Kitagawa, Uheji Matsumoto, Asajiro Kawasoye, Sukeichi Yokoyama, Kiyoko Ogawa, Mitsuye Sugimoto, Takshi Matsumoto, Saburo Imahori, Ta-daichi Nomura, Matsugichi Nomura, Dorothy Ota, Eiichiro Ota, Kamezo Seko, Roy Fujimori, Mary Shima, Masaki Ogawa, George Ogawa, Kay Tomikawa, Aline Tomikawa, Harry Tomikawa, Satoko Yokota, Yuzuru Yokota, Wataru Tamagawa and George Yamaguchi.

CLASSIFIED ADS

WANTED TO BUY: Trucks, cash terms: contact Art Nagao at 20-14-6 between 6 and 7 p.m.

LOST: Gold framed eye glass Please notify Hanano at mess hall 13.

IN APPRECIATION:

May I take this means to express my thanks to my friends and the staff of Hospital for their kindness shown me during my medical treatment at hospital.

Moto Aoki
13-9-2

Social Activities sponsor

NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE

Date: Dec. 31, 1943 Refreshments
Time: 9:00 p.m. Entertainment
Place: Elks Inn 2 Dancing till 3 a.m.
Strictly Couples Semi-Formal

Kurosu Releases List Of 'Wants'

Dear Mr. Merritt:

"Nothing is too great for the good people of Manana!" With this in mind, our red-clad frigid midget from Attu made an early December jaunt south of the border to conduct a person to person survey on what the prominent citizens of your center wanted most for Christmas. The reason for our migrating to our present headquarters in Attu from the North Pole is because we got tired of sitting on top of the world. And by the way, yours truly is the only one among the twenty-odd pleasantly plump gentlemen here applying shampoo to a black whisker. I am enclosing the list of a few of the prominent citizens of your project with their "wishes" accompanying their names. Wishing to avoid any mis-interpretation, will you personally see to it that this article does not appear in any of Mr. Hearst's papers?

Freezingly yours,
Santo Kurosu

RICHARD HASHIMOTO wants a wife of any make or model before New Year's. I shall rush his order C.O.D.

LANNY MIYAMOTO wants a quart of spirit H-2-O as thirst quencher for December 31st. Hope you don't get quirt with it!

MICHIKO "QUIET" KAMACHI wants a paper doll to call her own. Yoshi, yoshi!

THE MIMMO GALS want a barrel of Sloan's Liniment to rub on their muscle-bound wings after working hours.

SHIG SHIBA wants a "Pistol Packin' Mama" to share his miseries out on the wide open ranges. Your contraband possessing daniel's a comin' mitey soon!

DAGO SHIMIZU wants oodles of space ships to unite the three corners. Oh, baby!

KIMI NAGAO wants everything! According to the boys she's got everything!

NOBUKO NANJO wants something that's hard to obtain. Perhaps a rubber band will do, eh?

DOUGLAS HIRAIDE wants something to remember his "one and only" away beyond the hills. Perhaps a Alvin. "Idaho."

REIKO HORI wants a fur coat. I'm still waiting for that odorous creature to come out of hibernation.

MAGGIE YAMANE wants a game that's a step complicated than her hop ching set. I'm sending you a pool table.

KASAKO KIMURA wants men (or was it Min). Sorry, kid, but I couldn't decipher by codes correctly.

ROSIE MARUKI wants that rationed but sweet, Candy. Here's hoping it'll last 'til next year.

JAMES YAMAGUCHI wants not Four Roses but just one Rose. Yes sir, here's one that'll bloom forever.

KIVOKO HONJO wants taller companions. Writing a letter of reference to an altitudinous fella in Block 24.

LUCILLE AOKI wants a nice healthy Southern California Sun Tan to last all year around. By George, I think I've got it!

MICHAEL HIGASHI wants a "Peach" tree that produces all year around. What's wrong with the Momo you've been hoarding up until now?

WATARU OKAMOTO wants a bribe pair of socks, but does not know what color he wants. Will "Midori" be all right?

ALYCE HAMA wants financial aid. I'm very sorry madam but the best I can do at this time is a measly Ichien.

SHIG NITTA wants a year's subscription to "Torrid Romances" to polish up on his technique. You're booked, kid!

MINORU NAKAMURA wants another twelve months' lease on a certain waste in block twelve. Si, senor, I Uyeno.

AMY IWAKI wants a subscription to one of the Los Angeles daily papers. She'd probably prefer the Times, cause she believes in "No Bull" to a great



Esquires Sponsor 'White Christmas'

For the benefit of the ardent dance-goers, the renowned Espee Esquires will sponsor a "White Christmas" dance tomorrow night at Auditorium 2 with dancing commencing at 8:00 p.m. The affair has been announced as sports and bids are available at 50 cents.

The "B. B. Bergere" which was originally slated for last week has been postponed until January 8 and 9.

The Community Activities will sponsor a New Year's Eve Dance at Auditorium 2, with dancing continuing into the wee hours of 1944.



Fate Is A Jerk - - - OR; WHY BIG BROTHERS LEAVE HOME

By Kish Matoba

Joe works in the same office I do. He's one of those big strong type. Stands about two inches taller than I do and he's got hair that waves just right. Sometimes I think he sleeps with those things like sis puts in her hair at night but I guess not. Sis's hair is usually a mess.

Anyway, Joe looks pretty good to all the girls, I suppose. When he talks with the girls, they seem sort of happy like. They laugh, like girls laugh when they're having fun. Girls laugh when they talk to me too, but I feel like they might be laughing at me; and then I blush... and that always makes me stutter. Sometimes I feel awful.

Joe is smooth. When he walks by Shi-chan—she's the prettiest thing in the office—he tosses off a wink to her, nonchalant like. He make half of his mouth grin and one brow goes up just so. I've been trying it at home in front of the mirror but I suppose my face wasn't made for winking. Gonzo, my three-year-old brother caught me at it one time. He look for a while and started yelling for mama so I quit.

Shi-chan is an accountant or something and works right across from where I sit. Joe is supposed to be way across the room but he always comes over to her desk and talks to her. She smiles at me sometimes. Lots of time when I'm sitting at home, I think about her hair and cheeks and stuff like that and mama says, "Are you feeling sick, Tomomatsu?" and I say no. She's the only one who calls me by my Japanese name, even sometimes in front of my friends.

About three weeks ago, Joe said to me, "Listen, Sammy, do you think your brother in the Army could get something for me?"

I said maybe he could and what was it, and Joe said, "Well, it's December already and I want to get something special for you-know-who for Christmas. There is a perfume all the girls are talking about and I thought your brother might be able to get it for me." Then he told me the name of it, a long word that sounded sort of silly to be a name of a perfume.

That night I wrote a letter to my brother and told him about Joe and the perfume and all the other things in camp. I told him about our cat always going to the neighbor's place and sleeping on their bed. I wrote how I was working in the office and about Joe and Shi-chan and all the other people in the office. I had to look in the dictionary to extent.

YUICHI HIRATA wants a pair of noiseless house slippers and a strip of velvet rug leading from the entrance to his bed and that his wife's snoring will not be disturb when he sneaks in at nites. A late rug cutter, eh?

SABURO TOUR wants revolvers, rifles, cannons, dynamites, firecrackers and bean blowers so that he can shoot the works!

spell the name of the perfume.

In about two weeks, I got an answer. He said that it was O.K. and would send it soon. A few days after that another letter came and this time he said he had bought one bottle of the stuff and he gave it to some girl out there so now Joe would have to wait until he got leave again to go to buy another one. He promised to have it here by Christmas and who was going to pay for it? According to the way I learned bookkeeping, Joe should pay for it, but Joe didn't ask me whether he should pay for it so I didn't tell him.

Day before yesterday I got a notice from the Post Office about a package so I went right away. The lady at the window said in a nice voice, "Your C.O.D. will be \$12.86, please." It really didn't sound so nice after she said it.

It caught me unawares; that \$12.86 did. I thought for a moment, then I closed my mouth with a click and said, "Excuse me for a minute, please," and I went off to the side a little ways and opened the secret pocket in my wallet. I took out \$15.00 and gave it to her and she gave me the package and \$2.14. I knew right away it was the perfume.

I didn't think my brother would do anything like that to me but he never did understand anything about lending or borrowing money anyway. I tried to smile the package but it only smelled like an ordinary package. Walking away, I tore a corner of the package and took a deeper smell and that made me sneeze.

When I put my hand on the door knob, a soldier who was sitting near by said, "Just a moment, please. I must inspect that package." This is starting to be a bad day I said to myself as I mullered over in my mind if I should make a dash for it and how many years I would get if they caught me.

In an instant, I made up my mind to face it like a man. They always did say I have a quick mind. I sauntered up to the sergeant's desk like it didn't mean anything at all and I gave him the package.

He said, "Will you open it, please?" I said sure and started to untie the strings and it made me think my brother sure was lucky he was in the Army, because he would never make the Navy tying knots, like that.

Finally it came apart. It sure was beautiful, that box, and the bottle too. It was an ordeal on my part, a man sending for that kind of thing, but the sergeant was nice about it and only said, "Thank you." I thought of wrapping it up again right there but I had stood long enough in front of him untying the thing. I grabbed up the whole thing as it was and walked out. I felt better out in the open air because the breeze was cool on my ears.

It's just a short distance from the Post Office to our office. Maybe it was because I was hurrying or something, just out-

side the office door I suddenly discovered that I was going forward but something around my ankles held my feet way back there somewhere where it couldn't possibly support my body. And so it happened. I was falling flat on my face, but you know what people say about my thinking—fast. Holding the \$12.86 including federal taxes against my chest, I threw out my elbows and made a jolting landing on knees and elbows.

When a fellow flops like that in public; and it was public because there were some people standing just across from there; he doesn't usually stay in that awkward position long. I didn't. Quick as I could I unraveled the string from my legs and got up. Got up just to have the office door bang open against my face.

I just stood there, I suppose, and the door backed up a little and a scared face peeked around it. It was Shi-chan and I bet I looked just as scared as she did. I was scared. There I stood with Joe's stuff in my hands and most of the wrapping gone when I fell.

She came around the door and I felt for the second time in fifteen minutes like dashing off. She said, "Did I hurt you?" and I shook my head sideways.

I was still holding the perfume with both hands against my chest and she say I had torn my sweater the elbow and I had skinned same.

"Oh, yes, I did. I'm sorry," she said and wiped my elbow with a kleenex. Strange thing about women, they must be able to wish up a kleenex right into their hands. One minute they got nothing in their hands and the next minute they got a kleenex in their fist. She didn't pull it out of her pocket because her dress didn't have pocket, visibly anyway.

It's always like that when you get yourself into such a predicament. I says, "aw, it's nothing," and she says, "but you're hurt," and I says, it's all right," and she says, "let me fix your sweater for you," and it goes on like that.

Finally she sees what I got. "My, that's expensive stuff you got," she said.

I said, "Yah, it's for you." Well, it was for her and I tried to tell her who it was from but you know how women are sometimes. And on top of that I got to stuttering. I really did try to tell her.

At last I gave up and she was saying, "You're very thoughtful, Sammy."

She paused, then stooped down and picked up a piece of paper. She looked at it a minute and said, "Is this yours?"

It was a bid for the Christmas dance. Some guy always sells me a bid for something. "Yah," I said, "are you..."

"Why yes, I'd like to."

"But, Joe..."

"What about Joe?"

"Yah, what about him," I said mostly to myself.

So now, here it is Christmas and look at me. This morning I felt so good I said, "Merry

Young Tour Tours Departments

It seems that at Christmas the people start getting greedy. "We want this, and we want that," they say.

Oh well, nothing like letting Santa Claus know what you're dreaming about. Knowing what you're going to get for Christmas and then yelling for something else is an old American custom.

So we've dug up some info on various departments here and in the belief that Mr. Claus has picked up his subscription to the Free Press, we list for his personal attention a few little things some people want. Shiro Tour P. S. Saburo is my big brother.

We, the Clothing Allowance staff would like more space to breathe in. (Do you see what we mean? Ben Adachi up there near the ceiling and Mr. Arai down by the floor make a combination for the perfect hot air circulating system. Perfect air-conditioning; and they can't breathe!)

We, the Mess Division would like another girl to work with us. (Confidentially, I do too; but Saburo says I'm too young, and that I should leave those things to him.)

We, the Payroll Department want six brand new 18 inch carriage typewriters. (That would be nice. We were talking about carriages once... I don't remember how many inches they were but she did have a nice-carriage.)

We, the telegram department want nothing; everything we want, we got. (So I noticed. Yes, yet, so I noticed.)

We, the Railway Express Agency Office would like to have for Christmas, one trained stork for quick volley delivery service to conserve tires and our energy. (Oh, come now, you surely know where you can catch a stork.)

We, the Community Activities should like to have Santa Claus bring us a nice, new, big auditorium; large enough for basketball volley, delivery, boxing and wrestling, and with a complete stage in one end. The auditorium should also have a couple of club rooms and a room for cooking, complete with sinks, stoves, etc. The auditorium, further, should have a projection booth in the back. (We understand. We know of a family that has three kids between the ages of eight and twelve, and maybe they'd even kick the sides out of something like that.)

The Adult Education wants that the intellectual curiosity of the slothful, the ignorant, the education classes be whetted anew, and that the good work of the upper 10 percent be duly recorded. (I'm in one of those classes; I suppose somebody's going to try to whet me.)

We, the Mail and Files messengers would like a big furnace in front of the administration building to burn all of those bothersome messages.

We, the Mail and Files typists would like to have Frank Sinatra's crooning instead of the messengers' moaning. (Put bow in the messengers, and everytime they moan, try swoon. It might get the same effect.)

We, of the Library Staff, would like to have Santa bring us each a new book, since the library book we want to borrow is always out. (Saburo says girls might be saying; we would like to have Santa bring us each a new husband, since the husband we want to marry is always out.)

Relocation says that Dick Izuono will settle for a quart of Canadian Club. (Yeah? Saburo says he will settle for a quart, period! And they want steam heaters to keep them warm... Tell you what, ask Mr. Heath to fix you up so you can relocate to Florida.)

Christmas" and slapped little Gonzo on the back and he turned around and bit my hand. I wonder if Shi-chan would mind my taking her to the dance with my hand bandaged like this.

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An Inspirational Holiday

In this year of our lord, 1943, we celebrate again the joyous coming of the "Prince of Peace." Why must we celebrate the joyous occasion but just once a year? Why can't the spirit and commemoration be extended throughout the entire year? Envy, jealousy, strife, and greed, has eventually resulted in the horrible slaughter that is going on at this present time. Can't you just picture the peaceful countryside with its blanket of white virgin snow? The merry laughter of children and the ringing of the church bells, and everywhere people extending the traditional "Merry Christmas to you." The peaceful and serene scene by the fireside with the crackling of the glowing logs unperturbed by the soiled hands of progressive modernism. Ah! wouldn't it be really a Christmas then? All can be attained if the world would only realize the sadness, the heartbreaks, and the utter uselessness of this terrible error made by mankind.

We, here in Manzanar, are fortunate to be able to seek peace in a constructive way. From this one square mile of barren desert has sprung up an oasis, blooming with the fruits of man's toil. The lofty peaks of Mt. Whitney like a guardian angel protects its inhabitants. Petty differences should be engulfed by the eternal words, "Love Thy Neighbor as Thyself." Peace and happiness can reign here if only we strive for it. "Ask and you shall receive... strive and you shall attain." These simple but eloquent words are often repeated, but never really put into practical use. Wouldn't Manzanar then be an inspiring place?

Christmas, 1943

This is the Christmas season of 1943; next year there will be another December 25 and the year after that and so on for ages after we are gone. Yet the spirit of Christmas is changeless, and the sentiment it brings always will remain the same.

Those who linger in Manzanar feel the same Holy Day spirit that they have felt at Christmases before and will feel Christmases after. That spirit is the same for those who have taken the road to freedom and for those who have taken the other road to confinement.

There always will be a Santa Claus for the children though not as many toys mark his visit these war years.

The realization that material things do not in themselves make happiness has come to many as a result of necessary wartime measures. This realization will not change the Christmas spirit, but it will enrich it. May each Christmas continue to enrich the spirit until someday we are able to achieve eternal peace.

It's All Different Now

Each year, the 25th of December is set aside all over the world, to stand for a day of peace and good will. In the American Christmas that we had always known, this time of year meant not just substituting a "Merry Christmas" for our usual salutations, or pretty cards from friends, or holly wreaths, but inside of us we all felt an undescribably something.

Something that made us a little more courteous to the man behind the department store counter, or the fellow that wiped the windshield at the service station, or the lad who sold papers at the corner. Something that made us want to smile a little more. Something within us that made the world look a little brighter.

That was the Christmas we once knew. Christmas heralded for weeks by colorful trees in homes and gardens, red and green streamers and bunting in shops, Santa Claus, gift shopping, bells and poinsettias. No one could miss it then; Christmas came and you knew it.

Perhaps it was the atmosphere; the fact that the minute you stepped out of your door, or for that matter even within your home; on all sides, all about you, the holiday spirit met you. Nevertheless, Christmas was a season that came along and enveloped you and the world in a pleasant aura.

In relocation centers now, we face the danger of having Christmas catch us by surprise. We are without the traditional fanfare and harbingers. Our life in camp is marked off on the calendar, day by day, one just like the other. Thus, we might be passively expecting some sort of phenomena to tell us that Christmas is coming.

We must realize that that frame of mind created in us by past Christmases was caused by things around us; by our minds catching the prevailing atmosphere. We know that the external Christmas will not come to us in camp. Of course there will be a few lighted trees, some cards to send, but otherwise our tangible Christmas season will be very vague.

We cannot start from attractive window displays, and festive spirit of shops to build our attitude. We shall be forced to adjust our thoughts to the holidays by the will to be friendly, and the will to be happy and to make other people happy. Do that, and you will find that your spirit is contagious, and that saying, "Merry Christmas," will not be given or received as a mere formality.

It May Have Been A Christmas Dream But What Do You Think?

By Bob Sawamura

Christmas was coming next week and up to now little Maxie hadn't thought of what he was going to give the girl next door for a gift—nor what he wanted to get for his mom and dad. As he lay on his cot in a barrack apartment in a relocation center, he thought of the many happy Christmas holidays he spent "back home." "Gee, it was swell then," he thought to himself, "the Christmas tree all lighted up in bright lights, the presents he received from his parents and friends—it was wonderful, but now..."

Little Maxie was one of the many who were evacuated from their homes in 1942 and sent into a war-time home for the duration behind barbed wires. He had been in camp quite a while now... almost a year and a half. It sure was a long time to stay in a place like this, he thought. He heard many of his elders talking about it and on just as many occasions, he had heard them talk about relocation... to go out to start life anew. He was too young to understand about relocation and stuff like that but he wasn't too young to know the true spirit of Christmas as the kind Maxie was used to.

He remembered the times he used to sit before the fireplace on Christmas eve to "wait up for Santa Claus" he told his folks after he had been tucked into bed several times. Maxie wanted to meet Santa in person and tell him how good a boy he was this year. So he had hung his dad's stocking up instead of his little one... 1943 was a different year. A DIFFERENT CHRISTMAS.

Then his thoughts went back to the little girl next door. It didn't take him long to get acquainted with her at all. When school opened he used to walk with her to school and carried her books for her, too. She went with him to most of the movies which were shown in camp. He liked her a lot so he wanted to give her a "little something" for Christmas. A card? Yes, that would be nice. But no, he wanted to give her something in a gift she would like. But his dad was only receiving \$19 a month and the allowance Maxie got wasn't very much. What can a guy get for only one dollar? And out of that dollar, he wanted to get some kind of a present for his dad and mom. Boy, what a spot he was in, thought Maxie. The general store in camp didn't have what he wanted; what he did want, it was way beyond his means. On top of that the mail order houses did not have half of the things he ordered; and then with this war, many of the things aren't made any more.

Then one day he found a man's wallet. He looked inside for identification and at the same time he saw a lot of money—more money than he ever saw in his life. "What I couldn't do with all that!" he said to himself. He took the wallet in to the police department. A few days later, the owner of the lost wallet called on little Maxie and handing him an envelope, went away. Maxie's little fingers fumbled for the flap and finally tore it open. To his surprise he found a ten dollar bill inside with a note which read: "Thanks, Maxie. Thanks a million for returning my wallet. There wasn't much in it; only what I'm giving you. When I found out who it was that turned it in, I couldn't help but think 'there's a fellow after my own heart.' I know you will use it in a very useful way—bringing happiness to others as you have done for me. Thanks again and a very Merry Christmas to you, Maxie." The note wasn't signed.

Turning the bill over and over in his hands, Maxie thought of how this place would be if there were more people like that man.

Now, he could really buy some presents for his little girl friend and his parents. He was so happy! He shouted with joy.

He was figuring how much he could spend for each gift when he thought he felt someone shaking him. He turned around and when he opened his eyes, he saw it was his mother bending over him, telling him to change and go to bed. "You've been shouting in your sleep, Maxie. You didn't have a bad dream, did you?" Sleepily, he shook his head and prepared for bed.

All of it had seemed so real, Maxie thought, could it have been a dream after all? He thought of Santa Claus as he hung up his pants. It was then he noticed that there was something sticking out of one of his pockets. Slowly his hands reached for it and pulled it out. It was a ten dollar bill.

Department Tell New Resolutions

Scanning the "countryside" of block one for New Year resolutions of the respective department offices, the Press Staff was able to gather the following:

ADULT EDUCATION

We, the Adult Education Department, resolve to give the entire center a good education during the coming year.

LIBRARY

We, the library staff solemnly promise to find a painless way of extorting pennies from people for overdue books.

RELOCATION OFFICE

We resolve to keep our noses clean.

COMMUNITY WELFARE OFFICE GIRLS

We, the Community Welfare office girls solemnly resolve to give those Free Press reporters less cooperation in '44.

RAILWAY EXPRESS AGENCY

We, the Railway Express Agency solemnly resolve to do less work and have more business for 1944.

TELEGRAM DEPARTMENT

We, the Telegram Department are so perfect that it is not necessary for us to make resolutions.

CLOTHING

We, the Clothing Allowance staff solemnly resolve to work as hard as we did in 1943.

MESS DIVISION

We, the Mess Division staff, solemnly resolve to keep on feeding the people the "best" of everything.

PROCUREMENT

We, the Procurement Department do hereby resolve that during the year 1944, we shall, to the best of our ability, treat Mr. B. O. W. with more kindness so that he will, in turn, treat us more often to ice cream.

FISCAL

We, the Fiscal Department do hereby resolve that during the year of 1944, we shall to the best of our ability: Get to work at 8 a.m. and not leave until 5 p.m. (12 noon on Saturday of course!) Be friendly with our neighbors, will not gossip, take more interest in our work, and perform our duties faithfully, and will help make 1944 a happier and better year for all Manzanar.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

We, the Community Activities, solemnly resolve that everyone shall be given a chance to participate in some leisure time activity through 1944.

FREE PRESS

We, the Mimeograph girls, solemnly swear to "wind up" the year right.

HOUSING

We, the housing section solemnly swear to keep Manzanar under one roof with partitions for wolves.

FIFTH COLUMN

By Saburo Tour

God first created the universe and rested; he then created man and rested; he finally created woman, and since then neither the god nor man has rested.

So Desho

Before I commence on my final column for the year, I would like to render a few words of explanation in connection with the flattering, over-exposed version of yours truly appearing to my right...Bee Tee, the staff photographer, is not to blame...The Chalfant Press is not to blame...So, it all narrows down to me...Guess I'm Saburo Tour non-photogenic that's all.

She that falls in love with herself will have no rivals.

Come a week from now, things around here will change by leaps and bounds...Yes, sir, twelve months of "withdrawing" on our minds in favor of the "back seat drivers"...The low accident rate to date will be shattered to kingdom come with the skirt-clad specimen at the helm of the government vehicle...Police women will prove mitey popular here...Gals as attraction in molesting paraphernalias manipulating inflated pigskin on the gridiron...Town Hall meetings weekly over-taxed with women the problems arising over the knittings and at the same time listening to Mrs. Merritt's addresses...Damsels in Idaho, relating their experience about topping sugar beets...A mild change from bad to worse, eh boys?

This time again to make resolutions...Harry Tashima hereby solemnly resolve to consult Mr. Sanforized...Dimunitive Hasegawa hereby solemnly resolve to take more vital men pills...Lucie Yonemitsu hereby solemnly resolve to be more Paul-ite...Mary Uyeno and Masako Kimura hereby solemnly resolve to treat all Min alike...Benjamin Adachi hereby solemnly resolve to do away with "chandu" acts...George Hattori hereby solemnly resolve not to play "katali to obtain" from now on...Hideko Matsuno hereby solemnly resolve to eat less in-between meals to avoid "pon pon" troubles...Bud Wainnabe hereby solemnly resolve to be a wee bit lenient towards the "late comers"...Like fun!!...Saburo Tour hereby solemnly resolve to revise his snooping system in order to keep

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St. Nick To Discard Traditional Sleigh?

Tomorrow is Christmas Day. Joey thought he would stay awake tonight to take a glimpse of Santa Claus. He waited for Santa Claus last year, but fell asleep, and was determined to stay up tonight. Here it is December 25, 1933. He heard of many tales from his friends that Santa Claus had discarded his traditional sleigh and reindeer and was traveling by helicopter.

His grandfather told him many things about what Santa Claus did during the time of his father. Santa Claus was different in those days. He rode on a sleigh and carried a big bag filled with goodies and always came into the house through the chimney. Now grandfather told Joey that Santa Claus came only to the homes of boys who behaved well during the year.

Joey thought about what he did during that time and could remember two things which he had done. Once he shot a "spit wad" at the teacher when he was at the assembly and the other time he "suddenly became sick" and did not go to school.

Joey's eyelids were beginning to close as he was getting sleepy and he yawned and yawned. Unfortunately, the sandman got him just as Santa Claus arrived.

his identity intact.

"My Heart Tells Me" replaces "Paper Doll" as top-notch tune here and abroad...Espee Esquire will sponsor "White Christmas" tomorrow...Until next annum, Merry Xmas and Happy New Year To All!

Manzanar Nears WRA Aim To Make Camp Self-Supporting

Ever since the establishment of the relocation centers it has been the aim of the WRA administration to operate the camps on a self-sustaining basis as nearly as possible. Manzanar has come very near that goal, producing 1800 tons of vegetables valuing \$110,000 this year. If purchased in the wholesale market these vegetables would have cost an average of \$61 per ton. These products, which include 31 different kinds of crops, were grown at an average cost of \$25 a ton, saving the government \$64,800 for the year.

DEHYDRATION

The produce was not all used fresh by the 34 mess halls but much of it was diverted for winter use when the supply of vegetables is low. Of the 1800 tons produced, 386 tons were stored, 14 tons were pickled, and 25 tons were dehydrated for winter use.

These products are used to feed 8450 people in the Manzanar War Relocation Center thrice a day. The cost of feeding the evacuees varies from a low of 26 cents per day to a high of 34 cents per day per person through the various months of the year.

4000 EMPLOYEES

Of the 4000 employed in Manzanar, over 200 workers were used by the Agricultural Division

to produce the bumper crop this year. By the end of this year 375 acres of land will have been cleared for cultivation and over 22 miles of lined irrigation ditches will have been completed by the Division.

The Industrial Division is also one of the contributing factors to Manzanar's aim toward self-sustaining basis. In addition to handling all vegetable storage and operating a dehydration plant, this unit produces clothing, furniture, and prepared foods. During the past 12 months this division produced goods valuing \$166,276 in the wholesale market at the cost of only \$75,501.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR HAPPY NEW YEAR

War or peace, a brave new world is in the making—a world in which better opportunities will be had for all. The Spirit of Progress is on the march, and we may all look hopefully to the future. At this time it is fitting that we count our many friends and recall the happy relationships of 1943. We wish all of you the choicest blessings that Christmastime can bestow.



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SPORTS REVIEW OF 'FORTY-THREE

First Sport of '43

The first sport featured on the local stand in '43 was the dust-bowl classic between the league champion, Leftovers and the All-Stars, in the final pigskin tussle. The Leftovers held the combined talents of; Venice Locomotives, Huskies, Bombers and Yohodites scoreless, the former winning, 13-0. Pointers in this final grid game were; Toru Shimizu with a touchdown, Yoro Shichido with an extra point and Duke Murata with the final touchdown.

Casaba Season

In the first week of this year, basketball tourney was going in high gear with the Sierra Padres subduing the Golden Bears, 35-28 for the preliminary while the Platter Turners and Zeros paired finalist contested for the championship title of the elimination tourney. Zeros nosed out the Platters, 40-37.

44 HOOP TEAMS SIGN

A total of 44 teams signed up for action on the basketball courts. Eight teams formed the Double Aye league; Gophers, Zeros, Oliver AA, Golden Aces, Manzanights, Sierra Padres, Yohores and Brother Rats. Signed up for the Aye competition were; Buc Babes, Oliver, Broncos, Buc-caneers, Rangers, Dar-U-Gars, Yankees, Mailmen, Vols, and Dinglehoofers. Two classes of the Bees attracted 18 teams; Sears, Spartans, Brother Mice, Bel Aires, Villagers, Toppers, Manzanights, Irregulars, Vandals, Yohore B's, Buckeyes, Vikings, Roughriders, Scorpions, Helcats, Rangers, Crackerjacks, Timbers. Class Cee was composed of eight aggregations; Mohawks, Has Beens, Dusty Nines, Titans, Manza-Oilers, Redbirds, Skylarks, and Redskins.

A Midget League composed of eight teams was sponsored by the 'Y' group in the latter part of the basketball season. Their age ranging from 10 to 15.

Although basketball was limited to one season, it underwent a successful round. All of the league games were played over the weekend; some being postponed due to the unwelcomed wind and played during the week. Court numbers nine proved the best terrain as it was a clay base with lights for night games.

Five hoops opened their case season on January 16 with the Gophers trampling the Brother Rats, 44-20 and the Golden Aces toppling the Sierra Padres, 28-21 in the Duo-Aye League.

Casaba leagues began in mid-January through March. The final week of the 'AA' circuit saw two top notchers, Gophers and the Zeros tied for first place,

Softball-Baseball Reign Sports

With its retiring time a month away, Manzanar's king of sports, Baseball still reign over other sports held in this center.

When it comes to an end, baseball, both softball and hardball will mark another successful era and add more All-Star choices to be shelved on our local 'Hall of Fame.' Baseball season at its finale will lay down a decisive milestone by making its bid in April and continuing through January for its ninth month.

It was softball that made the early appearance with some after supper pick-up team games

five minutes with 'now or never' spirit. Shimizu, Hayashi and Goto of the Gopher clan found the mark to end the crown-at-stake title with a 16-12 win.

When the 'AA' Casaba season closed, the standing stood

TEAM	GP	W	L	Pct.
Gophers	7	6	1	.857
Zeros	7	5	2	.714
Golden Aces	7	5	2	.714
Olivers	7	4	3	.571
Manzanights	7	3	4	.428
Padres	7	2	5	.289
Yogores	7	2	5	.289
Brother Rats	7	0	7	.000

The youthful Buc Babes took the Aye title without a loss; Sears the Double Bee, Vandals the Bee, and Dusty 9 the Cee circuit.

Respective highest scorer in their league were: Ray Goto (AA) 111, Toru Shimizu (A) 200, George Okamura (BB) 135, Nori Iwasaki (B) 153 and Shig Nakahara (C) 63.

The Free Press Sports Staff selected a mythical 'line-up' choices of the Double Aye players when the basketball season came to an end. The champion Gophers were well represented as they posted three men on the first team. Selections for the top both was difficult, but the Sports Staff shelved the following players on the first team:

NAME	POS	TEAM
Mas Takahashi	f	Zeros
Ray Goto	f	Gophers
D. Fukushima	c	Gophers
Johnny Endow	g	C. Aces
Moto Shimizu	g	Gophers
NAME	POS	TEAM
Isao Hara	f	C. Aces
Tachi Ukita	f	Olivers
Dick Sakamoto	c	Padres
W. Takahashi	g	Zeros

on the firebreaks. As many ball players caught this fever, teams were formed which played against each other. Next stop was to form an elimination tournament in the Double Aye and Single Aye divisions. The first elimination games in the above



The elimination tournament classes were played on May 27. The elimination tournament went on for three weeks; the league opener being played on June 19.

THREE CLASSES FORMED

As there were many ball players, ranging from early teens up to mid-twenties, three boys' softball classes were formed: Double Aye, National and American. Seven teams formed the Double Aye loop, nine teams comprised each of the National and American circuit. For the first round of the Double Aye League, Skippers and Yogores tied for first place after winning four and losing two each.

As the second round neared the end, Manzanights and Yogores had two games remaining to be played. Manzanights defeated the Skippers, 13-7, Yogores annihilated the Sears, 6-0 to remain knotted with one game to go for each of the victors. Knights then tangled with the Sears and won with a 5-1 score, as Yogores triumphed 7-2 over the Skippers. With both teams credited with eight wins and four losses, a championship play-off was featured on September 8, the Manzanights being vic-

Weightlift Meet

Proving themselves the superior superman by coping ten of the possible events in all body weight divisions and events, Manzanar's Venice Barbellers dropped the Heart Mountain Hercules by a total team poundage of 2740 to 2620. This weightlift meet was held between the two centers in late April via air-mail.

Five contestants from each centers competed; the total body weight of Venice Barbellers being, 755 against Heart Mountain Hercules' 717. Participant from Manzanar were: Steve Okamoto, Tommy Aizawa, Akira Kato, Sakie Yamaguchi and Ichiro Okamura. Eleven new camp records were established in the above meet.

torious over the Yogores, 2-0.

THE CHAMPIONSHIP TILT
In this championship game, Tak Kitaoka hurled a four-hit masterpiece, but the credit for Knights' win went to Yo Ishida as; Kitaoka drew a walk and Kow Maruki singled. Ets Hochi rapped an assisted. Ishida batted and advanced on the throw in. In the last inning, Harry Tashima popped. Ureboos Uematsu received a pass from the chucker as Isao Higashi smacked a ripping line-drive to big Yo Ishida who snagged the pill as Uematsu left the sack—Ishida simply 'soled' the bag to complete a spectacular, unassisted duo-killing to end the championship game.

The final 'AA' circuit for two rounds ended as follows:

TEAM	GP	W	L	Pct.
Manzanights	13	9	4	.693
Yogores	13	8	5	.615
Skippers	12	7	5	.583
Bulldogs	12	7	5	.583
Y. B. A.	12	5	7	.417
Has Beens	12	4	8	.333
Sears	12	3	9	.250

A handsome 18-inch trophy donated by F. K. Kurahashi was awarded to the Manzanights, winner of the Double Aye softball.

SKIPPER AWARDED SPORTSMANSHIP TROPHY

At the close of the softball season, Skippers were selected by the Recreation Department and the 'AA' managers headed by Ben Yoshiwara to have shown the best sportsmanship during the softball span.

Out of 21 votes cast, 11 of

East vs. West

On September 9, an All-Star game between East and West was climaxed. The West All-Stars defeated the East All-Stars, 8-5 after an eight run outburst in the third frame.

On September 12, All-Stars played the double Aye victor, Manzanights and defeated the latter, 8-4. This All-Star-Manzanights game gloriously brought an end to the 1943 soft-ball season for the 'AA' category.

Before the 'AA' softball season came to a close, plans were nearly completed to have a regular baseball diamond. With all the participating teams turning out to level and haul red dirt from the abandoned outdoor theatre, the present 400 by 350 feet diamond was built. The fence extends approximately 168 feet to the right and left, the backstop being nearly 25 feet high.

The initial game was an elimination game between the Solons and El Santo (formerly Tony's Alley); the Solons eliminating the El Santo, 12-10.

them went to the Skippers. Kenny Takata, manager of the Skippers accepted the permanent, handsome 18-inch trophy presented by Y. B. A. at their installation dance held in latter part of September.

JULY FOURTH GAME

In commemoration of Independence Day, the Camp All-Stars met the powerful Yogores. Yogores succumbed to the Camp All-Stars, 6-5 in a thrilling battle a la royal featuring one of the best team battering against the picks from the batters. Tak Kitaoka and Shig Morikawa were the big stickers for the Stars while George Shimizu and Maxie Urugami proved big batters for the Yogores.

'AA' SOFTBALL BATTING
In the duo-aye hit parade, big Benny Yoshiwara of the Has Beens and Kats Nishikawa of the Bulldogs took the batting honors with 371 in 35 trips to the plate and hitting 13. Below are the top seven batters.

NAME	GP	AB	H	Pct.
B. Yoshiwara, H	13	35	13	.471
K. Nishikawa, B	12	35	13	.471
M. Urugami, Y	12	40	14	.350
K. Maruki, M	12	41	14	.341
Nishikawa, B	10	33	11	.333
T. Shimizu, Sk	6	24	8	.333
H. Okamura, B	9	21	7	.333

LEGENDS—H-Has Beens, B-Bulldogs, Y-Yogores, M-Manzanights, Sk-Skippers.

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the remaining game to be played against each other. The tie was broken on Sunday, March 14 as the yellow-clad Gophers downed the Zeros to cinch the crown. The game proved a tense affair, both teams not being able to find the opposition's hoop for more than four points per quarter.

The half time score was 6-4 in Goph's favor. In the third quarter, Goph men, Elmer Hayashi, Moto Shimizu and Mas Tani-bata 'eyed' the hoop to swish the ball in and 'tied' the game at 12-11. Both teams raced in the last

Belle Rinees won the National League title while the Wee Funsters copped the American League crown. A championship game between the two league winner was played; the Belle Rinees triumphed the Funsters.

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