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MESS STAFF CUT CLEARED

In regards to inquiries as to why the Mess Division has to reduce its present kitchen staff, Chief Steward J. R. Winchester declared that at a recent Arizona meeting of Chief Stewards and Frank Sardings, chief of the Mess Division in Washington, the group agreed to have 32 workers in individual kitchens feeding 300 people. He said that Manzanar has always had more workers in individual kitchens than in any other centers and that reduction of the staff was therefore necessary.

The chief steward also revealed that the group agreed to deduct one worker from each 20 under 300 people being fed. This would mean that a kitchen feeding 280 would have 31 workers, a kitchen feeding 260 would have 30 workers, etc. Winchester said that the new ruling would become effective the first of the year at all centers. He declared that he feels this would still leave more than an ample amount of workers on the staff.

CIVIL SERVICE JOB OFFERED

United States Signal Department in Chicago wishes to hire about 75 to 100 nisei as warehousemen in its depot. Their duties will consist of handling signal corp equipment. This job is under the Civil Service agency and employees will be entitled to all Civil Service rights. Workers will alternate their work on day shift one month and night shift the following month and will receive 68 cents per hour.

HEART MOUNTAIN SEEK RELOCATION CONFERENCE

Heart Mountain Sentinel revealed recently that the community council of that center will petition the WRA to call a conference in the near future of evacuee leaders and appointed personnel from the nine centers so that relocation problems may be discussed.

LOCAL DENTIST TO BE FETED

Farewell party for Dr. Yoriyuki Kiluchi, sponsored by the Community Welfare department and the Town Hall, will be held Tuesday 2 p.m. at the YWCA building, 19-15.

The program will be under Chairman T. Higashi and among the speakers are K. Tsuchiya, director of 8-15 Museum; the Rev. S. Nagatori of the Buddhist Church; K. Anzai, chairman of Town Hall and M. Dille, counselor of Community Welfare. Reservations may be made at the Town Hall.

New Year Special
Watch for the special New Year's English and Japanese editions tomorrow! In the meantime, the Free Press editorial staff bids goodbye to Grandfather Time 1943 with this the 104th edition of the year.
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EDITORIAL STAFF

Owner Sought

Parcel Post department announced that a package from Marshall Field and Co. addressed to Mr. Nakahara, who is a graduate of Denson High school and whose former home-room was 126, is awaiting claim at the office, 1-15-2.

'ELKS INN'

It disclosed that the purpose of the conference will be to crystallize evacuee viewpoints and to make them known to the Washington relocation division. The paper said that the community council felt that any future plan or course of action in any WRA program for resettlement necessitates active evacuee participation, since the evacuees themselves are the ones whose future is directly concerned.

"Heretofore evacuees have not been given sufficient voice in organizing and executing plans for resettlement and increased responsibility in the relocation program should (continued on page 3)

Busseis Plan Joint Meet

On New Year's Day a combined service for the Sunday School, Young People, and Adult groups will be held from 10 a.m. The first Sunday services and the "Sho Tsuki" memorial services will be held on January 9, 1944.

"Bussei Nite" gathering for Unit I blocks was held last Monday at Mess Hall 10. Officers elected for unit were: Pete Mitsui, chairman; Misao Kuramoto, vice-chairman; and Emiko Kohigashi, secretary.

Unit III Busseis will hold their second "Bussei Nite" gathering at Mess Hall 30 on January 10, announced Herbert Nakano.



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TIME TO SPEAK

Today when the agencies of propaganda are so highly organized and skillfully used, it should not be difficult to recognize how easily the majority can be influenced and how easily the majority can be deceived.

There is at present an attempt to show that the majority of people in California do not favor the return of American citizens of Japanese origin to this State. Even if that majority should reach the high percentage of ninety per cent, right still would not be on its side. Our Catholic people should present some leadership on this question because their lives more than the lives of any other people are, or should be, governed by principles.

There is a time to be silent and there is a time to speak. It seems that now is the time to speak. There is an appalling amount of hate propaganda being dispensed. No distinctions are being observed as to persons. Every atrocity reported committed by Japanese soldiers increases the cry of the pack against Japanese citizens in the United States. It is only fair to point out that the innocent should not suffer.

Recently, ex-Ambassador Grew, who knows and hates Japanese militarism intensely, had occasion to speak in New York upon our treatment of Japanese citizens in this country. What he had to say deserves to be said: "I do know that like the Americans of German descent, the overwhelming majority of Americans of Japanese origin are wholly loyal to the United States. It does not make for loyalty to be constantly under suspicion when grounds for suspicion are absent. I have too great relief in the sanctity of American citizenship to want to see those Americans of Japanese descent penalized and alienated through blind prejudice. I want to see them given a square deal."..Editorial from THE TIDINGS, Dec. 3, 1943, Los Angeles.

FROM THE NATION'S PRESS

Attorney General Francis Biddle:

"Race intolerance is no longer a matter merely of domestic concern, for it undermines our moral authority as a nation which apparently can profess but cannot practice democracy. I suggest that what is greatly needed is a broader and more intelligent use of the moral and educational influence of the community. Most Americans are honest in their belief in equality of opportunity. But intellectual honesty in such a field of prejudice and ancient folkways can be achieved only by the slow and steady impact of education." F.L.I.S.--Common Council.

Secretary of Navy Frank Knox:

"..Partisanship, especially in war, should end at the water's edge, and we should confront the rest of the world united and undivided. The correctness of such a posture will be universally admitted. The difficulty lies in its attainment." F.L.I.S.--Common Council

Letters From the PUBLIC

(Following letter was received by the Relocation Office from Twin Falls, Ida. It was sent to Chester L. Mink, Relocation officer of the Twin Falls area by Richard J. Kinsey, United States employment supervisor in charge of Paul labor camp. Approximately 160 furlough workers from Manzanar were employed at the labor camp under Minidoka Labor Association contracts.-- Ed. Note)

Dear Mr. Mink:

In checking back over the records for the past season at the Paul camp, I find that the group from Manzanar did their work in a satisfactory manner, mingled in the community freely without creating undue hostility, and as a whole were accepted by the community and the farmers as a type of farm worker highly desirable. It is my contention that the Japanese evacuee labor gave splendid cooperation in harvesting needed war crops.

Sincerely yours,
Richard J. Kinsey
U. S. Employment Supervisor
Paul Camp

Engineers Sought For Texas Offer

Dehydration chemical engineers are sought by a recently formed vegetable dehydration plant in western Texas, according to an announcement from the Relocation Office. Wages will begin at \$150 per month plus 5 per cent of net profits. Work will be available for all members of the family, the announcement disclosed.

Judoist Plan Gala Party

A New Year's party is being planned by the Judo Association for January 5 at Mess Hall 14. All Yudansha members, Seimens and interested parents are asked to place their reservations as soon as possible, announced the Judo Association.

CELINE

With the Sport Staff

...in the weather... No
except Ma Nature is ex-
pected to take the blame
for many postponed games
and anyhow, the blame is
given to Ma Nature when
anything goes haywire.

From Camp Shelby, Miss.
comes word that Second
Lieutenant Michael Cooper
has been named Athletic Of-
ficer for the 442nd Infan-
try Regiment. He is said
to be in charge of all
sports activities. Lieu-
tenant Cooper is a gradu-
ate of Pennsylvania State
College and directed ath-
letics in high schools be-
fore his induction into the
army.

MANZANAR BASEBALL AWARDS..

The current Winter Base-
ball League has already
been dragged for an addi-
tional three to four weeks
due to the uncertain wea-
ther that has been prevall-
ing. But the first round
is nearly over except for
four teams. With the sec-
ond round to be played yet,
four top teams; San Fernan-
do Aces, Manzaknights, Yo-
gores and Skippers will vie
for the handsome trophy be-
ing offered by the Sports
Department to the winner.
The Manzanar Baseball As-
sociation is also offering
a prize; a large banner
which may be seen at the
General Store at block 21.
This won't be all as the
renowned Barons are going
to present a trophy. It is
now known definitely on
what merit the trophy will
be awarded, but it is high-
ly for sportsmanship as
the Manzanar Baseball As-
sociation and the Sports De-
partment are offering their
momento to the winner of
the Winter Baseball League
LAWN ON THE DIAMOND...

Present plan calls for a
lawn on Manzanar's 'Wrig-
ley' field. Lawn on the
field will indeed beautify
the diamond to a great ex-
tent and will also aid in
keeping the dust down to a
minimum. Planting of the
lawn is hinted to take
place after the second
round instead of uprooting
the schedules by planting
it between the two rounds.

Yes sir, Manzanar's dia-
mond is constantly being
improved to be one of the
best if not the best among
the centers.

HIGA LEADS KNIGHTS TO 7-1 VICTORY OVER YOGIES

The Manzaknights continued their winning
ways with a stunning 7 to 1 score over the Yo-
gores behind the brilliant 3-hit hurling of
Thomas Higa. Holding the Yogies' heavy stick-
work under control for four innings, Higa fin-
ally yield a hit in the 5th
frame when Tom Uyenatsu
smacked the first pitch, a
stinging hit to left field.
YOGIES' LONE TALLY

Yogies' lone tally came
in the 6th when 'Rubinoff'
Seko led off with a long
drive into right field
where Kow Maruki misjudged
the pellet and Seko went
all the way to 2nd. George
Shinizu walked to fill two

bases. In trying to steal
3rd, Seko was put out for
the first out. On the next
play, Shinizu stole 2nd
from where he scored on a
double to left by Maxie U-
gagani. Fumio Ohara popped
out to short and Toru Shi-
nizu grounded out to short
to retire the side.

HOW THE KNIGHTS DODD IT

Maruki tallied the first
run when he walked and went
all the way to 3rd when
catcher Ohara threw the
ball into center in an at-
tempt to catch Maruki at
2nd. A moment later, Maru-
ki crossed the plate with
a beautiful slide when a
pitched ball got away from
Ohara.

This contest featured
two rival 1st basemen; To-
rasawa and Uragani. Both
played a splendid game.



Thurs., Dec. 30 Pg. 4

GOLF... Welcome Tourney

The Welcome Tournament
for Kiro Nagano and Mitsu-
hiko Shinizu will be fea-
tured on New Years Day.

This fairway fest was
originally scheduled on
the first Sunday of Decem-
ber, but because of the
weather, it has been repe-
dly postponed.

Because of coldness in
the morning, the starting
time has been set as 9:30.
(Results of the Monthly
Golf Tournament for Decem-
ber will appear in the New
Year edition with more de-
tails concerning the Wel-
come Tournament.—Ed.note).

---MANZAKNIGHTS---

NAME	AB	R	H	E
T. Kitakaka, cf	4	2	2	0
K. Hirano, 2b	4	0	0	0
J. Yanaguchi, c	4	1	2	0
E. Hoshi, 3b	4	1	1	2
S. Okada, lf	4	0	0	0
T. Higa, p	4	0	1	0
K. Maruki, rf	2	2	1	1
G. Kanemoto, rf	1	0	0	0
T. Torasawa, lb	4	0	2	0
N. Hino, ss	4	1	1	0

TOTAL— 35 7 10 3
Kanemoto for Maruki in 7th.

---YOGORES---

NAME	AB	R	H	E
G. Shinizu, 3b	3	1	0	1
M. Uragani, lb	4	0	1	0
F. Ohara, c-rf	4	0	0	1
T. Shinizu, ss	4	0	0	0
Nishikawa, lf-cf	4	0	1	0
T. Uyenatsu, 2b	3	0	1	0
N. Murakami, rf	2	0	0	0
I. Higashi, p	0	0	0	0
Z. Seko, cf	2	0	0	0
C. Nishikawa, c	2	0	0	0
J. Seko, p-lf	3	0	0	0

TOTAL— 31 1 3 2
Higashi for Murakami in 7th.
Nishikawa for Seko in 7th.

SCORE BY INNINGS

KNIGHTS—010	310	101	—7
YOGORES—000	001	000	—1

SPORTS MENU

BASKETBALL

Monday, January 3
Knights vs. B. Babes 6:15
Bucs vs. Yogores 7:30
Tuesday, January 4
Skippers vs. Barons 6:15
Sears vs. Bel Aires 7:30
Wednesday, January 5
Winner of M. Knight—Buc
Babe vs. winner of Skipper
—Baron. 6:15
Winner of Bucs—Yogore
vs. winner of Sears—Bel
Aire. 7:30
Thursday, January 6
Finals 7:00

First Evacuee WAC Inducted

DENVER, Colo.—Iris Watanabe, first evacuee to be accepted by the WACs, was one of three nisei girls among a group of 17 inductees officially congratulated by Governor John F. Vivian of Colorado at a ceremony at the State House.

In addition to Miss Watanabe the other two girls of Japanese ancestry who became WACs were Bette Nishimura of Rocky Ford, Colorado, and Sue Ogata of La Salle, Colorado. Both Miss Nishimura and Miss Ogata are Colorado natives and were never residents of relocation centers.

Miss Watanabe, a former resident of Santa Cruz, California, was previously a relocatee to Chicago from the Amache, Colorado, relocation center.

Assistant Resigns Announces Hon

Associate Fire Protection Officer Ira L. Carpenter resigned his position at the Manzanar Fire Department to take up business on the outside, Frank C. Hon, fire protection officer, disclosed this week.

A request has been made to the Fire Protection Advisor in Washington D.C. to appoint another person to replace Mr. Carpenter, who has served the Manzanar Fire Department for over a year, stated Hon.

ADULTS HOLD YULE PARTY

Having planned for the event through November and December, the Adult English Department held its Christmas party Saturday. English words for Christmas carols were taught in classes, and a program consisting of Christmas poems, playlets, and carol singing by the various classes was presented at the party.

Dr. Melvin Strong as Santa Claus presented each student with a gift from the North Pole, stated Mrs. Elizabeth Nishikawa.

PAT HAND!

A pinochle hand of a 1500 point double run in clubs was drawn recently by Mrs. Ed Chester in a four handed game with Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Hooper.

The hand was complete on the deal.

ARRIVALS & DEPARTURES

ARRIVALS

Minoru Furuto, George Isamu Kimura, George Seiichi Node, and Shigekazu Kusayanagi returned from furlough work in Idaho Falls, Ida.; Masashi Tanaka from Boise, Ida.; Joe Uchiyama from Twin Falls, Ida.; Sho Komei and Henry Kenichi Nishi from Salt Lake City, Utah; Chiyo Imai from Provo, Utah.

Frank Yoshio, Takeuchi from Denver, Colo.; Robert Mochinaga from Hunt, Ida., for reinduction here; Yoshihiro and Yoshihiko Okamura, visitors from Pocatello, Ida.; Pvt. Hidoo Enomoto on furlough from Camp Polk, La.; Sgt. Henry G. Morihisa from Camp Grant, Mo.; Cpl. Mitsuji Uyonatsu from Camp Polk, La.

DEPARTURES

Pearl Tsuruyo Shimada returned to Salt Lake City, Utah; Jimmy Chong, visitor, returned to Santa Maria, Calif.; Cpl. Robert M. Ono returned to Camp Grant, Ill.; Pfc. Yoshio Hashimoto left for Ft. Warren, Wyo.; Pfc. Bill Tagawa returned to Ft. Meade, S.D.; Cpl. Yoshio Izumi left for Camp Savage, Minn.; Pvt. George Ito returned to Camp Robinson, Ark.

Vital Statistics

BIRTHS:

Baby girl born to Mr. and Mrs. Kazuto Komura, 14-14-3, Dec. 14.

Baby boy born to Mr. and Mrs. Shinso Fred Nakagawa, 13-14-1, Dec. 18.

Baby boy born to Mr. and Mrs. Kojo Shimozo, 13-5-4, Dec. 23.

Baby girl born to Mr. and Mrs. Kiyoshi Shiroyama 10-6-4, Dec. 25.

Baby girl born to Mr. and Mrs. Shunzo Sakamoto, 24-3-1, Dec. 26.

Writer Praises Minneapolis 'Y'

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 29.—An article praising the local YWCA for entertaining Japanese American soldiers from Camp Savage by Elizabeth MacKaye appeared in the Minneapolis Shopping News recently.

"I talked with one of the boys from Hawaii," Miss MacKaye stated, "and he was a very lonely and cold young man. He had been transferred here from a southern camp, and, in spite of the cold, he liked us here in Minneapolis. Just because of those YWCA parties."

The young Hawaiian soldier was among many Japanese American soldiers who have dancing and games every Saturday night at the "Y". Though partners were scarce, the arrival of local Japanese girls and club girls from the YWCA improved the situation, the article said.

Evacuee Seek Relocation Meet

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promote evacuee confidence," it stated. It pointed out that actual job of relocation takes place here on the project and not in Washington.

CONFIDENT OF PLAN

The Sentinel stated that Luther Hoffman, Washington area relocation division representative, who was present at the meeting, was confident the proposal would meet with the approval of Washington since it coincides with the WRA desire to foster increased evacuee participation in planning the relocation program.

"I agree wholeheartedly with this proposal and I hope that something will come of it," declared Leave Officer Walter A. Heath when asked to comment on this proposal. "Every person who is not segregating will have to relocate sometime, be it now or when the war is over. I see no reason why those who are directly affected should not share in the planning," he said.