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WORK CORPS LEAVES FOR IDAHO Sugar Beet Field Call 200 Volunteers

Leaving Manzanar this noon on special busses, headed for the sugar beet fields in Rupert, Idaho, were approximately 135 volunteer workers for the Amalgamated Sugar Corporation. Registration for this work has been conducted since Sunday morning through the U.S. Employment Service. J. J. Dunbar, representative of the company, conferred with many prospects during his visit here.

SALARY AND EXPENSES

It was revealed that the wages paid this season will be 22% higher than it was last year. Thinning will bring \$9.50 an acre; first hoeing, \$2.50; and second hoeing, \$1.50. Six weeks is expected to complete this work, with provisions that if the worker is dissatisfied, he may return at the expiration of this period.

Should the person desire to remain, he may seek other employment within that county. Workers with dependents here will be required to pay \$20 a month expenses for each person. Farm security camps will be provided for, but each person will put in 2 hours work a week for maintenance of their quarters. Food will be bought wholesale, and workers will share expenses, but individual cooking will be permitted.

NOT TO BE KEPT IN CUSTODY

Contrary to rumors, the laborers will not be kept under constant surveillance by the government. They will be allowed to travel freely within the county with the curfew hour set at 8 p.m.

NEW WRA MEN REPORT TO WORK

Replacing former WCCA officials who left for other centers last week, six WRA employees reported for duty this week to augment the local administrative staff headed by Roy Nash, project director.

Heading the transportation and supply section is R.R. Best, while the Community Service Division, formerly run by J.M. Kidwell, is now under Thomas Temple.

J.B. Peters is new chief of the Finance Division, Howard Mann takes over the Procurement office and Wm. Hall will operate as chief steward.

Arthur Miller, formerly Medical Section chief under WCCA, is now running both the Medical and Personnel and Employment Division.

UNOCCUPIED BLOCKS OPENED TO RELIEVE HOUSING PROBLEMS

MOVEMENTS OKAYED

Gradual adjustment of overcrowded housing conditions was foreseen today as unfreezing of movements was announced by Housing Coordinator George Kurata.

PARTITIONS PROMISED

Newly completed unoccupied blocks will be opened to receive occupants. While the green signal for minimum partitions insuring privacy was given by Arthur Miller, new chief of the division, plans are yet in the blueprint stage.

CHOOSE CAREFULLY

With the exception of a possible two or three hundred persons yet to come, the present population is considered stable and all movements made at this time will be permanent. Utmost discrimination in the selection of compatible families sharing one apartment will be exercised.

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WRA OFFICIAL VISITS CAMP

From national headquarters in Washington came Col. H. F. Cress, deputy director of the WRA, whose special plane slid gracefully into Manzanar's dusty landing field in the grey dawn of Saturday morning.

Here on a quick inspection tour to familiarize himself with local conditions and to lubricate the transfer of the center from WCCA to WRA, the colonel left Monday afternoon for San Francisco. After a flying visit to Tule Lake he will return to Washington reporting to Milton L. Eisenhower. Together they will determine future policies.

With the exception of unavoidable crowded housing conditions, he expressed satisfaction with the progress of the center.

Help us live up to our name.

THE FREE PRESS

Exactly three months ago the first historic copy of the Manzanar Free Press rolled off our small mimeo press. It proclaimed itself a source of true information, a spiker of rumors. It promised a documentary report of an "experiment unparalleled in the annals of American democracy". It was to be a blazing signpost for a new world in the making.

THE FREE PRESS BELONGS TO YOU

Now we have passed through infancy and adolescence; we are approaching manhood. Let us devote ourselves to MANLY thinking. Instead of grousing in the shades of the barracks about the wages or the knotholes in the floor, let us come out and tackle our problem openly.

We want to repeat again that the Free Press belongs to the people of Manzanar, that, instead of being merely the mouthpiece of the administration, it strives to express the opinions of the evacuees in the solution of immediate and foreseen problems.

OUR NEW POLICY

Although we have had no set policy, the time has arrived when a definite program must be outlined and a clear-cut goal set up. We welcome constructive criticisms and suggestions based on facts for the improvement of the paper and the betterment of the community. The Manzanar Free Press must be the barometer of community thought and action.

If possible, we want to be the open forum for discussion of administration policies because those policies will directly affect every individual here. We know that the administration will welcome a healthy and active interest on the part of the residents as it is only with harmonious cooperation that our Shangri-La can be built.

LIVE THINKING NEEDED

We need live and alert thinking. No democracy can survive if its citizens take the line of least resistance. Independent thought, free and unbiased criticism and constructive purpose are needed. Only so can we be good citizens in this trying period of transition.

Ours may be a voice crying in the desert wilderness, but let it be a creative voice of true Americans, conducting on our own front the same essential fight for democracy.

WAR EFFORT PROGRAM MOVES INTO HIGH GEAR

By making camouflage netting, Manzanar will definitely take part in the nation's vast war program with the completion of four buildings on the south side of the center.

Twenty men, now taking instructions under Army engineers, will help supervise the project. Approximately six hundred men

and women will be employed as this undertaking moves into high gear, it was revealed by J.A. Forney of the United States Engineering dept.

Five men will be assigned to a net twenty feet square with a rigger to pull the netting skyward as the work progresses.

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Editor For Each Issue of Free Press

A new system of editorship is being put into practice in the Free Press office. In order to provide experience for various members each edition of the week will have a different editor. Tuesday editor is Dan Tsurutani while Mary Kitano and Chiyo Mori are Thursday and Saturday editors, respectively. Several members will work directly under Bob Brown.

Medicine Ball

Auspiciously inaugurated by dancing feet, the new Manzanar Hospital opened its doors to the public last Saturday night in a gala ball sponsored by the hospital staff.

Attended by 100 couples who were entertained by numbers by Mac's orchestra, a solo dance by Fumiko Matsumura, and tap offering by the Manzenettes, the affair boasted a turnout of new WRA officials. Project Director Roy Nash addressed a few words while the program was emceed by Dr. James Goto.

CHEMISTS TO HOLD MEETING

With their main purpose being to hold regular seminars, all chemists and chemistry students are invited to attend the initial meeting of the Manzanar Chemistry Society Thursday, June 11, at 8 p.m., 5-15.

Adoption of the constitution, formation of membership body, election of officers, and selection of subjects for future seminars will take place.

Further information may be obtained from Masao Nakazawa at 14-B-4.

AIKO MIYAKE WINS ESSAY CONTEST

Writing on the subject "What are the Characteristics of a Good American", Aiko Miyake 16-10-1, former student of Lincoln Jr. High School of Santa Monica, was awarded first prize in an essay contest sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary Committee of the city.

Miss Paula Gillette, instructor at the school, accompanied by a group of friends came here and notified Aiko by presenting her a letter from the principal.

The winner was awarded three dollars in Defense Stamps.

PERMITS REQUIRED FOR MAIL ORDER FIRMS

All major mail order houses have been notified by the local police to secure clearance papers before fulfilling orders to center residents.

Certain specified articles will be prohibited, whereas items such as saws and chisels for carpenters will be permitted.

CANTEEN REPORTS HEAVY PAPER SALE

Approximately 350 copies of the Herald Express, Daily News, Times and the Examiner are sold daily.

Close to 1000 copies are distributed Sundays with the Times and Examiner having the largest circulation.

THREE STAR PRODUCE SEEKS EX-EMPLOYEES

All former employees of the Three Star Produce Co. of Los Angeles who have money in the company's savings fund are asked by Mr. Keiji Iwata, 22-9-3, to contact Mrs. Helen Umezawa, District 6, Avenue V-26-2, Santa Anita Assembly Center at Arcadia.

RECREATION NOTES

Every social activity and dance must hereafter be cleared and listed on the master calendar through the social activities department.

"GOD'S GIFT" TOPIC OF SUNDAY SERMON

The guest speaker at the Sunday morning Protestant services was Rev. Clarence S. Gillet of Santa Maria, who spoke on "God's Gift". "God's gift to man of two eyes, two ears, and two hands, are to be used to seize, analyze, and give perspective to the truths of life that man may discover."

The sermon served as a background for the evening messages delivered at the Young People's Fellowship. "Material Riches" was the subject of Joe Kasacka and "Spiritual Riches" by Robert Kobe.

AUCTION FOR UNCLAIMED ARTICLES

Found articles numbering 305 are still looking for "lost" owners according to the latest figures released by the information office, while 230 others are still looking for lost articles.

Commenting on careless persons who casually leave ironing boards around, as well as smaller items such as wrist watches and pens, the office announced that an auction of unclaimed articles will be held soon. Proceeds will be used for welfare purpose.

CHAUFFEUR ARRESTED AS EVACUATION DODGER

Taneji Tsumura, a chauffeur, was arrested Sunday at Pershing Square, Los Angeles, on charges of evading evacuation orders. He was probably the only Japanese on the West Coast

department, headed by Sue Yamada with Isao Kikuchi functioning as assistant. They will be stationed daily at 15-15 where groups are asked to register their contemplated affairs.



Our little wriggling gopher snakes will go pale with envy when the hula classes go into session on Wednesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. at 15-15. Grass skirts and undulating chassis will be no unusual sight as heavy enrollment is expected.

Gray-haired "lads" and "lassies" may limber their creaky joints as isel and urged to enroll in special ballroom dancing classes, according to latest reports from the recreation department. The social activities department is sponsoring these classes which will be instructed by Nori Masuda, veteran dance teacher. Enrollment is being held at 15-15.

The recently organized Talent Club will hold their second meeting this Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., 15-15.

outside of evacuation centers.

"Three times I went to catch a bus to go to Manzanar," said Tsumura, "but I was too late each time."

Tsumura was lodged at the county jail pending investigation by the F.B.I.

WRITE FOR VIEW, CENTER MAG.

OUTDOOR FOLLIES DRAW HUGE CROWDS

Under Sierra stars, the first outdoor summer follies was staged before a capacity audience of approximately 3000 Manzanar citizens last Saturday and Sunday evenings.

Acclaimed as especially outstanding were Henry Kano's vocal rendition of "Old Man River", Shizuko Setoguchi who sang "For You a Lei" accompanied by Mac's orchestra, Jimmy Hashimoto's commendable vocalization of "Shrine of St. Cecilia", Sadao Ara, ballet dancer Fumi Matsumura, Mac's orchestra, and the Japanese odori dancers.

Hilarious highlights of the evening were the farcical situations in the theatrical presentations "Apartment Next" directed by Raymond Hirai and "He Married His Wife", written and directed by Takashi Kubota.

Taking dual part in the program, Joseph Blaney, emcee, was also a member of the cast of "They Meet Again in Manzanar".

A harmonica solo by Bob Azuma and vocal renditions by Kiyoshi Harada, former recording artist from Japan rounded out the program.

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Emergency cases already on file will be given first consideration according to Dick Izuno, housing adjuster, but other applications will be accommodated soon.

Roughly 80 square feet will be allotted each individual with partitions being moved as each family requires. However, a minimum of two couples will be maintained, it was pointed out.

GARDENS: HARVEST TIME TO BE HERE SOON

"The desert shall bloom as a rose". Not roses perhaps, but certainly other flowers in the Hobby Gardens between firebreaks 11 and 17, are sprouting under the ministrations of director Tek Kato and his volunteer crew.

DEAR EDITOR TO THE FREE PRESS,

I am one of the boys leaving for the beet fields in Idaho and I wish to make a few observations before my departure.

The indisposition of the Japanese to sign-up is attributable to one main fact: that their return here after the season was not guaranteed in writing.

The majority of the bachelors and family men are fearful that, due to expediency, the government might dump them in some center in Idaho or nearby area. There has been one breach of faith; another will lower the morale among the Japanese of this center.

I suggest that the Manzanar Free Press carry an editorial stressing the need of a Labor Council made up of Japanese to sit in on all labor recruiting meetings in the future.

As long as labor from this center is not conscripted, and we more or less freely volunteer for work in the outside communities, the council can safeguard the migrant laborers' among us by carefully probing into the contracts. Satisfaction will result on the part of the farm laborers, and morale will be boosted.

This council should not be the block leaders, but could work with them.

I am in the contingent leaving for Idaho, and with

"Turning green with envy" are the vegetables planted between barracks 12 and 13 in block six while a rustic rock garden nearby imparts an artistic aura to the scene.



Monkeys, penguins, and turtles shaped from twisted roots and branches cavort in front of the Yoshinaga diorama at 5-6-4. Rattlesnakes, alligators, storks, and other animals created by Yoshinaga, foreman of tree-trimmers, were so ingenious that they were one of the outstanding exhibits at the recent Art Fair.

Many others in our group, I am hoping that if and when such a council is established, it would contact the proper authority in the WRA to get a written assurance, not tacit, that we will be returned to Manzanar.

Very truly yours,
Koji Ariyoshi

EDITOR'S NOTE:

For Mr. Ariyoshi's information and others we have been notified that air tight contracts have been drafted and signed by the WRA and employer groups. Also that beet field recruits are not migrants, but free agents bound for a definite destination and guaranteed their safe return home.

SOCIALS and OTHER ACTIVITIES

Tues.....Goh Tournament.....17-15...7-10 p.m.
Tues.....Ping Pong Tournament.....3-15...2-5 p.m.
Fri.....Couple Dance.....3-15...8-10 p.m.
Fri.....Senior Checker Tournament...17-15...3-5 p.m.
Sat.....Jr. Checker Tournament.....17-15...9 a.m.-1 p.m.



Sports



ORANGE CITY AGGIES' 7TH INNING RALLY NIP ROYAL Y, 10-9

The undefeated Orange City Aggies had to come from behind to beat the Royal Y, 10-9 last Sunday afternoon in an impressive International league battle.

The Aggies put, across 1 run in the opening flurry, but the revamped Royal Y forged ahead in the next 3 frames with a 9 run surge.

Going into the last round with 9-7 lead, the Royal Y hopes were snapped when Aggies rallied across 3 runs to win the game.

O.C. Aggies..1014013-1010
Royal Y.....0234000- 9 5
H. Oshima and T. Morioka;
G. Miyazaki; H. Tanaka, and
T. Masaka.

VICTORY ACES BATTER PHANTOMS, 12-3

Behind the 1-hit pitching of Koto Tanaka, the Victory Aces handed the Phantom nine a 12-3 setback, in an International leaguer Saturday afternoon.

Kiyomura was the big gun for the victors connecting 2 home runs while the Phantoms only hit once in when King Hoshizaki hit a lucky homer.

Phantoms.....002 010 0- 3
V. Aces.....203 610 x-12
T. Tanaka and R. Ono; K. Tanaka and Maeda.

BUTCHERS MANAGE TO "KEEP COOL"

With the temperature of their new quarters being kept at around 40 degrees constantly, probably the most busiest individuals in camp are the butchers. There are no shirkers in their quarters, as they have to keep moving to keep their bodies warm.

The new butcher cook house is located back of the main post office building and is equipped with latest York system of refrigeration.

POLICE NINE RAIDED

The hapless Police nine are now holding down the collar leadership after being subdued by the Manre Knits, 6-4 last Friday.

The Flatfoots had their moments but rugged Maruki of the Knights would have with a triple and a double to lead his mates to win. Knights.....2 0 1 0120-6
Police.....1 0 3 000x-4

Kitaoka and Nomura; Okamura and Masuda.

"A" SCHEDULES

INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE
Wednesday (3) 6:30 p.m.
V. Aces vs. S. Padres

Thursday 6:30 p.m.
Santa Monica vs. Police

MANZANAR LEAGUE
Wednesday (4) 6:30 p.m.
Rusty 9 vs. Bel Aire

Thursday
Has Been vs. L.A. Eagles

COAST LEAGUE
Wednesday (1) 9:50 a.m.
Scouts vs. Dusty 9

Thursday 2:30 p.m.
Ape Cubs vs. Sloppy 9

TERM-ITES STOP INVADERS, 40-17

Losing but one softball game to the Dusty Chicks, the Woody Term-ites massacred the surprised Invaders, 40-17 last Sunday.

With 4-baggers by P. Sue-naga and S. Takeuchi, the Term-ites tallied 11 runs in the 1st, and 13 in their 3rd frame. Hide and Yone Mikuriya, and S. Takeuchi, were the other sluggers for the winners.

Invader's Fuzzy Mizutani slammed her 9th homer of the season.

Term-ites..11 4 13 4 5 2 1-40
Invaders.. 0 0 0 3 4 6 4-17

EIGHT MISSES AND A HIT DEFEAT WHIRLWINDS

The 8 Misses and a Hit trampled the Whirlwinds, 28-4, to tie with the Jr. Invaders for first place in "B" softball league.

R. Tammy was the outstanding player for the victors, blasting a homer, a triple and 3 singles. 8 Misses.....2...1165627-28
Whirlwinds.....1011100- 4

"A" VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE

Wednesday Block 3 6 p.m.
Pasadena vs. Invaders

Term-ites vs. Fernando

"B" VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE
Wednesday Block 2 6 p.m.

U. Strutters vs. S. Frys

"A" SOFTBALL LEAGUE
Thursday 1:55-6 6 p.m.

D. Chicks vs. Fernando

PASADENA TRIUMPHS

Pasadena triumphed over Lucky Strikers, 28-16, for their first softball win last Friday. They went on to defeat the All-Arounds in their initial game of Volleyball Saturday.

POSTON, TULE LAKE DESIGNATED NEW RELOCATION CENTERS

From the temporary assembly and reception centers, approximately 11,000 evacuated Japanese will be transferred to more permanent homes in Poston Relocation Center near Parker, Arizona and in Tule Lake Relocation Center, Northern California, starting June 15, the Western Defense Command announced.

To facilitate the movement of Japanese from Military Area 2, which lies westward of Area 1, Civil Control Administration stations have been set up at Chico, Marysville, Auburn, Reedley and Visalia.

New location centers are being prepared in eastern Colorado, Idaho, Wyoming, and Arkansas.



SPORTS

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J. ARITA TOPS WITH 6 WINS

Slender Johnny Arita, Rambler righthander, pitched his way to lead the hurlers with 6 straight wins to top the American league.

Hiro Neeno of the Wonders, in second spot with 5 wins against 1 defeat. Giants' Tak Taketomo is right in there with a nice percentage of .715.

King Taketomo and Upshoot Neeno are tied for the strikeout division, having whiffed 23 men.

PITCHERS' RECORD

(Including Friday, June 5)
Player and

Club	W.	L.	S.O.	Pct.
J. Arita, R...	6	0	12	1.000
H. Ukita, MT...	1	0	4	1.000
M. Mikuriya, R...	1	0	3	1.000
G. Yamasaki, P...	1	0	10	1.000
H. Neeno, W...	5	1	23	.833
T. Taketomo, G...	5	2	23	.715
Koyasuga, P...	3	2	9	.600
Nishida, OP...	3	4	18	.429
Shindo, Y-NS...	1	2	12	.333
Toreyama, Y...	1	3	12	.250
(R-Ramblers, P-San Pedro Gopher, OF-Pioneers, LT-Mayors, Y-Tankers, W-Wonders, NS-North Stars)				

MARLINS WIN AGAIN

In a hot battle for the International league leadership, the Island Marlins blasted out a 6th inning rally to eke out a 1 run margin over the strong Sierra Padres in a closely contested game Thursday night.

The Marlins massed up 4 runs in the 6th stanza after Pedro's costly errors after trailing behind 5-4. The Padres' mad attempt in the 7th frame fell short of a tally due to smart field work of the Marlin boys.

Marlins.....000 314 0-8
Sierra Padres...200 030 2-7

Kawauchi and Okamoto; Tashima and Yokota.

INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE

TEAMS	W.	L.	Pct.
Marlins.....	4	0	1.000
Uptowners.....	3	1	.750
Phantoms.....	2	1	.667
Sierra Padres...	1	1	.500
Victory Aces...	1	2	.333
Knights.....	1	2	.333
Santa Monica...	1	3	.250
Police Wins...	0	3	.000

GIANTS FALL AGAIN

WONDERS SLASH GIANTS, 10-5

The bottom of the Giants fell completely this week with a loss to the Ramblers and last night a decisive setback from the Wonders.

H. Neeno held the Giants to 5 scattered hits while his teammates collected 10 safeties from the offerings of T. Kedaweki. A few costly errors also proved the downfall of the Giants.

The 2 top batters of the American league, Tuck Uyomura and Koz Hori didn't help their averages any when they raked only 1 hit between them.

R. H. Wonders.....011 205 1-10 13
Giants.....000 120 2- 5 7

Neeno and Fukushima; Kedaweki and Kunitani.

MAT MEN MIXUP

The wrestling exhibition will be on card this Sunday, at 6 p.m. between firebreck 8 & 9, when the grunt and green artists from the police force will report their usual performance of biting, kicking and slugging.

The preliminary mixup will match "Flash" Hige vs. "Tie" Nkemur, "Froggy" Odo vs. George Hayashi, "Lightning" Shiba vs. "Slim" Kashi. The main bout will feature "Gent" Tsuchiya and "Moose" Tanaka in a free for all.

The third man in the ring will be Chief Day.

**ABSOLUTELY NO BALL PLAYING
SUNDAY MORNING**

NATIONAL LEAGUE

TEAMS	W.	L.	Pct.
S.F. Aces.....	4	0	1.000
Orange City.....	2	0	1.000
S.P. Yogores.....	3	1	.750
North Star.....	2	1	.667
Warriors.....	1	2	.333
Kings.....	1	2	.333
Tony's Alley.....	1	3	.250
Loyal Y.....	0	5	.000

ACES DIM STARS, 16-3

The unpredictable North Stars, who expected to give the smooth San Fernando Aces a run for their money, blew up completely. They fell on easy prey to the Valley boys with the score ending 16-3, in a twilight affair.

As usual, the Aces booted home 4 tallies in the opening stanza to command a lead, followed by 3 markers in the 3rd and 4th. They pounced back again in the last stanza to shove in 7 more runs.

Though they were no match for the Aces, the Stars managed to start a rally in the final canto before they hit into a beautiful double play to end the rally.

S.F. Aces...402 300 7-16 14
North Star...101 000 1- 3 7

H. Hino and L. Sugawara; T. Shindo, H. Tkechi, and B. Oda.

SPOTLIGHT

Sumo-The Japanese style of catch-me-if-you-can artists are in need for future sumo exhibitions and are asked to report to the police dept.

Marlin-Padre-Hank Ushijima, the man who calls "You're Out," had one swell time umpiring the game!?!.....

Gophers-In the Meyer game, "Speed" Hayashi, 300 lb. flash, hit into an easy killing in the 4th. He might have made it to 1st base if the ball got past the outfielder.....

Ace-North Star-S. Okada of North Stars lambasted Hino for 2 triples and a single, while "Baby" Yoshiwara of the Aces finally got a hold of 3 lucky hits.....

Sports Steff-Ed. is ably assisted by Jimmy Hashimoto, Nob Myose, and Pete Ohtaki. Shig Minabe covers the Junior league games.....