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FORMER DIRECTOR HERE ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS

Solon Kimball from the Washington WRA and former local WRA director, was introduced to the block managers.

Mr. Kimball stated that the manpower problem is the same in every center he has visited. He added that the shortage meant the elimination of certain activities. He also stated that behavior of children in other centers was causing great concern to the civic leaders. Mr. Kimball pointed out where before the evacuation Japanese American students had the reputation of being excellent students and were respected by their teachers. They were interested in (Continued on Page 3)

CAPACITY CROWD ATTENDS SOCIAL EVENT OF YEAR

Amidst a gayly decorated atmosphere, with top-notch evacuee entertainers, plus dancing to the music of "nana" orchestras, a gala and successful Oklahoma presentation was held at the community auditorium recently with approximately 600 attending.

BLOCK 2 TOLD TO SEE MOVIE SATURDAY NIGHT

Blocks 2 to 19 this Saturday will see "Yellow Canary" with Anna Neagle and Richard Green and Chapter 4 of "King of the Wild" by ticket admission only.

Following last week's schedule, children under 15 years of age including the Childrens Village will be admitted to a matinee showing of the picture on Sunday at 2 p.m. Block 20 to 36 will see the movie on Sunday night without tickets.

Aiding in making Oklahoma the most successful event of its kind ever to be staged here, Mary Kagoyama, known better as the "Sweetheart of Manzanar", sang to an enthusiastic, music-maddened crowd who applauded heavily.

Other singers, well received were Louis Frizzell, (Cont'd on Page Three)

ASK RESIDENTS' CARE IN AUDITORIUM USE

Chewing gum is being deposited in considerable quantities on the floor of the auditorium during movies and articles such as sticky candy, ice cream and raisins are being brought in causing considerable damage to the floor and labor in cleaning up, reported Rollin Fox, chairman of the auditorium committee.

Many are scuffling their feet on the floor in one place causing much wear into the grain of the wood, Fox said, and requests the cooperation of center residents in refraining from these practices.

REQUEST SIGNUP FOR BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Basketball teams interested in playing this year are reminded that the deadline for signup is December 9, reports Roy Takonaka, men's sports director.

Addresses of the captain and manager of each team are requested with each registration.

THREE YOUTHS VISIT LOS ANGELES

Three Manzanar youths are today back in the center after a thoroughly enjoyable week end spent in Los Angeles at the Live Stock Show.

The young men, Mamoru Snishido, Nobuo Kitroka and Tadumi Ushijima, outstanding agriculture students were rewarded for their efforts in that field by receiving approval of the trip from the commanding general of the Western Defense Command. They were accompanied by Mr. Leland R. Abel, Manzanar escort.

Authorization of the trip marks the first instance of Manzanar residents receiving approval to enter the restricted zone for anything less than critical personal business, illness, or educational purposes.

AIRBORNE TROOP LIFE TOUGH SAYS VISITING NISEI PARATROOPER

Assigned to the Airborne Unit at Fort Benning, Georgia, Private Takeshi Miyoko, 23-year-old Nisei Paratrooper, was a visitor to this center from November 30 to December 4.

A graduate of the John Marshall High School in Los Angeles in 1939, Pvt. Miyoko worked in a fruit stand until his enlistment in the regular army in August 1941. Taking his basic training at Camp Shelby, Miss., he volunteered for paratrooper training on Oct. 15, 1944.

His brother, T-Sgt. Mitsuru Miyoko was the first Nisei soldier to die on the western front in France. (Continued on Page 2)

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CHIEF HON WARNS RESIDENTS

Homo lovers, remove that porli from your homo!

The fact that your stove keeps the barrack warm does not always add to the well-being of your loved ones if it has the slightest defect!

Such was the advice sounded by Fire Protection Officer Frank E. Hon after receiving two emergency calls at the Manzanar Fire Department recently.

HOMES THREATENED

Julia Kuramoto's home at 20-1-5 was momentarily endangered by flames. Quick action on the part of Roy Takeda, neighbor, extinguished the fire. A defect in the stove caused burning oil to shoot out, sparring the floor with flames.

"It was turned out with the aid of a CPC bulb," Officer Hon explained.

The fire started after

the Kuramoto family turned off the light to retire. Julia became alarmed when she noticed a flicker of light in the apartment which turned out to be the barrack floor on fire. She notified Takoda who promptly put out the blaze.

Another alarm that had the fire department out after just returning from the Block 20 fire was at the home of Bill Haysworth at E-C, it was reported. An overheated stove was the reason, Hon related.

Police Chief John Gilkey had the stove under control when firemen reached the scene.

COOPERATION SOUGHT

To avoid future fires, Hon again issued the request to residents that stoves with defects be reported to the Public Works Office immediately.

With the cooperation of the residents here, it is hoped that this precaution will aid in avoiding unnecessary loss of property and lives.

PRIVATE MIYOKO VISITS

(Cont'd from Page 1)

Sgt. Miyoko was inducted in July, 1941 and was assigned to Camp Blanding, Florida until his overseas assignment in August, 1944. He died of wounds, suffered in action.

Pvt. Miyoko has two other brothers, Pfc. Loberu Miyoko and Pfc. George Miyoko serving in France with the 442nd Infantry.

Pvt. Miyoko stated that there are approximately 40 Miisei in the Airborne troops and although "it's pretty rough, it's fun".

He has a brother and a sister in Salt Lake City, Utah. He formerly lived at 752 West Elk St., Glendale, Calif.

CIGARETTES STOLEN FROM POSTON CO-OP WAREHOUSE

A one-hundred dollar reward was posted by the Poston Community Enterprise for the information leading to the arrest of the thief who broke into the Co-op warehouse last week and stole \$500 worth of cigarettes. A new shipment of knitting yarns was upset and damaged but not taken, according to the Poston Chronicle. The police department is conducting an investigation.

Don Elberson, assistant business enterprise supervisor of the Washington staff, arrived here from San Francisco, Calif. His main purpose was to sound out the sentiment of evacuees on group relocation.

Names of the newly appointed Internal Security Officers were revealed this week by the Police Department. The officers were appointed by Project Director Ralph P. Merritt changing the former system whereby members of the police force elected their officers.

Failing to receive orders from the field, and without the landing field lighted, members of the crew of a B-24 "Liberator" made an emergency landing on the north end of Manzanar airport early this week, injuring two of its crew.

Miss Margaret Fukuda of Block 26 left for Salt Lake City, Utah, for voluntary induction into the United States Women's Army Corps.

Thanks to Ma'eturo, the populace of Manzanar Project worked happily Monday to the strain of "White Christmas" as the people of this valley "tasted" their initial helping of snow early this week. Although traces of snow were reported on the eve of December 5, the main deposit began 7:08 a.m. Monday, continuing through 9 a.m.

LOCATION SCENES TAKEN IN ALABAMA HILLS

Roy Rogers is now in Lone Pine, Calif. shooting location scenes with the company of 103 film workers from Republic studios for the picture entitled "Utah".

Other on the cast are Dale Evans, Gabby Hayes and other. Most of the scenes are being shot in the Alabama Hills, and on the E. B. Spainhower and John Libkon ranches. The company expects to be here 10 days, reported the Inyo Independent.

DOMESTIC JOB OPEN IN KANSAS CITY

A family in Kansas City, Kan., wishes to employ a couple for domestic work at a starting wage of \$200 a month. Walter A. Heath, Relocation Program Officer, announced this week. A couple without children is preferable.

This offer has been made by an active member of the citizen's committee which cooperates with the WRA office in Kansas City. For six weeks during January and February, the employer lives in Florida, and he wants the employed couple to look after his home during his absence.

The man would be employed as houseman and gardener and his wife as second maid. This offer is excellent for a couple who desires permanent employment, Heath said.

Interested persons are asked to contact Relocation Office, 1-4-2.

STUDENTS FAVOR RETURN OF NISEI TO SCHOOL

According to a poll conducted by the Ubyssoy, campus newspaper of University of British Columbia, students favored the admittance of Canadian-born Japanese to the University after the war.

Three hundred and sixty-five students out of 2900 were asked for their opinion, reported the New Canadian. Sixty-five per cent thought Canadian-born Japanese should be admitted, 36 per cent disagreed and 4 per cent were undecided.

Students who were against admittance of Nisei fought on the grounds that "there is not enough room for the students already enrolled."

MAIL CHRISTMAS GIFTS EARLY SAYS POSTMASTER

In order that all Christmas gifts reach their destinations in time, the local Post Office Department warns local residents to mail all packages immediately.

Christmas cards to soldiers overseas may still be mailed, but will require a three-cent stamp.

BEGIN HOSPITAL CLASSES

With Christine Little, R.N., as instructress, the recent opening of 15 classes for nurses' aide and orderlies at the Manzanar Receiving Hospital was announced by Chief Nurse Josephine Hawes. She stated that these classes have been started primarily to "increase knowledge and confidence in the workers."

LETTER TELLS SENTIMENT TOWARD CUSTED SOLDIER

Louise D. Harding of Palo Alto, Calif. wrote to the editor of the San Francisco Chronicle concerning Pvt. Raymond Matsuda, crippled veteran of World War II, who was refused service in a barber shop at Parker Dam, Ariz. recently.

"Editor—Further developments in the case of Raymond Matsuda, wounded war veteran who was ordered out of a barber shop at Parker, Ariz., will show what metal the citizenry in that vicinity are made of. If it had happened here, I will say that I would furnish myself with haircuts indefinitely before I would set foot in the shop of a man who had insulted one of our soldiers.

"There is too much talk about why one or another Government official fails to do this or thus. Government in this country is responsive to public opinion. If citizens are too indolent, indifferent or cowardly to make themselves heard from why blame the folks we hire at Washington.

Louise D. Harding
Palo Alto."

KIMBALL HERE (Cont'd from Page 1)

learning how to do things. "Not today," he said. "We find groups of children who are not interested in learning." Mr. Kimball stated that the children look up to the elders for the standard of behavior, and it is up to them to lead their children correctly. "It is a serious matter, and something should be done," he concluded.

KAMIURA, NAKAJI TO WED DECEMBER 11

Coming marriage of Mary Kaminura, 29-5-1, to Martin Nakaji, 10-8-1, was announced by Fr. Leo Steinbach, who will officiate at their ceremony which will be held at the Catholic Church at 25-15, December 11.

The pair will depart for Syracuse, New York, where the sister of the groom to be resided, immediately following the ceremony.

SHOW JAPANESE MOVIE AT POSTON CENTER

Two Japanese films "Oka" and "GO-TOKU-MO-MAHA" are scheduled to be shown at Unit I and Unit II of the Poston Relocation Center. The Poston Chronicle reported that because of the silent picture, Shinkichi Hata will act as an onashi.

BARRACK 13 UNLUCKY DECLARES RESIDENT

Yoshio Katsaynagi, stricken with appendicitis, underwent an operation.

Recovering, he returned to his desk at the Free Press Office.

A bad cold forced him to his bed again.

"Boy, the barrack I live in is a jinx barrack!" he moaned.

He lives in the thirteenth barrack of Block 6 at Apartment 3. At that barrack there has been reported one death, three appendectomy cases, one hospitalized person with a head injury, and numerous minor ailments in the past.

OKLAHOMA (Cont'd from Page 1)

Harry Tashina, Henry Kenno, Lillian Wakatsuki and Kazuo Nagai.

With the tremendous success of Oklahoma brought about by talented singers who were present, local talk here indicated that an operetta will be well accepted by the residents for another fund raising drive.

Fourteen appointed personnel workers gave up their ration points so that pastries could be auctioned for the Oklahoma night.

CANADA-BORN NISEI REFUSED LICENSE TO OPERATE OWN SHOP

Canadian-born citizen of Japanese ancestry, Frank Tabuchi was denied permission to operate a radio repair service in North Toronto.

This decision was reached by Judge T. Horbert Barton and Magistrate R. J. Brown after hearing a députation of the Bedford Park Business Men's association opposing the permit, states the New Canadian.

At the hearing, Tabuchi told the board: "I did not come here of my own choice. I had a business in Vancouver but I had to give it up. Personally I think that in a country like Canada which is fighting for democracy, I should be given more consideration."

"You write and tell the holy father in Japan to call off the war and then we will consider it," Judge Barton replied.

NISEI GI HONOR ROLL CREATES TENSION IN YUBA

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—Tension involving persons of Japanese ancestry evacuated from the area was increased this week when the names of 13 soldiers of Japanese ancestry, inducted into the armed forces from Yuba county, were placed on the honor roll sign sponsored by the Yuba-Sutter Post No. 42 of the American Legion.

The whole list was headed by a Japanese American whose name was placed first because it started with an "A".

Hardly had the point dried when furor began, telephone calls were received by the members of the Legion committee.

So hostel was the criticism that a Legion committee headed by Capt. Hamon and William Blowett decided to group the names of Japanese Americans together in a special section on the honor roll.

This led to another storm of protest from persons who charged that these so grouped were being picked out for special distinction.

MARUMOTO APPOINTED

Howard Marumoto of the Project Attorney's Office has been obtained as new controller of the Manzanar Cooperative Enterprises, Inc., beginning December 1, announced Kakunosuke Arai, general manager.

'MUST STOP WAR BY STOP HATING'—Brown

A well known comedian of the movie land, Joo E. Brown, returned from entertaining soldiers in Italian and Pacific war fronts. When interviewed by the press, he said:

"There's one thing I would like you to write about and that's those Japanese Americans that some people are trying to run out of the world.

"I saw some of them in Italy, 1500 of them and plenty of them in front-line hospitals, badly wounded.

"One kid from Virginia who was fighting with them told me, 'They're just too big for their own skins. They can't do enough.'"

"Those Japanese Americans were wonderful loyal Americans.

"A lot of us are going to stop hating them. In fact we're going to stop hating. As long as we hate, there will be war."

ARTICLE ON GUAYULE AUTHORED BY EVACUEES

Manzanar, believed to be the first center to publish a scientific work as result of evacuee research, is in print a second time with "The Propagation of Guayule from Cutting". The work, by M. S. Nishimura, Robert Emerson, T. Hata and Akira Kagayama, was printed in the American Journal of Botany for July, 1944.

Robert Emerson, assistant professor of physiology at the California Institute of Technology, stated that the first publication "Guayule Genetics" was contained in the Journal of Heredity. It was written by Masuo Kodani of Manzanar and G. Ledyard Stobbins, professor of Genetics at the University of California.

LETTER

From the Public

(Following letter to the editor appeared in the San Francisco Chronicle on November 25.—Ed. Note)

EDITOR—The worst thing that could happen to Japanese stock American citizens is for any of them to return to California at this time. Taking advantage of a technicality and returning at this time will cost good citizens of Japanese heritage the friendship of many Americans who would help them if they would exercise common sense and wait until war excitement has subsided. All of the factors are known to everybody, and there is no chance to develop new evidence on either side.

Llewellyn B. Rock
Saratoga

GA PLAYS POSTPONED TO DECEMBER 14

Originally scheduled for Friday, December 8, three one act plays which were to be presented in the Auditorium are rescheduled for presentation on Thursday, December 14. The program is under sponsorship of Community Activities and tickets are available through the Block Managers or at the Community Activities offices. The price is ten cents.

SOLONS INVITE WRA TO OUTLINE POLICY

California's congressional delegation has tendered an invitation to the War Relocation Authority to outline its policy on the return of Japanese Americans to their former homes on the West Coast at a tentatively scheduled meeting early this month, the Los Angeles Daily reported recently.

The delegation also named a committee composed of Representatives Clair Engle, (D), John Z. Anderson (R), and Bertrand Gerhart (R), to plan an investigation of present restrictions which are permitting a small influx of Nisei into the coast area, the News concluded.

TRANSLATION
Japanese Section, The Manzanar Free Press
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1. Title of Newspaper

Manzanar Free Press, December 6, 1944, Vol. 6, No. 46, 1-1-2

2. Department of State Hit by Drastic Shake-up

From L. A. Times, December 5, page 1, col. 4

Roosevelt Names New State Undersecretary

From L. A. Examiner, December 5, Part I, page 4, col. 5, 6

3. Fourth Maid Held Most Successful

From L. A. Times, December 4, page 1, col. 4

4. President Roosevelt Close Door to West Coast Area

From Manzanar Free Press, December 2, page 1, col. 5

5. Co-op Notes

Today is the deadline for turning in rebate envelopes. This is also the final day of cash order payments. Cash order checks should be cashed in before the 15th.

6. Robot Bomb to be Tested

From L. A. Examiner, November 29, Part I, page 9, col. 3

7. U. S. Seeks More Mexican Laborers

From L. A. Times, December 5, Part I, page 6, col. 4

8. Nisei Found Guilty of Draft Violation

From the Manzanar Free Press, December 2, page 3, col. 5

9. Reveal Total Nisei Casualties

From the Manzanar Free Press, December 2, page 1, col. 1, 2

10. Adult Education To Start New Classes

From the Manzanar Free Press, December 2, page 1, col. 1

11. General R. W. Nays Against Return of Japanese

From L. A. Examiner, November 17, Part I, page 14, col. 4

12. Colorado Chamber of Commerce Asks Freedom For Japanese

From Pacific Citizen, December 2, page 1, col. 4

13. Town Hall Topics by Frank Yasuda

From the Mamasan Free Press, November 25, page 3, col. 1

14. Do Your Part

From the Mamasan Free Press, December 2, Page 1, col. 3

15. Appreciation

Yasufichi Nishikawa, Raiko Nishikawa, Yoshio Nishikawa

Kurakichi Hara, Rai Hara

16. Classic Poem

"Life has sorrows and happiness;
The mountains and rivers know no age."

17. Liar's Club

The Blessings of Near-sightedness

A friend of mine who is myopic made a great discovery. You all know that a near-sighted person can see things that are close up very well, while distant objects look blurred. So he hit upon this great idea. He took a mirror and looked at the reflection of the distant object in the mirror. Since the image was on the mirror in his hand, he could see the distant object very clearly. So all of you sufferers of near-sightedness, try this method of seeing distant objects clearly. Throw your glasses away, or trade them for a mirror.

Mistaken Identity.

The whole world's parents have this trouble. That is the crying of babies at night.

Therefore, after much study and thought I hit upon this great idea. I found that if, as twilight settles upon the earth, I turn on the lights brightly as day, and have the family make every kind of noise as in the daytime, the baby forgets that it is night and falls quietly to sleep. This is how I cured my baby's crying at nights.

徴兵法違反で三年入獄す

本年十二月に在る前セロム転住所の山城戸渡美吉主はアール・ソリリットル、ロック町の聯邦地方裁判所に於て徴兵法違反の罪に於て、一年を由渡された。判決の説明に依れば被告は「国籍離脱申請中なるも是に依つて被告の市民権に対する義務が取り去られてゐるものではない。米国の市民権は左様簡單な部分の患者各表のみで取消す事は出来ぬ」と。去る五月徴兵体格検査の即山城戸は「国籍離脱申請中なる理由を盾に右検査に出頭せしめたため徴兵法に據り告發されたものである」と云ふ。

成人教育の再開開始

当成人教育部より「十二月間継続の新学期が開始される由にて毎週一回又は二回各一時尚授業の必要」と。

授業科目は

米文化と習慣、職業英語、青年學、現時事、索引数学、家庭学、米國工業地理、新聞学、通俗法律学、現代数学

増加する二世の戦死傷者

最近米國內陸部より報告に依れば、既戦戦線に於て更に日系二世兵士八十八名の戦死傷者を出した事と報告する。戦死傷者(死傷者)の戦死傷者の合計は戦死六十九名、負傷一八七名

加州防衛軍司令官

加州防衛軍司令官R Wヘイス少将の声明に依ると日系人歸還の爲め騒動が發生した場合は、方當局の平定し得る際は防衛軍が出勤し日系人を保護すると。

加州商業會議所

加州商業會議所は、日系人の加州帰還はその時機でないとして、軍部と協議する旨を聲明する。

行衛不明六名である

以上の報告は転住所より出征した二世の戦死傷者数であつてWRRA局長マイヤー氏の語る所に依れば二世の戦死傷者の計数は右に示される。二六二名よりも最つと多数である。其れは二世の約三分の一は転住所より出所して居る戦時以前に多数の日系二世は西部沿岸軍事基地帯に居たが、爲に一

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格別には日系人が八十乃至九千人あり全人口に對する点は一審集録としてゐるが故に早く沿岸地域に歸還出来るやうに希望してゐると。

クワンホル便利

クワンホル便利、デマに迷ふな、當マシナ病院のデマが飛んでゐるがその製造の原因は多分こうであらう。

度も転住所内に這入る

此等の家庭より出征した二世兵士WRRAの方では其の戦死傷者の記録は取り得ない。約一万三千名の入營二世中二一四名が志願兵及転住所より入營した者で残りの大多數は布哇出生二世及公戦時立退きを蒙らなかつた者である。

一、某転住所では去年

一、某転住所では去年七月に閉鎖すると、声明書があつたと云ふが、此も「デマ」らしい。二、當マシナ病院部では去年は百姓無用としてゐる原因はセンター閉鎖の爲てなく未だるべき人の不足に備へる対策であつて食堂に配給する野菜類は羅府の市場より買求め得るもので不自由の恐れはないといふのである。

近視の福音

ある近視眼が一次聲明を致しました。それは近視眼の特徴だつてゐる。手に持つてゐる鏡には、つきり見えるではありませんか。近視眼の諸君！眼鏡をはつて試みて見給え。

當病院從業員入

當マシナ病院では自發的又献身的に患者の爲めに立働いて下さつてゐる方々も有るが、尚ほ多數の從業員が不足である由なれば、援助の出来る人は、早速病院に其旨申込んで欲しいと。

出所 義雄

出所 義雄
妻 ライ子
西川太郎一
原 倉吉
三子
礼 三子
人生有愛樂
山水無古今

取違はせず

赤ぢんの後泣きには世の親達は非常な苦しみを生み出す。種々考へた白濁同様に電燈を明々と點灯にして赤ん坊が眠るまで、同様に泣き笑するのです。赤ん坊は罪がないです。これこそ、思ひ違ひして、好く眠りますか。赤ぢんの後泣きを治癒しました。

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