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Wisconsin Hospital Still Accepts Nisei For Cadet Nurse Training

Wisconsin hospitals are still accepting applicants for cadet nurse training classes which will begin in August and continue until October, announced Wisconsin State Recruitment Officer Adele G. Stahl, R. N., the Relocation Office here announced.

Hospitals which accept persons of Japanese ancestry for cadet nurse training are the Madison General Hospital at 1010 Mound Street, St. Mary's Hospital at 720 South Brooks in Madison, Misericordia Hospital at 2224 West Juneau Avenue in Milwaukee, Mount Sinai Hospital at 980 N. 12th Street in Milwaukee, St. Mary's Hospital at 2320 North Lake Drive in Milwaukee County General Hospital at 8700 West Wisconsin Avenue.

Others include Ashan, St. Joseph's, Eau Claire, Luther, Janesville, Mercy, LaCrosse, St. Francis; Manitowish, Holy Family; Marshfield, St. Joseph's; Oshkosh, Mercy; Racine, St. Luke's, and Wausau, St. Mary's.

Interested young women may write to any of the nursing schools named for further information or should contact the Relocation Office.

Yogore Sponsor Show For Residents

"Tall In The Saddle," starring John Wayne, was shown free to the residents of the center Tuesday night at the outdoor theatre, under the sponsorship of the San Pedro "Yogores".

Frank Kaneda Opens Hostel In Stockton

A hostel is now opened at 1230 South Monroe Street, Stockton, Calif., with Frank Kaneda in charge, the Stockton WRA office announced this week.

Reservations should be made through the Stockton WRA, Bank of America Building, or by writing to Frank Kaneda at the hostel.

Capacity of the hostel is 30 people. Rates will be 50 cents per night and it will be necessary for evacuees to furnish their own linen.

This hostel will be enlarged soon and arrangements will be made for cooking, as soon as possible.

American Express Office To Disband

American Express section of the Manzanar Cooperative Enterprises Office will be eliminated as of July 31, the co-op announced.

Those who wish to make American Express orders or who desire to purchase the American Express Travelers' check are asked to go to the American Express Office by that date.

Block 19 Mess Hall Closed To Residents

Residents of block 19 had their final dinner in their mess hall which closed on Monday, July 16, Chief Steward J. R. Winchester announced.

He stated that block 19 residents are now having their meals at mess halls 13 and 20.

Ikegami Asks For Oversea Assignment

A Purple Heart and two battle stars, plus a sojourn in army hospitals, isn't enough for S/Sgt. Edward Ikegami, Los Angeles soldier in Uncle Sam's artillery and son of Mrs. Yoshiko Ikegami of Manzanar at 35-7-3.

So he's asked for another overseas assignment—this time "to take a whack at the Japs."

The sergeant, 30, joined up with the army back in 1941, before Pearl Harbor. He served with the 522nd Field Artillery Battalion, part of the famous 442nd All-Nisei Combat Team which so distinguished itself in France and Italy.

Before the war, he lived at 312 North Alma Street and attended Van Nuys High School. A brother, Ike, is working in Nevada, and a sister, Mrs. Setsu Tsuchiya, lives in Salt Lake City. His father is dead.

He is now on a five-day furlough from the Army Mitchell Convalescent Hospital in San Diego.

He is single, but is "willing to change that". Hobby? "Night lift".

After the war! Well, he'll figure that out when he gets back from the Pacific—"If I do".

Request Reports On Baggage Damages

Declaring "We have been advised that some evacuees who find their luggage damaged while traveling have not reported these incidents because they did not wish to cause any trouble." Assistant Relocation Program Officer Gladys Pearson stated, "All evacuees should be informed that any difficulties occurring with their transportation should be reported immediately so that they may receive the same assistance that any other travelers would. "Any people finding or even suspecting that their baggage has been tampered with should make it known before the baggage leaves that baggage room of the station. The railways want our people to be treated exactly as

MORE BOYS LEAVE FOR ACTIVE DUTY WEDNESDAY NITE

Two Manzanar residents and five visitors were among those called to active duty, Wednesday evening, from this center, Manzanar Selective Service Registrar Thelma Kellewigg announced.

The seven, left for Fort MacArthur, Calif., by the Inland Stage bus at 8:44 p. m., Wednesday.

They were Kiyoshi Okada of 17-7-2; Kohel Nakaji of 24-14-2; Hisao Hashimoto of 9-13-2; Tadashi Mukai of 10-3-3; Bill Taketa of 30-5-1; Yoshio Shisido of 10-5-2; and Togo Mikuriya of 6-12-4.

Four boys left last week for active duty from the center, according to the announcement, Dick Tani of 20-5-3 left Monday, July 16, for induction at Fort MacArthur, Calif.; George Yokomori of 13-7-2 on Wednesday, July 18 for Fort MacArthur; Joe Kajii of 17-6-2 on Friday, July 20 for Fort Douglas, Utah; and Eddie Nagao of 36-11-2 on Friday, July 20 to Fort Douglas, Utah.

Kithata Offers Ride To Three Residents

Harry Kithata, who plans to go to Chicago, is seeking three passengers to travel with him in his 1941 Chevrolet car, to help pay the driving expenses.

Interested center residents should contact the Relocation Office immediately if they wish to take advantage of this offer. Kithata plans to leave immediately. The Relocation Office is located at 1-4.

CHANGES MADE IN SUMMER PROGRAM

The children's summer program, organized for four weeks ending July 14, will be continued with some changes for another four weeks so long as there are interested pupils and available teachers, Rollin C. Fox, supervisor of the Community Activities, announced.

Parents are urged to see that their children come to the first meeting of the class and that thereafter come on time and regularly.

The second four week program in recreational activities for elementary school children began Monday, July 16. Classes will continue until August 11 unless the enrollment or the loss of the instructor makes it necessary to change the schedule.

Elizabeth Moxley, former director of physical education and health in Education has been assigned to Community Activities as a supervisor of the summer program. She plans to leave next month to assume duties in physical education supervision at Junior College in Auburn, California.

Mrs. Chiyu Tashima has been placed in charge of the sports section and will be responsible for organizing and supervising the program. This position has

other people and would like to have reports on any carelessness or infractions of rules."

Myer Gives Approval To Close Blocks As Population Decreases

Approval to close the block in Manzanar whenever, in the opinion of the project director, the number of residents in each block falls below the required quota, was received this week from WRA Director Dillon S. Myer.

In a letter to Dillon Myer on July 2, Project Director Ralph P. Merritt asked Mr. Myer if he had authority to close the blocks at this center after the middle of July and the following reply was received:

Captain H. W. Letts Arrives Here July 31

Captain H. W. Letts, of Bridgeton, New Jersey wired the Manzanar Relocation office that he will arrive at the center on Tuesday, July 31 to offer further relocation opportunities to Manzanar people.

Captain Letts will be remembered as the first of Seabrook representatives to come to Manzanar. Arriving last fall with offers of housing and good jobs, Captain Letts was successful in securing the largest single group of resettlers to go to any one locality.

Several hundred Manzanar people are still pleasantly employed in the southern New Jersey food processing plant which is located within a short distance of Philadelphia.

Insurance Companies To Serve Japanese

Names of additional insurance companies in Los Angeles area that write insurance policies for persons of Japanese ancestry were released this week by Paul G. Robertson, area relocation supervisor.

Kay Hodgkinson, representative of the Metropolitan Insurance agency with office in room 306 to 308, 714 West Olympic Blvd., Los Angeles will accept applications for all types of insurance.

The Zurich Insurance company is also accepting insurance applications from those whom they consider to be good risks. Most former customers, all soldiers, and many other individuals will be considered good risks.

"You are authorized to arrange, in your discretion, for the closing of blocks within Manzanar when in your judgment the diminished number of residents of such blocks, and the costs of operation, make such closing desirable.

"My announcement that we would give 90 days advance notice to the evacuees before closing any center does not require us to give that much advance notice before closing a block within a center. We interpreted our statement regarding 90 days advance notice to be applicable to the closing of the Canal Unit at the Gila River Center and Units II and III at the Poston Center because the residents of those units do not have the alternative of moving to another part of the center when the units are closed. Residents of individual blocks in Manzanar, however, who are now immediately ready to relocate when the block is closed will, as I understand your proposal, be transferred to other blocks in the center and it would seem obvious therefore, that the reason for the 90 days notice does not apply."

Returnees Invited To Judo Sessions

Returnees are invited to practice judo with the Caucasian businessmen at the Los Angeles Dojo, according to word received last week from the Los Angeles WRA office.

The Dojo is located at Twelfth and Fedora Streets, six blocks west of Vermont Avenue near Pico and may be reached by the "P" car.

The Dojo heads, George E. Tate and William D. Albertsmeier say that they welcome Nisei and Issei men who are interested in judo and that they would like to find someone qualified to instruct Kodokwan judo.

Sessions are held each Tuesday and Thursday evening from 7:30 to 10 p. m.

442nd To Become Part of Reserve

ROME—The 442nd Infantry Regiment, composed of Americans of Japanese descent, will become part of the strategic reserves when it returns to the United States, army headquarters announced, according to an Associated Press dispatch.

The dispatch declared that the announcement was made to correct a previous report that the 442nd—which will be one of the last American units to leave the Mediterranean theatre—would become part of the tactical reserve for the Pacific war. The tactical reserve is held in close support for combat duty.

The 442nd Infantry Regiment fought with distinction in Italy and France.

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While Manzanar Slept

When evening fell on ROHWER RELOCATION CENTER last Thursday evening there were 425 fewer evacuees residing in that center. They were on a special train headed to California.

Seven day coaches, a tourist sleeper, a diner and two baggage cars were rolling over the rails that lead back home as the all-evacuee train carried 125 happy families to the coast.

Among the passengers were nearly 100 children under 15 years of age. Many of them are school children and to them the trip will mean return to the advantages of school life in a normal community.

Only a few of the 125 families will resettle in the mountain states and the majority will get off at Lodi, Sacramento, Stockton, Fresno and Los Angeles.

What does this mean to the residents of Manzanar? Many have said "I would relocate, but I want to resettle on the coast". How sincere were they in that statement? Here is a whole train load of people coming a far greater distance to resettle to the coast! Here is a large group of families coming in to take the homes that Manzanar people could have had if they had been more aggressive.

If a trainload of people can come to the coast and get housing it is clear that a more aggressive attitude on the part of Manzanar people will be rewarded with the finding of housing.

It looks as though you can go to the coast if you really want to make the effort!

Walnut Grove Lady Sentenced To Jail

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Mrs. Wilma Insigne, alias "Kitty Ferguson" was sentenced, July 17, to 90 days in jail at Walnut Grove, Calif., for "wilfully and unlawfully disturbing the peace" and for "using vulgar and profane and indecent language" when she threatened a Japanese American family, the Los Angeles Times disclosed. Sixty of the 90 days were suspended on condition that she leave Walnut Grove.

Pvt. Yoshio Matsuoka, a war veteran who just returned to the United States after spending ten months in a German prison camp, charged the woman threatened to have his father's home burned down if the family remained in Walnut Grove.

This was the 35th incident against persons of Japanese ancestry since the lifting of the exclusion order.

JAPANESE ALIEN TO FACETRIAL AT STOCKTON COURT

SACRAMENTO—U. S. District Court officials in New York City will shortly be called to bring an alien Japanese to Sacramento for trial on a charge of falsely claiming U. S. citizenship, federal officials announced this week, according to the Stockton, Calif., Record.

The alien, Ken Sugiyama, is said by Sacramento federal grand jury to have claimed citizenship while at the Tule Lake, Calif., Center.

Robert W. Pierce of the Immigration Naturalization office said that it is the first false claim of citizenship case against a Japanese in the Sacramento area since Pearl Harbor.

Purely Personal

By Sue Kunitomi

Early one morning at the Dearborn Station, I met a WRA representative awaiting the arrival of evacuees from Poston, Arizona. He was there to talk with new resettlers and find out if there were any complaints against the railroad company serving them. The Chicago office had received a letter from the center regarding minor incidents. Instantly, I was aware that the WRA, busy in its last stages of relocation, is personally concerned over the welfare of the evacuees. Only in these United States is this possible.

Which brings us to the article "The WRA Says Thirty," written by National Director Dillon S. Myer in the June 25th issue of the New Republic. "Over the past three years we have watched some of these formerly enterprising, energetic people become...obsessed with feelings of helplessness, personal insecurity and inertia. And we have observed the heart warming changes that take place...once they have made the plunge, faced the problems of personal adjustment and left the centers forever," he writes.

.. If heartaches, sweat and tears have shown that institutional living can not be reconciled with democracy, then we hope that no other group, class or minority will be forced to live as we did. This is one time when the American government must balance off the books and re-pencil across the pages: "Mission accomplished. Experiment perilous."

Those who worked in the neighborhood of the Post-Office and Shoe Ration Board may remember Cpl. Niel Scheeler of the 319th M. P. Corps who inspected packages during the summer of 1943. With 4 1/2 years of army service behind him, two of which he spent traveling, Niel is back home in Montebello, Calif. Receiving a medical discharge, he is adjusting himself to the strange civilian life of gabardine suits and sport jackets. He pens: "When you see or write to any of the gang I know, give them my regards," and asks for the whereabouts of Tom Yamada, one-time sports editor of the Free Press.

Nisei Girl Prefers To Reside In East

Because the situation for Orientals in California grows worse each year, persons of Japanese ancestry who want to live in normal life do not want to return. Ina Sugihara declares in an article which was published by the Commonweal, a Catholic weekly, on July 20.

To live there "as an individual, rather than as a social guinea pig, would be well-high impossible," she said.

She added that it was California's anti-Oriental campaign, and the "fear and enmity instilled" by it through the years, that promoted the evacuation. The American Legion and others are "again on the march" and Mayor Fletcher Bowron of Los Angeles has predicted "Little Tokios" and riots.

Termining relocation centers "concentration camps," the author relates experiences of herself, family and friends in struggle against prejudice at the University of California, NYA, in finding housing and white-collar jobs, in buying real estate, and in seeking unsegregated schools. Ina Sugihara finds discrimina-

ON THE L. A. BEAT

With Takara Musume

NISEI SOCIALS came into the spotlight last Monday, July 23, when another get-together was held at the International Institute on Fourth and Boyle in Boyle Heights.

BEST LOOKING gals among the 100-odd persons attending were from Manzanar...natch!... So you guys back in camp can bust off a couple of shirt buttons what with such luscious femininity representing the Manzanar maidens.

AMONG THE MOST beautifuls were: Chickie Hiraoka, refreshing in a sheer red and pink dress; Masako Kimura, one-time pin-up queen for the Manzanar Giants, and now the fiancée of serviceman Min Furuto; Lillian Igasaki, oh hubba hubba; Lillian Uyumura, looking bored but glamorous; Rosie Maruki and Pee Wee Kusunoki, bouncing double-trouble; Hideko Ohashi, who knows Natsi Fujimoto but don't hold that against a nice gal like Hideko; Mrs. Kay Kawahara Kageyama, the best ones go out of circulation the fastest; and WRA secretary, Mary Suzuki, striking in a yellow blouse.

AND O FOURSE, we can't forget Kow Maruki sitting right smack in the center of this beyvy of beauties.

THE SCENE WAS just right. Maybe the committee that plan-

tion in the east "mostly a temporary ailment caused by war hysteria," not an "ordganized campaign" as in the west. She concludes that this campaign has become a national problem, not just a West Coast one, and says it can only be beaten "through an uncompromising national effort."

ned the event looked up on the calendar, called the Griffith Observatory, and finally got the night with a blue sky, a sprinkling of stars and that big yellow moon. Oh yes, we mustn't forget this: The event was slated to start at 8 p. m. but observing Japanese time, it got underway at 9 p. m. on the dot, just an hour late...ho hum..

THERE WAS A program before the dancing was begun and refreshments were being served. They had a Japanese dance by Mrs. Downs, a juggling act by Mr. Downs, piano solo by Paul Franks and a talk by Mr. Brown from the Fair Employment Practice Committee. Music was from a juke-box and lights were turned low on the patio to encourage more people to dance. After a few grand marches, the ice was broken and the patio was filled with plenty of couples. Of course, one would never think there was a shortage of men what with girls being outnumbered and all. So why not drop over for the next month's social?

Kent Wash., News Journal stated July 19 that the casualties of Nisei GIs in Italy is "but the price paid for a place on the winning team—where they 'save face'."

"It is no proof of loyalty," it concluded.

CLASSIFIED ADS

WANT TO BUY IMMEDIATELY: A house in or near Sawtell. Please contact Mr. Yoneo Obayashi of 423 North Madison, Los Angeles 4, California.

FOR SALE: Property of Dr. Carter. Child youth bedroom set. Bed with mattress, chamberobe. Night stand and chair, Packing box. See Takimoto, 7-14.

IN APPRECIATION:

To our friends and neighbors for the gifts and grand send-off given our son, Tadashi, on his departure to Fort MacArthur.

Mr. and Mrs. Takekichi Mukai

IN APPRECIATION

To all our friends, especially our Block 19 neighbors for making our stay in Manzanar a pleasant one.

Tei Igasaki and family
19-4-1

SO LONG and

Thanks for everything.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Azeka Mitsuru,
Sumiko Chikaye

IN APPRECIATION

We wish to thank our friends and neighbors for the kindness and grand send-off given us on our departure.

Kiyotsugu Tsuchiya and family
Mrs. Chiyo Konishi
20-1-2

ATTENTION! . . .

Don't Wait Until All The Houses And Jobs Are Taken By Somebody Else. Make Your Plans At Once To Relocate. Plan Now For The Future.

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11:30 a. m., in 16-6-1, on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays under Mrs. Helen Hill and Bill Yamachi.

Dramatics for the lower grades at 10:00 to 10:45 a. m., Mondays through Fridays, in 16-12-3 under Mrs. Ruby Beall.

Piano lessons for the lower grades in 16-12-3, 10:50 to 11:30 a. m., Mondays through Fridays under Mrs. Ruby Beall.

Drafts for all grades, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 10:00 to 11:30 a. m., at 16-141 under Arlin Hooper.

Story hour for the first, second and third grades, 8:15 to 9:45 a. m., Wednesdays and Saturdays, in 16-14-3 under Masako Matsuoka.

Story hour for the fourth, fifth and sixth grades, 10:00 to 11:00 a. m., Wednesdays and Saturdays, in 16-14-3 under Masako Matsuoka.

Boys and girls rhythms at Mess 16, 8:15 to 9:45 a. m., Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays for first, second and third grades under Arlin Hooper.

Boys' industrial arts for the second and third grades, 8:15 to 9:45 a. m., Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, at 16-61 under Mrs. Helen Hill and Bill Yamachi.

Boys' industrial arts for the fifth and sixth grades, 10:00 to 11:30 a. m., Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, at 16-6-1 under Mrs. Helen Hill and Bill Yamachi.

Girls' rhythms for the fourth, fifth and sixth grades, 10:00 to 11:30 a. m., Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, Mess 16 under Miss Arlin Hooper.

Art for the fourth, fifth and sixth grades, 1:15 to 2:45 p. m., on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 16-12-1, under Kango Takamura and Arlin Hooper.

Sewing for the lower grades on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 1:15 to 2:45 p. m. in 16-12-3 under Mrs. Ruby Beall.

Art for the first, second and third grades on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1:15 to 2:45 p. m., 16-12-1, under Kango Takamura and Arlin Hooper.

Girls' hikes and picnics at Mess 16 on Thursdays, 1:15 p. m. under Miss Arlin Hooper.

Story hour for those in the

Appoint Dr. Carter Research Director

According to an announcement by Mrs. Sumner Spaulding, president of the welfare council of metropolitan Los Angeles, Dr. Genevieve W. Carter, Manzanar superintendent of education, was appointed as research director for the welfare council of metropolitan Los Angeles, the Los Angeles Daily News stated.

The council's research division has been expanded to serve 34 cities and towns associated in the war and community chests, Mrs. Sumner Spaulding disclosed.

Third, fourth and fifth grades, 8:30 to 7:30 p. m. on Thursdays, in 16-14-3 under Mrs. Helen Hill.

Sewing for those in the upper grades on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, 1:15 to 2:45 p. m. in 16-12-3 under Mrs. Ruby Beall.

Library open house, 1 to 5 p. m., Mondays through Fridays, 16-14-3, Miss Masako Matsuoka.

Instructional lessons at 24-15, by appointment, Mondays through Fridays, Music Hall staff.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
In the Matter of the Assignment for the Benefit of Creditors of the Estate of RIKIMARU BROS. & CO.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to creditors having claims against the above-named assignor to file said claims in the office of the assignee, to wit, W. W. Gray, 943-A South San Pedro Street, in the City of Los Angeles, State of California, which latter office is the place of business of the undersigned assignee in all matters pertaining to said Estate. Such claims, with the necessary vouchers, must be filed or presented as aforesaid on or before February 27, 1946.

Proof of claim forms must be procured from the undersigned at his said office.

DATED: June 23, 1945.

W. W. GRAY, Assignee for the Benefit of Creditors of the Estate of Rikimaru Bros. and Company.

Nisei Soldier Wins \$200 Essay Prize At Chicago College

Pvt. Tamotsu Shibutani, formerly of Tule Lake and whose family came to Chicago recently from Granada, has won a \$200 essay prize at the University of Chicago. Twenty-three year old Pvt. Shibutani, who is now overseas, was until his induction in the Army engaged in assisting on a study of relocation in Chicago sponsored by University of California and under the direction of Dr. Shotaro Frank Miyamoto, of the University of Chicago.

Pvt. Shibutani's essay entitled "Rumor of a Crisis Situation" received first place among the five University of Chicago students who won cash awards for essays and superior scholastic achievement.

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Notify Hostels For New Reservations

Letters or telegrams regarding hostel reservations must be sent directly to the hostels in order to avoid delays, Acting Los Angeles District Relocation Officer Harold S. Choate announced.

Requests should be made at least one week in advance of the departures in order that hostel managers may confirm or refuse reservations by letter or telegram. If on shorter notice, answer will be sent by telegram collect. Guests must take their sheets and ration books with them when they go to the hostels.

Propose Manzanar For Indigent Nisei

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors recently proposed that the state of California purchase the Manzanar Center as a shelter for some "2000 sick and indigent Japanese" who are expected in Los Angeles shortly, the Los Angeles Times reported.

Board Chairman William A. Smith made the proposal and pointed out that the center could be used to house juvenile delinquents who are now crowding both state and county institutions. His proposal is to purchase the center complete with its hospital facilities and its buildings.

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Mitsuahata Resumes Job In Los Angeles

Shizuo "Jimmie" Mitsuahata of this center is now back on the job as chef at the world famous Clifton's Cafeteria in Los Angeles where he worked for 15 years prior to the evacuation in 1942, the Los Angeles WRA office reports.

Clifford E. Clinton, operator of the two busy popular Clifton's Cafeterias in Los Angeles, is noted as an outstanding citizen devoted to public service. One of his basic principles is racial tolerance.

Shizuo Mitsuahata is one of the three Issei employees now on the job at Clifton's Broadway. The others are Ben Yuzo of Poston and Seiichiro Nakasuji of Rohwer. The latter two men have their own homes in Los Angeles but Mitsuahata is staying at Hongwanji Hostel while looking for a home so that he may bring his wife, Kikue, the Mitsuahatas' son, George, and daughter, Yoshiye, are both married. The latter is now Mrs. Tsuji.

Shizuo Mitsuahata was a senior steward while in Manzanar. Among the many patrons of Clifton's are a number of Nisei and Issei relocates.

Maruyama Finishes Specialized Training

Pvt. Shoji Maruyama, son of Mr. and Mrs. James O. Maruyama of 15-2-2, Manzanar, will graduate from the Army Specialized Training Reserve Program at the University of Idaho, Moscow, Ida., on July 28, 1945, where he has spent three terms in ASTRP college training, 1st Lieut. John H. Swain, AUS adjutant, disclosed.

After a two weeks' vacation which Private Maruyama will spend at home, he will enter active duty with the Army.

While a student in the ASTRP at the University of Idaho, Private Maruyama was a member of the unit basketball team.

'Nisei Situation Makes Me Sick,' Says Mauldin

DENVER—Bill Mauldin, famous for his "Pp Front With Mauldin," declared in an interview in Denver that "this Nisei situation here makes me sick," the San Francisco News reports.

"Those Japanese American troops in Italy did more than any others, and they killed themselves to prove something to the folks at home. I know of two such regiments in Italy that never had a case of AWOL, never had a case of malingering, never had a case of cowardice.

"No one who has not been in the war has a right to mistreat anyone who has been in the war."

REHEARING ASKED FOR TAMESA CASE

CHEYENNE, Wyo.—A. L. Wirin, counsel for the American Civil Liberties Union, filed a petition for rehearing of the case of Minola Tamesa and 62 other Hart Mountain, Wyo., Relocation Center residents who were convicted for violation of the draft law.

The boys were found guilty by Federal Judge T. Blake Kennedy at Cheyenne for having refused to report for a physical examination in compliance with an order of their local draft board.

The American Civil Liberties Union contends that "since they were virtually prisoners of war by virtue of their detention in concentration camps, they were not free persons within the provisions of the draft law, and hence were not subject to a draft board order to serve in the armed forces."

Johnny's Express

Mgr. D. H. Shimizu
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Takamoto Works As Disney Cartoonist

Getting a job in Hollywood pictures was no trick for 20-year-old Iwao Takamoto. He left Manzanar, May 11, and by June 4 was on the payroll at Walt Disney's cartoon studio as an apprentice animator.

Lack of experience or special training didn't stop him from applying directo for the job. First he phoned the studio and got an appointment. He had taken incidental free-hand sketching at Thomas Jefferson High School, Los Angeles, where he graduated in 1942 and had talent for pen-and-ink drawing.

Then he went to Burbank for the interview—showed sample of his work—filled out employment forms and went home to await word. A week later he was notified to report to begin work.

"I 'liek it fine," Twao said, "even if the apprenctic pay was only \$27.50 a week to start; there are regular pay raises."

Iwao was born in Los Angeles, but as he is single and alone he finds Evergreen Hostel a convenient place to live while looking for more permanent lodging. He hopes to have his father Chitoshito, mother Akino, brother Nori-ito (10) and sister (16) come from Manzanar before too long.

Disney's had a good number of Japanese-Americans on their payroll before the 1942 exodus from California, but Iwao is the only Nisei on their employee list now. Just what he's doing for Donald Duck and Disney's other technicolor character is another story.

VOTE KUSAYANAGI 'OLD TIMER NO. 1'

When evacuee business men already back in Los Angeles get around to organizing something like a "post evacuation old timers' club," they'll have to consider Takejuro Kusayanagi, former Manzanar resident, as a candidate for the title of "Old Timer No. 1," the Los Angeles WRA office declared.

Although he will not insist on the precise accuracy of the description, he describes himself as "The first to go and the first to come back."

Shortly after the attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, he was started on a journey which took him first to Mintana and then to Manzanar. He was one of those who received a special Army permit to return to the coast, and his arrival in Los Angeles happened to fall on December 17, the day the Army announced the mass exclusion order

would be lifted.

Kusayanagi was operator of the National Trading Co. in Los Angeles, which was located across the street from the city hall, from 1906 to 1941.

He is now retired except for the care of his 14-room home in the West Adams district and his business properties.

At home are Mrs. Matsuo Kusayanagi and a son, George, who is working in the city. An unmarried daughter, Irene, is expected to return soon from Chicago. Their four other daughters, Yaeko Nakamura, Kimiko Hasegawa, Sakae Okabe and Masako Goto are also in Chicago. Both Masako and her husband are doctors of medicine and expect to return to Los Angeles to practice.

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