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Block Consolidation Begins August 15

Ten Blocks Scheduled For Closing By September 12

With center closing less than 120 days away, Project Director Ralph P. Merritt disclosed the schedule of center reorganization and block consolidation in an announcement addressed to the people of Manzanar. Block Managers had met with the Project Director, and learned of the plans of the Administration prior to distribution of the announcement.

"Labor shortage, seriously affecting mess halls and maintenance of services, forces the Administration to require residents of the selected blocks to seek housing elsewhere," stated the Project Director. "This move, long anticipated, has been held up until conditions over which the Administration had no control have reached a point where it is necessary for us to issue the order consolidating the camp."

All blocks are vacated, the buildings and their equipment will be turned over to Property Control, and the Supply Officer will immediately begin the removal of stoves and fixtures, the Project Director stated. Work will begin on the removal of all barracks in at least on block immediately as there is urgent need of the salvaged lumber for crating.

Following is the text of the announcement distributed this morning.

TO THE RESIDENTS OF MANZANAR: Mr. Myer has set the closing date for Manzanar as Dec. 1, 1945. Many families have already left the center and have established themselves on the outside. In the immediate future, many more are expected to go for the opening of schools in early September.

Our Center is facing a serious labor shortage due to relocation, which makes it imperative that the blocks be organized in order to adequately maintain and service the residents remaining in the center. The administration sincerely regrets that such reorganization will cause some hardships and inconvenience to families concerned in this announcement. Your assistance and cooperation is important and necessary to insure an orderly and effective movement of people from one part of the center to another. As project Director, I feel assured that I can depend upon your whole-hearted cooperation in this matter.

Therefore in order to meet this situation the following instructions, plan, and schedule for closing the blocks is herewith announced.

BLOCK CLOSING SCHEDULE

Blocks 35 and 36 will move Aug. 15, 16, 17. Blocks 30 and 25 on Aug. 20, 21, 22. Blocks 31 and 28 on Aug. 27, 28, 29. Blocks 32

and 27 on Sept. 3, 4, 5. Blocks 33 and 28 on Sept. 10, 11, 12.

All residents of blocks listed above will get assignments to new living quarters from Mr. Kobayashi in Housing on the following schedule:

Blocks 35 and 36 on Aug. 8, 9, 10. Blocks 30 and 25 on Aug. 13, 14, 15. Blocks 31 and 28 on Aug. 20, 21, and 22. Blocks 32 and 27 on Aug. 27, 28, 29. Blocks 33 and 28 on Sept. 3, 4, 6.

Residents are requested to get assignments and prepare to move as scheduled. Water, lights, garbage service, and electricity will be cut off in the respective blocks on the night set for closing each block.

Diet kitchen now in Block 28 will be moved to Block 34 after September 12.

Arrangements for all residents who are now using storage space in blocks to be closed may be made with Property Control to store their belongings in WRA warehouses in the center.

You are urged not to request WRA to do any improvements, alterations or maintenance work on new quarters assigned. All such requests must be denied.

Electrical and plumbing fixtures belong to the government must not, under any circumstances, be removed from present living quarters.

WRA will provide trucks and labor to transfer all household goods and equipment of each family from the present location to the new location. Each family has the responsibility of packing and organizing its household goods so that it may be moved quickly and safely.

The schedule above provides the dates on which you are to get your assignments for your new residence location. After that date, each family has several days in which to prepare to move.

Each block manager has the duty and responsibility of carefully interpreting and informing the residents of his block as to the instructions to be carried out in this announcement.

Throughout the remaining blocks of the center, all apartments now being used as clubs, recreation halls, storage, workshops, sewing rooms, and for other purposes must be released in the immediate future in order to provide living quarters for center residents. WRA will provide storage space in warehouses on request of residents.

Ralph P. Merritt,
Project Director.

NEW RULING ASKS TEN DAY'S NOTICE

Since changes in departure plans have caused a great deal of difficulty in both the Relocation Division and the Finance Section, a decision has been made that at least ten days notice will be required in all cases of change in destination or in party composition, according to an announcement from the Relocation office.

"Should this advance notice not be adequate to permit adjustment of grants on transportation and should the number of changes continue to increase, it may be necessary to prohibit all changes after a departure notice has been prepared," the statement said.

The ten day notice regulation will become effective from Aug. 6 and all applicants for resettlement are asked to make up their minds before filing departure notices.

Minidoka Co-op To Dissolve In October

HUNT, Ida.—Minidoka Co-Op will be liquidated by October 31, according to plans announced by the Co-Op board of directors, the Minidoka Irrigator announced.

Liquidation of the Co-op began on Aug. 1 and will continue to October 31.

Also beginning last Wednesday, no further purchase refund stamps are being issued but induced ten per cent in price. This policy was adopted to avoid further which might prolong liquidation procedures.

In a teletype to the center, WRA Director Dillon S. Myer granted free rental use of all space to the coop during the 90 day liquidation period.

Minidoka Irrigator Stops Publication

The Minidoka Irrigator, the official printed newspaper of the Minidoka Relocation center at Hunt, Ida., suspended its publication July 28.

Also suspended its publication on that date was the Heart Mt. Sentinel, the official newspaper of the Heart Mountain, Wyo. Relocation Center.

The first center newspaper to close was the Rohwer Post, newspaper of the Rohwer, Ark., Relocation Center.

Manzanar Free Press is now the only printed newspaper of the WRA relocation centers.

Other papers still in operation but in mimeograph form are the Newell Star of the Tule Lake, Calif., center; the Gila News-Courier of the Gila Rivers Relocation Center in Ariz.; the Poston Chronicle, of the Poston, Ariz., Relocation Center; the Granada Pioneer, of the Granada, Colo., Relocation Center; and the Topaz Times of the Central Utah Project.

Nakaji, Ishikawa Assist In Student Relocation

Two representatives of the National Japanese American Relocation Council, arrived here to aid center students on the Student Volunteer Summer Project program.

Chiz Nakaji and Sam Ishikawa will assist students in finding colleges of their liking, help them

receive financial aid and give other assistance.

They will aid students to attend college, also help them in entering high schools, trade schools and nursing schools.

They will be here until Aug. 20, at 7-1-2. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 12 noon.

The NIASRC is a private and independent agency. It receives no funds from the US government. It was organized under the leadership of the American Friends Service Committee, May 29, 1942 in Chicago. Its members include, G. Sprout, U. of California; L. Wilbur, Stanford; C. A. Dykstra, of UCLA; officers of college associations, representatives of leading Protestant churches, Jews, Catholic, Quakers, and the YMCA and YWCA.

During the past 3 years the NIASRC has aided over 3000 Nisei students to enter more than 550 institutions of higher learning.

Among the 550 institutions who have accepted Nisei during the past 3 years are roughly one quarter of the accredited colleges and universities of the country, 100 schools of nursing, many small colleges and trade schools.

This year a total of \$188,972 in scholarship aid to 750 students have been channeled through the council of which \$140,361 came from 13 national church boards, \$34,971 from the World Student Service Fund and \$13,640 from other sources.

Chiz Nakaji was a former librarian at Manzanar and attended Syracuse University, N. Y. She also worked at the university library.

Sam Ishikawa is a former San Antonio in Anitan who is enrolled in the graduate school in Harvard U. in Mass. He was the former director of the Philadelphia Hostel.

Legal Residents Now Eligible For Entrance In State University

"All evacuees who were legal residents of the State of California before evacuation and who expect to return to the state now that the exclusion order has been rescinded may enter the University of California as residents of the state and will not be required to pay non-residents tuition fees," John W. Lawton, Oakland district relocation officer announced.

He added, however, that any evacuees who has taken steps to establish themselves as residents of a state other than California would be required to pay the non-residents tuition fee.

In the case of minors returning to California to enter the university without their parents, it is necessary that the parents submit to the university authorities an affidavit stating that the parents expect to return to California as soon as housing can be arranged, in order that the student may be admitted as a California resident.

HOLD ALOHA BALL FOR YOUNGER SET

With the appropriate theme, the "Aloha Ball," the Community Activities Section and the Community Activities Cooperative Association (CACA) will jointly sponsor a dance for all the younger set of the center, tonight at 8 p.m., at the Community Auditorium.

Music will be furnished by the Manzanar Swing Band and through records.

There will be no charge for admission and a gala evening is promised for all.

This will probably be the last big dance sponsored by the Community Activities Section.

The affair will be sports so there will be no need to dress up.

"Don't forget, grab a date and rush down to the auditorium tonight for an evening of real dancing."

Reifsnider Counsels

Bishop C. S. Reifsnider, who has recently visited Rohwer, Poston, Rivers, and Topaz Centers, will be available for general counseling this evening, 6 to 8 p.m., at the Manzanar Christian church without appointment.

He will also be available all day Monday by appointment and interested residents are asked to contact him for appointments.

Earlier this year, Bishop Reifsnider toured the Atlantic, Middle-Western, and Pacific Coast states studying conditions and sentiments in various localities.

Attend Conference

Kazuko Kadota and Mabel Ito are now representing Manzanar at the Disciples of Christ Youth Conference at Lake Sequoia, which began July 30 and will continue until tomorrow, August 5, the Manzanar Christian Church, announced.

The representatives have gone on two fully paid scholarships offered by the Department of Religious Education of the Disciples Church through its Executive Secretary George Oliver Taylor.

Members of the Summer Conference Committee, which chose zani, included the Rev. Yuki-chi Naito, Marvis Keyser and Tatsuo Miyake.

Breig Visits Center From Santa Cruz

Frances Breig, physical education instructor in the Santa Cruz High School, has been on the project for the past two weeks assisting the Vacation Church School as a volunteer worker, according to an announcement from the Christian Church.

UNIVERSITY SEEKS JAPANESE TUTORS

The University of Minnesota will be hiring people able to teach Japanese in its language school, and will send a senior instructor to Manzanar to interview potential candidates if there are sufficient people available here.

Interested residents are asked to contact Thelma Kallensvig at the Relocation Office, Building 1-4-2 immediately.

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Community Activities To Cut Down Local Functions

Nearly all of the functions of Community Activities will come to a halt on August 11 according to an announcement from Mr. L. Wentner, assistant project director in charge of Community Management. The announcement, approved by Project Director Ralph P. Merritt will close the following sections and activities.

All shop classes, tailoring classes, commercial classes, all adult English classes, the elementary library, toy loan library, sewing and knitting, the Indian group, music hall, victory gardens, goshigin, sports programs, Japanese entertainment, wood shop, arts and crafts, and boy scouts.

In making the announcement Mr. Wentner pointed out that the policy is adopted in line with center closing on Dec. 1, 1945, or before as announced by Director Dillon Myer.

"Limited personnel and decreased interest due to relocation

has made it advisable for the community management division to bring these activities to a final end on Saturday Aug. 11", stated Mr. Wentner.

The nursery schools will continue to operate until Aug. 30 and much curtailed services will still be maintained at the adult main library, Mr. Wentner announced.

Mr. Wentner pointed out that on Aug. 11 all buildings and the used by the above closing activities will be turned over to Property control for disposition.

PEORIA NISEI GIRL GIVEN PROMOTION AT YWCA OFFICE

PEORIA, Ill.—Employed as a "Y" stenographer for two years, Chiye Horiuchi, former Minidoka resident, has been named assistant business and industrial secretary of the Peoria YWC effective September 1, the Chicago WRA office announced.

Now at the YWCA Training School, Chiye Horiuchi will assume the leadership as program director for a number of youth clubs and will direct other recreational activities under Wilma Stringfellow.

Katsuki Visits Here From Los Angeles

William Manjiro Katsuki, landscape contractor, formerly from Manzanar is visiting the center this week after having relocated to Los Angeles, where he is assisting gardeners to get started again.

Gardeners with or without tools are taken care of by Katsuki who loans his own tools and uses his own car to assist those who do not have equipment of their own. As soon as gardeners are able to obtain their own equipment, Katsuki will then assist them in finding contracts for themselves. He is currently taking care of about 12 men who do not have equipment. Katsuki says that, "men with-

Purely Personal

By Sue Kuntomi

One year of life in Chicago has sped by with the intensity of lightning across the sky. At the advice of my employer, yours truly decided to indulge in the luxury of a weeks vacation. A nephew, almost two years old, a brother about to graduate from Intelligence School at Fort Snelling and my wanderlust took me to Minneapolis.

Scheduled to take the 11 p.m. train, the conductor kindly suggested the 9:45 p.m. coach so "you won't have to stand all night." There were a few empty seats and early dawn found many more vacancies. But the rocking motion resulted in fitful slumber.

My eyes were wide awake when familiar Lake Mendota and Northwestern Station of Madison, Wis., appeared at midnight. The few moments stop almost tempted me to step off. At Hudson, the last stop before crossing the Wisconsin border into Minnesota, a WAVE and I pressed our noses against the windowpane to watch a school of fish jumping in the morning sun; their silver bodies glistened against the blue water.

It was a bright October noon when my heart stopped at the beauty that is Madison. The grandeur of Minneapolis was more heart rending than my first vision of Wisconsin's capital city. Minnehaha Falls located in Minnehaha Park is not as large as the falls in California's national parks. But the scenic beauty made famous by Longfellow's poem "Hiawatha" is a sight that shouldn't be missed. Lake Calhoun and Lake of the Isles are tourists' delights. Of course, there are other eye-catching beauties,—girls of Scandinavian stock whose blonde hair and tall figures are in a class by themselves.

No where else can there be bound so many soldiers of one nationality. The Nisei G. I. lead a lonely life. From many lips I have heard the same words: There is little to occupy what leisure time we have. We miss more than ever. Mr. Earl Finch's plan to start a Nisei USO certainly sounds like it should be followed through. It needs the support of any and all persons who have a loved one in service.

Only too soon, the days ended. Chicago, fascinating and exotic at night, turned drab and noisy the next day. The only resemblance to Minneapolis' greenery is Lincoln Park which sprawls across part to the North Side.

The return trip to Chicago which followed the route of the Mississippi River was breathtakingly beautiful and speedy. The hours passed quickly with soothing music over a loudspeaker and refreshments served by the porter. For anyone intending to travel across the Middle West, I recommend with a Chamber of Commerce punch, this seven to ten hour ride between Chicago and Minneapolis.

out tools average at least \$250 a month and higher when they have their own equipment. He listed possibilities as unlimited.

The former Manzanar resident who now lives at 2327 Pontius Ave., West Los Angeles, says "there has been only one occasion when any of his men were bothered by anyone. This occurred when three non-Japanese gardeners made threats in the presence of two former evacuees. The matter was quickly straightened out when Katsuki established the fact that the Japanese were not cutting wages and were not taking jobs away from others.



FROM MANZANAR TO MISSISSIPPI—Mr. Suenaga formerly of MANZANAR is obviously pleased with his relocation in MISSISSIPPI where he has charge of a greenhouse and a nursery. He lives in a modern furnished home.

Robertson Answers Sheppard's Blast

LOS ANGELES—In reply to San Bernardino county Rep. Harry R. Sheppard's accusation that the WRA is carrying on an "officially sponsored conspiracy which would have the effect of releasing Japanese and Japanese Americans from internment camps to engage in sabotage on the West Coast," Los Angeles Area Supervisor Paul G. Robertson declared this week that "If the WRA were part of an 'official conspiracy to release Japanese Americans from internment camps,' as charged by Rep. Harry R. Sheppard of San Bernardino, the WRA would be proud of its fellow conspirators including the War Department."

Robertson called Sheppard's blast "an unfortunate statement completely out of touch with fact." The WRA area chief said he supposed the fellow conspirators

Sheppard has in mind are the War Department, which has ordered the return of loyal persons of Japanese ancestry for military reasons; the U. S. Supreme Court, which has held it illegal to detain citizens of unchallenged loyalty; the churches of every denomination, and the army of citizens who revere the Constitution and the Bill of Rights."

"Actually," declared Robertson, "the WRA has no authority over which persons of Japanese ancestry return to the Pacific Coast. Only the War Department has that authority. That is common knowledge among newspaper readers throughout the country."

"Moreover, when the Yucaipa congressman links the War Relocation Authority in any way with the operation of internment camps for Japanese, he is slighting the Department of Justice, which has jurisdiction over such camps and their occupants."

IN APPRECIATION—

We wish to thank our friends and neighbors for attending the funeral service of our daughter, Shigeko.

Y. Fukushima
 K. Fukushima
 17-5-5

IN APPRECIATION—

May I take this means to thank my friends and residents of Block 9 for their kindness extended to me as I leave for the army.

Hisao "Shorty" Hashimoto

THANKS FOR EVERYTHING.

GOODBYE NOW.

Lilly Kitahara
 George Kitahara, Jr.
 25-5-2

SO LONG EVERYBODY

Residents of Block 19, hospital staff, evacuee property co-workers, friends and all those who have made my stay in Manzanar a most memorable one—thanks!

Arnold Maeda

IN APPRECIATION—

May we take this means in expressing our thanks to our friends, neighbors and the Beauty Shop girls for the many happy days in Manzanar.

Thank you.

June and Eiko Nagata

**U. S. To Prosecute
Watson Brothers**

WASHINGTON, D. C.—United States Attorney Frank J. Hennessy stated that federal charges will be brought against two civilian brothers, James E. Watson, Auburn Bartender, and his brother, as a result of the dynamite incident on the property of a Japanese American in Placer county, California, the San Francisco Chronicle reports.

Hennessy declared, "I have instructed the United States attorney in Sacramento to ask the federal grand jury there for indictments against the two civilian brothers on two counts."

Charges will be conspiracy to possess dynamite and illegal possession of dynamite.

**Former Manzanar
Girls Go To Omaha**

OMAHA, Neb. — Two girls, Rosemary and Shirley Ann Kawata, who had been living in the Children's Village at Manzanar, are glad to be with their father, Harry Kawata, again in Cozard. Harry Kawata was formerly from San Jose. He was able to find a roomy house for his wife, new baby, and Rosemary and Shirley Ann.

The two girls were driven to their father's new home by a former school teacher at Manzanar returning to her home near Cozard.

Mrs. Kawata's sister, Ruth Toyama, a student at the Teachers College in Kearney, Neb., is spending her summer vacation with the Kawata family helping care for the three children.

LEADS WORSHIP

Tomorrow's Young People's morning worship service will be led by Bishop C. S. Reifsnider, the Manzanar Christian Church stated.

The services will begin at 10 a.m. and will be held at 23-15.

The bishop will address the adults in the evening service at 15-15. This service will begin at 8 p.m.

Chizuru Nakaji and Sam Ishikawa, who are here to aid in the student relocation program, will be in charge of the Youth fellowship vesper, tomorrow evening at 7 p.m., at 32-15. Everyone is cordially invited to attend any of these services.

**EDWARD BERMAN
SEEKS 120 NISEI**

NEWARK, N. J.—At least 120 more Japanese Americans are being sought to fill jobs on farms and estates that are listed at WRA's Newark Office, and Edward V. Berman, relocation officer, is looking for them at Poston, Gila and Manzanar, the New York Herald Tribune declared.

It stated that about 1500 have already begun work in New Jersey, including 50 who took jobs last month. Mr. Berman has been at Manzanar for the last two weeks.

**USO Headquarters
Has New Location**

Manzanar's United Servicemen's Organization Headquarters has moved into its new location at 7-16 and the South side of the building is now fully equipped with three electric ranges and a reading room, Executive Secretary Ruth Holley announced.

Adjoining the reading room are colorfully decorated pictures framed with red and green construction paper.

Recently, the USO sponsored a Sukiyaki dinner for the soldiers who were visiting the center and for those in the Enlisted Reserve Corps.

Other activities prominent this summer are rallies for girls in the YWCA clubs and two overnight hikes. A recent hike was staged to the foothills of the mountain. It is hoped that such hikes may continue in the month of August.

All soldiers as well as their friends are invited to visit the USO and all wives of servicemen are especially urged to attend the wives of servicemen cooking class held on Thursday evenings, 7 p. m., at the USO building.

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PRIVATE O'NEIL WRITES ON EVACUEES IN "YANK" PAPER

"Yank", the official army newspaper, carries an article by Pvt. James P. O'Neill in which the writer gives brief mention of the Manzanar Relocation Center.

The article declares in part:

"Out in California's bronze sage-covered Owens Valley, a couple of hundred miles northeast of Los Angeles, lies a cluster of tar-papered barracks so much resembling an army base from a distance that the approaching visitor half expects to see a batch of dust-caked rookies shuffling around in a vague approximation of close-order drill."

"This is no military base; it is the Manzanar War Relocation Center, one of ten such installations set up in 1942 following an emergency order issued by the army, compelling all persons of Japanese ancestry living within 200 miles of the Pacific Coast to move out of the area and, by later presidential ruling into segregation centers."

Disclosing that only 57,000 out of the 112,000 interned have left the relocation centers, Pvt. James O'Neill adds, "This seemingly peculiar attitude doesn't mean that the average Japanese American is any happier than the next man about living in barracks. What it does mean is that many of the 55,000 Japanese Americans who have stayed on in the relocation centers in preference to regaining their liberty are afraid of the treatment they'll get at the hands of their former neighbors if they

have the protection of their camps.

"Takeyoshi Arikawa, a former produce dealer of Los Angeles, is one of the Japanese Americans at Manzanar who felt it best to stay put. Recently, seated with some members of his family in one of the bare little apartments into which the Manzanar barracks have been partitioned, he explained his point of view. 'I would like to take my people back home,' he said, 'but there are too many people in Los Angeles who would resent our return. These are troubled times for America. Why should I escape this country any more trouble?'"

"Arikawa's dilemma would seem awkward enough if he spoke only as a Japanese-born American, loyal to the country of his adoption but inevitably suspected until proved innocent, because we are now at war with his native land. However, what complicates a rational approach to Arikawa's case, which is similar to hundreds of other cases, is the fact that he has three sons in the army, all volunteers. Rather, it should be said he had three sons in the army; one, Frank Arikawa, was killed in action in

Italy on July 6, 1944. The other two were fighting right up to VE-Day with the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, an outfit that made a distinguished name for itself in Italy, France and Germany and was rewarded by a Presidential citation.

"Old Takeyoshi Arikawa is an Issei... and as such, can never under our present laws become an American citizen. His sons, having been born in the states of Japanese parents, are called Nisei. Like the Arikawa boys, many other Nisei GIs have turned in outstanding performances in this war. The 442nd, for instance, is composed entirely of Nisei, and so is the 100th Infantry Battalion, which also fought in Italy, France and Germany and won a Presidential citation."

Pvt. James O'Neill notes the intimidations on the West Coast against persons of Japanese ancestry and quotes Secretary of the Interior Harold Ickes' blast against these "hoodlums".

"The writer states that all evacuees released from relocation centers are checked for their loyalty first and he hits the popular notion that Japanese "breed like rabbits".

"On the contrary, from 1930 to 1940, the number of persons of Japanese in the U. S. slumped nearly nine percent," he said.

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GARDENA, Calif.— Someone struck matches to the cheese-cloth covering the chrysantheums of Joe Kobata, causing a four hundred dollar damage to the plants and cloth, the Los Angeles News announced. Sheriff's office is investigating the incident.

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SPORTSNALITY....
It seems to me that we will never know the inside of things if we never try, so I would advise that we try a little harder and get acquainted with our fellow boys and girls (especially girls).

I know a lot of you boys would like to know just what kind of characters we have in this feminine world. So let's get in the inside of things and analyze some of this censored information about these girl athletes.

PRESENTING....

The one and only, the unmistakable, "B-B Eyes" Shigemori, an enthusiastic athlete who has everything a girl athlete can ask for, but in a sense, I think she is overloaded. She has shown in the past and at the present time, remarkable, incredible, miraculous, and stupendous improvements which made her an outstanding person. In some of the recent games, she has displayed plenty of hidden talent. A great improvement from last year. I still think she's overloaded. (Please do not take this seriously, Miss Shigemori.)

As our next prospect, Miss Grace Araiishi, a "whale" of a ballplayer. I wish I could tell you more about this little dynamite, but I just can't seem to get the right words to fit her description. Now maybe if somebody else was here to help me out.... then maybe that person can tell me more in a much better way. But this person isn't here at the present time, so I guess I'll have to wait until... comes back.

Ah yes! Our next specimen is none other than the small and dynamic, "P-nut" Maeda. Small as she is, I wouldn't underestimate her ability. As you know, "P-nuts" has shown a lot of softball fans that she really has what it takes! Truly a great athlete. Now, here's where I make a liar out of myself. But don't let it be said that I didn't warn you. Maybe some of you will be nice enough to believe me when I say

Softball fans were surprised to see the old-men softball team engage in a game with some of the top-notch girl athletes. And to the amazement of the fans they came through victorious!

The old timers showed their female opponents that they ain't never too old to get beaten by a bunch of women.

The gray-haired ones started off kind of wobble, but got the hang of things as the game progressed. The game looked like it was a cinch for the weaker sex for they started off with a bang, but fizzled out toward the end. The "pappas" came back to score just as much and more just to convince the gals that everything that goes up must come down.... and that is the score.

For old-men, they showed plenty of pep, their hitting and fielding proved that.

It would be very encouraging to see more of these games. If the girls are willing to compete in more of these games, I will take back everything that I said about them. I'm sure the men are willing to participate.

Why not have the old-men in the girls league? They show plenty of stuff and besides they can give anybody competition, according to my point of view.

(them) Cherry "errorless" Yamada is the most screwiest, unpredictable, misquoted and make you want a laughable lady that ever set foot on a softball diamond. I wonder if anybody has ever seen her really get mad?

I bet a lot of the girls would like to know about the boys side, and what guys are the most wise and what guys are the most unwise? Well just you wait until next week when yours truly will expose some of these hidden characters.

Twix's Win Opener

Maps Crumble In 4th To Lose Opener

Exploding in the fourth inning, the Twixteens came through with seven runs to eke out a close 9-7 victory over the Maps for their first league win in the newly organized "A" league.

It seems that the Maps lose heartbreakers to their opponents every time, as they are always on the top side until the last innings. The same is true in the case. Leading all the way and looking like certain victory, the Maps finally fell apart in the fourth to lose the ballgame.

Boerrick was blasted off the mound in the fourth as the Twixteens went to work on her offerings. She was relieved in the fifth by Hale who stopped them without a score.

Mas Yano started off for the Twix's but we replaced in the sixth by Taddy Nakashima.

Yasie Kitagawa and Taddy Nakashima took slugging honors for the winners with a 2-4 for both. One of Nakashima's hits included a homer over the left fielder's head.

Morgan of the Maps took batting glories with a neat 2-3. Alan Campbell and Sampson followed up with a 2-4.

Twixteens				
Name	AB	R	H	E
Y. Kitagawa, 1b....	4	1	2	0
T. Shlmizu, 3b....	2	2	0	0
T. Yoshimura, ss....	3	1	0	1
M. Yano, p. ss....	4	1	0	0
M. Yoshimura, c....	3	1	0	0
S. Azeka, rf....	2	1	0	1
K. Wakita, 2b....	4	1	0	1
T. Nakashima, lf....	4	1	2	0
S. Kuwahara, cf....	2	0	0	0

Maps				
Name	AB	R	H	E
A. Campbell, c....	4	1	2	0
Boerrick, p. rf....	4	0	0	0
Innman, lb....	4	1	0	1
Pretchett, 2b....	4	1	0	0
Wentner, ss....	4	1	0	0
Sampson, 3b....	4	1	2	0
Hale, rf, p....	4	1	1	0
Ballegar, lf....	3	0	1	0
Morgan, cf....	3	1	2	1

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Score by Innings

Twixteens	Maps
Runs 001 170 0-9	Runs 001 170 0-9
Hits 000 210 1-4	Hits 000 210 1-4
Maps	Twixteens
Runs 501 100 0-7	Runs 501 100 0-7
Hits 401 210 0-8	Hits 401 210 0-8

BASEBALL FACTS

Baseball's leading sluggers are divided into two groups, pull hitters and straightaway hitters, and between these two types the pull hitter predominates.

A pull hitter is a player who pulls the ball to his "natural" field and the straightaway hitter is one who hits the ball where it is pitched. The left-handed pull hitter hits to right field, the right-handed bater hits to left-field, and the free or straightaway hitter, drives it to all fields.

Certain parks are fashioned for pull hitters. The Yankee Stadium in New York, for instance is a paradise for left-handed hitters, with its short right field, and the Polo Grounds, in the same city, is much appreciated by both right and left-handed pull hitters.

since it is very short in both right and left fields along the foul lines.

The pull hitters have an advantage over the straightaway hitters since most of them play in parks that are especially suited to their talents and since they play one-half of their games at home each season, the advantage is apparent.

An exception was Ted Williams, of the Boston Red Sox. Fenway Park, the home playing field of the Red Sox, is fine for right-handed pull hitters but not so good for the left-handers because it has an unusually deep right field. The left field is short but that did not help Williams, a left-handed pull hitter.

The Polo Grounds have been extremely kind to Mel Ott, who has played one-half his game there for the last 19 years. Ott holds the all-time National League record for home runs, with a total of 489, but few of his four base hits were made outside his home park.

The greatest of all the slugger who were indexed as pull hitters was Babe Ruth, but he hit the ball so far that he had no trouble clearing the fences in any park, no matter how deep right field happened to be. Lou Gehrig and Hank Greenberg, like Ruth, did not need short fields to hit for the distance.

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