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MANZANAR HOLDS FIRST ELECTION

FIRST WEDDING BELLS RING OUT IN THIS NEW TOWN FOR SUNDAY RITES

Wedding bells, the very first in Manzanar, will ring out Sunday for Miss Kiniko Wakamura and Howard Kumagai of Los Angeles, as Manzanar residents and the nation alike awaited with interest this epochal marriage coronation.

Escorted by J. L. Kidwell, the young couple traveled to Independence last Monday afternoon to file intentions to wed. News-hawks and photographers scouting front page news were on hand.



Orange blossoms and misty veil may be missing from the first coronation here, but Brenda Frazier herself could not command more public interest than this modest young couple, thrust inadvertently into the limelight. The entire camp is expected to witness the occasion.

Plans for the wedding are still tentative, but arrangements are being made by Mr. Kidwell of the Administration.

Miss Wakamura, former beauty operator with Angel Beauty Salon of Los Angeles, is from Hawaii. Her fiance is a mechanical engineer, recently employed by the San Diego Produce. He is the son of Kichisaburo Kumagai, also in Manzanar.

ONLY BUSINESS VISITORS NOW BEING ADMITTED

Caucasian visitors with legitimate business will be admitted to Owens-Valley Reception Center, according to the latest word from the Administration office. Social workers, ministers, as well as attorneys and business representatives must first report to the Main Office for clearance.

As yet, no social visitors and no Japanese visitors will be allowed as the tremendous influx will upset camp conditions. "We have been averaging 30 visitors a day," reports H. L. Black, assistant camp manager. "Most of them belong to the clergy, although many attorneys have come in to conduct business with their clients."

MANY ISSEI HAVE INITIAL EXPERIENCE WITH BALLOTS

Manzanar history was made last Monday. In each block, the neighborhood residents assembled in their recreation hall for their first democratic election to select three potential block leaders.

Vigorous interest was evidenced by both nisei and issei alike, marked by heated controversy in some instances. Voting was heavy as citizens deliberated carefully.

From those three, the Camp Manager will choose a block leader and his assistant, on the basis of ability and qualifications. Issei were impressed by the dramatic contrast to the treatment that enemy aliens were receiving in other countries.

In some cases an issei, nisei and kibeji were elected to give Camp Manager Triggs ample choice. Final selections will be announced later this week.

VOCATIONAL CLASSIFICATION REVEALS INTERESTING PASTS

Classification of the resident population according to primary and secondary vocations is still being conducted at Blk. 3, Bldg. 15.

Purpose is to place them on jobs similar to their previous ones or to those for which they have been specifically trained.

Farmers and clerks head the list with a sprinkling of professionals. Other primary vocations include: fishermen, cannery workers, housewives, midwives, waiters, cabinet makers, cook's help, salesmen, carpenters, school girls, dressmakers, mechanics, truck drivers, tractor operators, draftsmen, nurses, masseurs, bar-tenders and knitters.

A farmer on Blk. 5 said, "I wish the office would let me have a plot to do some work. I want to find out what the soil of this valley is suited for. I have a list of 12 vegetables to begin my experiment."

"Feel like a fish out of water," remarked an ex-bartender. "No shining bars to tend --- no cocktails, no highballs; well, I'm willing to do anything."

RICE AND VEGETABLES COMING

With the arrival of a new commissary staff comes welcome promise of plenty of rice and green vegetables soon. Added to the handicaps of incomplete facilities, food now comes from army headquarters near L.A.

Health

Recreation

VACCINATION HANGOVER SYMPTOMS DEFINED

Although a wide diversity of after-effects have been laid to the little arm punctures and injections given for typhoid inoculation, the usual immediate reaction is temporary fever, according to Dr. Yoshiyo Toga-saki, public health administrator, who has been in charge of this project.

The best course for the patient to follow is to rest and stay in bed for the duration of the fever and to drink lots of fluids.

After the second inoculation, the fever may become severe but, oh blessed joy, after the third and final jab from the needle, the reaction should be negligible.

If the hang-over from the inoculations go wild of these symptoms and the patient suffers excessive pain, he should report to the new hospital and clinic at its new location in B 7, Bldgs 8, 9, 10.

The itchininess of the arm is the result of the smallpox vaccination and should be borne with patience until it has run its course.

CHEERFUL CHILDREN CHEWERS

Under the supervision of Dr. Yoshiyo Toga-saki, a new system for the care & health of children has been instituted.

Special sections will be reserved for the mothers and children in mess halls 2 & 3; and waitresses will serve the kiddies according to their appetites.

"There'll be less waste and more happy faces," said Mrs. Marian Kumagai, formerly of Maryknoll children's department.

With the arrival of heaters and hot water bottles, special diets will be prepared, according to formula, it was further said.

MEASLES MASTERED SAY MEDICOS

Sixteen cases of measles now isolated in Block 5 are traceable to the current epidemic prevalent in Los Angeles, reported the medical department.

Residents are assured that the local outbreaks are under full control and that no alarm need be felt on this score.

INVITATION TO AN INOCULATION

All persons who have received their first typhoid inoculation must return for their second and third injections, the medical staff announced today.

While many persons are already returning for the necessary check-ups, many others are neglecting this important army medical order.

STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE MAY GRACE MANZANAR TABLES

Strawberry shortcake from Manzanar grown strawberries may yet appear on local menu if the plants being cultivated by Tsukasa Sakuma of Winslow fulfill his hopes.

Now experimentally planted in block 3-2-1, these are declared to be the best certified Chesapeake and Red Cap variety. They were imported from Maryland and brought from his Northwest home in airtight con-

PLANNED PLAY PARLORS PROJECT PLANNED

Assignment of the various block recreation halls for graded and specialized activities was announced yesterday by Recreation Supervisor, A.C. Nielsen.

Children will be led in supervised play in those halls (Bldg. 15) in blocks 3 and 5. Mothers should register their pre-school children with the directors.

Recreation buildings in the 12 blocks at present available have been given those assigned activities as follows:

- Blk. 1 Women and girls center
- 2 Men and boys center
- 3 Children's center (ages 3 and up)
- 4 Social and active game room
- 5 Children's center
- 6 Active indoor games (Ping-pong, shuffleboard, etc.)
- 7 Library
- 8 Music hall
- 9 Quiet game room (reading, study, chess, go, etc.)
- 10 Art, handicraft, and hobbies
- 11 Quiet game room
- 12 Arts, handicraft

Boys organizing baseball teams for the league, which opens in two weeks, must sign up with Paul Uyehura, Boys' Athletic Director, at block 2-15.

Girls are also being encouraged to take active part in sports. See Girls' Athletic Director, Esther Naito, at Block 1-15.

BERLIN TO BRUHMS TO BLARE FROM VERSATILE BANDS

Come out all you music lovers! Lend an ear! A music institute is soon to be opened in the very near future, with Dr. Shunzo Mitani, music graduate of Cincinnati University, as maestro.

Regarding entry, the maestro states, "All who are interested regardless of vocal or instrumental ability, see me at 2-9-4, or my associate, Henry Mittwor, at 2-11-1.

"My object is to create a concert orchestra, public dance orchestra and brass band."

An instrument requisition, listing trumpets, drums, double bass, trombones, violins, flutes, piano, saxophones, clarinets, oboe, fagots, french horn, tuba, tympani, has been presented to Head Recreation Supervisor, A. C. Nielsen.

Already names of 12 musicians highlight the beginning of Manzanar's jitterbugging syncopators; Mittwor, clarinet; Kadono, sax and clarinet; Miss Komatsu, pianist; Sakai, violinist; Murakami, sax; Yamashita, drums; Miss Nagatani, trumpet; Saito, tuba; Tanishita, trumpet; Betty Hashimoto, vocalist; Hiraga, traps and drums; Kanizono, violin.

tainers. Experts say that the plants under proper irrigation and growing conditions should develop fruit this summer.



The traditional Japanese zeal for cleanliness is reaching a feverish pitch as many isseis, unaccustomed to the spraying showers, are reportedly using the laundry tubs for bathing purposes. This works an unaccustomed hardship on the tubs and should be stopped immediately, as damage to the tubs may possibly ensue.

REGISTER VOCATIONS

All residents of Manzanar, without exception, are asked to register at B3-15 for occupational registration.

Those who fail to do so may miss an opportunity for suitable employment.

Deadline is: Thursday, 5 p.m.

Please pass this information on to those who have failed to register.

BAN ON PRIVATE ENTERPRISE

"There will be no private enterprise at the Owens Valley Reception Center -- and there is no exception to this rule," C. E. Triggs, camp manager, announced today in response to many queries about solicitors selling merchandise, and services for pay.

Following a very definite camp policy, all businesses in the camp will be transacted through the canteen. Any person found soliciting business will be stopped.

WORLD HEARS OF FREE PRESS

Public interest flared high as first issues of the Manzanar Free Press reached the outside world. Typical of the favorable comments received by Bob Brown, of the Public Relations Division is this one from the Los Angeles Daily News:

"In spite of its modest size and humble beginning it should turn out to be one of the most important publications in the nation -- if not in point of size at least in point of influence for democracy and Americanism among a group of people to whom the two words should by now be synonymous."

GIRLS.....ATTENTION!

There will be a meeting held Friday evening, 7:30, Blk. 1-15, for all girls interested in participating in recreational activities and team sports.

- WANT AD -

S.O.S. A typewriter with elite (small) type is needed by the Manzanar Free Press. Will make temporary exchange for typewriter with pica (large) type. Any one interested in lending his typewriter to a worthy cause, contact Manzanar Free Press, Blk 1-2-3.

CHRISTIAN SCIENTISTS HERE?

Are there Japanese Christian Scientists in Manzanar? The Owens Valley Christian Scientist Society would like to contact them. Please report at the Info Center.



Beauty and the Beast

Crawling over so quietly through one of the knotholes in the floor, a member of the lizard family decided to take a walk into one of the Bainbridge Islanders' home the other morning, causing quite a scare to the fairer members of the family.

Upon spying the unwelcome creature, one of the girls immediately grabbed the nearest thing available, that being a broom. Pummeling excitedly with vicious strokes she continued to strike the reptile, finally subduing the scaly creature. Many girls are now preparing themselves against such an invasion.

LARGER MORE COMPLETE SUPPLY CENTER TO RISE HERE SOON

Plans for a new commissary building, to house a soda fountain and clothing department, have been drawn up and will be under construction this week. It will be located in the center of the camp.

Among the listed merchandise will be basins, tubs, seasonal sport clothes, stationery, toilet supplies, hardware, goggles, washboards, hats, and small household items.

"The plans are ready and everything is set to go. The shortage problem we are facing at present will be relieved soon. Also, the clerks will be all Japanese," states "Red" Mahon, canteen manager.

Small soft drink counters will later be found throughout the village.

Due to shortage caused by the supplying towns of Lone Pine, Los Angeles, and Ft. Ord, articles such as washboards, tubs, pans, and buckets are not available. Now in order are hats and goggles.

NOTICE TO MOTHERS

Plans for Pre-school play for children between the ages of three and six are well under way. Mothers are reminded that registration is still open at Blk. 3-15.

"LET US CONTINUE OUR PATRIOTIC WORK IN CAMP"

1. Buy Defense Bonds and stamps.
2. Save tin cans, toothpaste and shaving cream tubes, razor blades, etc.
"It's a sin to waste tin."
3. Save newspapers, wrapping paper, rags, etc.

OFFICE WILL ANNOUNCE PLACE TO BRING ALL SALVAGE

NO MONOPOLIZING PING PONG

This community is an experiment in cooperative living among other things. An important realization that limited facilities, play equipment, need sharing.

THE FIRST STEP

Confidence in the ability of the Japanese to establish a wholesome community in Owens Valley was pointedly indicated by the local administration in its approval of the block leaders election held in the neighborhood blocks last Monday. Then again, the confidence of the residents in the administration has been strengthened with the fulfillment of the promise given them when they left the homes on the coast. The mutual goodwill has received a boost and augurs well for the future.

The institution of democratic popular elections, while being an accepted part of issei life, is a novel thing in the experience of many many issei. They have taken their first step in a democratic way of life and will undoubtedly take many more. Did they enjoy it? Yes, indeed. If eagerness and enthusiasm are indications of approval, the whole Japanese community put a big "OK" stamp on the elections which took place in building 15 of each block. Yes, we liked it.

APPLE BLOSSOMS HERALD SPRING AND RECALL ORIGIN OF MANZANAR'S NAME

True to its name of Manzanar, taken from the Spanish word "manzanas" meaning apples, Owens Valley Reception Center once again flourishes with the beautiful apple blossoms which have awakened into full splendor with the arrival of Spring. The trees, once planted by the early settlers, are now adorned with lively green leaves and pink flowers, which fill the air with the iridescent of rich perfume. Although the trees are located mostly in the heart of Manzanar Reception Center, still others are scattered near the various homes of the community to the delight of all.

As was well-known in the past, Manzanar Reception Center may yet be famous, with the cooperation of everyone in this community, as a scenic apple blossom community of California.

ARTIST PAINTS SETTING IN OIL ON CANVAS

Proving that a true artist can find beauty anywhere, Tamokichi Hibino, noted landscape painter, has put on canvas the first evocative painting of Manzanar. While his fellow "interns" have been denouncing the dust, the lack of conveniences and the beans on the daily diet, Mr. Hibino, taking advantage of his first day off, has braved the smothering dust and given us his impression of "Manzanar in the Spring."

Done in beautiful oil colors, Mr. Hibino's painting features the snowy crest of Mt. Whitney, with flowering apple trees and desert foliage completing the landscape. It is this view which meets his artistic eye as he gazes out of the window in Mess Hall No. 12, where he holds the position of head waiter.

The talented artist ambitiously plans to paint about twenty or thirty scenes of Manzanar, after which he hopes he may be allowed to exhibit his work here.

WELFARE COUNCIL FORMED

Organization of a Family Relations Council led by Mrs. Miya Kikuohi, was announced by the information office.

Initial plans introduced by a group of issei were given immediate approval by the administration. Planned to cover all welfare work, any friction among or within families should be reported to

MANZANAR WILL CONTRIBUTE TO RUBBER PRODUCTION AS GUAYULE CUTTINGS ARRIVE

Guayulo--that magic name of national defense came to Owens Valley as a permanent resident as 100,000 seedlings & cuttings arrived here last Monday morning to be tested for its propagation here, according to John R. Harrison, production manager of the reception center.

The Cinderella plant which may eventually solve the serious rubber shortage in this country will be raised in flats under the supervision of Walter Watanabe, veteran issei nurseryman. Plans for construction of a lathhouse to protect them from the wind and sand are being rushed and will be completed within two weeks.

Arrangements for guayulo experiments at Manzanar were made with the Army through Dr. Robert Emerson, and although rooting of this intriguing plant is still in the more experimental stage with 10% success reported at Cal-Tech in Pasadena, Watanabe is confident that Japanese skill in horticulture will show good results.

Greatest difficulty seems to be that only a handful of persons in this country is acquainted with this overlooked and now suddenly in the limelight plant.

If the experiment at Manzanar proves successful, it would mean that the Japanese will have contributed a substantial share toward national defense and the Japanese residents are happy to receive this opportunity to give further proof of their loyalty.

MOVIES SHOWN HERE TWICE

"Something to Sing About," a full-length film featuring James Cagney was brought as a special treat to Manzanar residents by Father Clements of Maryknoll. This movie, as well as a biography of the Maryknoll Mission and cartoons were shown in Mess Hall 3 & Lot 2 over the weekend.

These films were shown to get the reaction of the public towards future attractions. Whether they would be continued depends largely on the cooperation of the people.

The dates and subjects of future attractions were not known.

This council. More complete plans of its activities will be revealed later.

New Opportunities For All Seen in Model Community Birth

Dr. Yoriyuki Kikuchi, L.A. dentist from 1914 to 1942, answers our reporter:

Q. Doctor, what are your reactions to Manzanar?

A. Well, if I say that everything's fine, you'll accuse me of being a hypocrite.

Q. What do you mean?

A. You see, during those last 28 years I've always wanted a real vacation. Of course, I've taken a few days or a week away from my professional duties but that involved continuous driving from L.A. to San Francisco or Seattle. No, I've never found complete physical and mental relaxation. For the first time I'm enjoying a complete rest and I like it.

It's just like starting a new life. My wife is happy too, and I hope my son and daughter feel the same way.

Q. Don't you miss your professional work?

A. Not at all. Before I came here I'd always wanted to specialize in extraction; by serving in the clinic from 2-4 pm, I'm still continuing my work.

Q. You mentioned starting a new life?

A. Yes. I do not think myself a doctor at all. I'm just one of many in Manzanar. I'm making new friends and gaining a more intimate knowledge of people.

Here we have a chance to start a model community if we all have the idea and ideal to work and serve. It isn't the kind of work we do; it's humility and love that counts; the words and teachings of Christ. We've a democracy in miniature here and I wish everyone will realize that soon.

That's what I mean by a new life: all equal, sharing alike and serving willingly.



First the Blade Fresh Vegetables Sprout

First to start a garden with seedlings and plants he brought with him when he evacuated March 23, Shigoharu Yamada, former gardener for Hollywood stars, expects his prize white chrysanthemums to bloom ahead of the regular season.

His low-fenced enclosure already green with spreading oval leaves an inch above ground has a modest "temporary" sign, but when the rain will have washed the word away, his double and yellow poinsettia and his giant white chrysanthemums will be blooming.

For his table he will have the rare mizuna, mitsuba, and nappa as well as ordinary green onions & dailon.

This soft spoken man in his mid-40s is convinced that all kinds of mushrooms will thrive the year around and large scale production of them should be encouraged.

A Prayer of ST. FRANCIS

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace:
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, the spirit of forgiveness;
Where there is death, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
Where there is sadness, joy.
O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
To be consoled as to console;
To be understood as to understand;
To be loved as to love--

For it is in giving that we receive,
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
It is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

Lumber and Later Strawberries.

BAINBRIDGE ISLAND FOLKS' SAGA TOLD

Paradoxical Bainbridge Island, where the first evacuation order of the Northwest came into effect, received its name from a pioneer, Captain Bainbridge, hero of the War of 1812.

Early in the 20th century, the logging and lumbering industries on the island ranked among the nation's greatest.

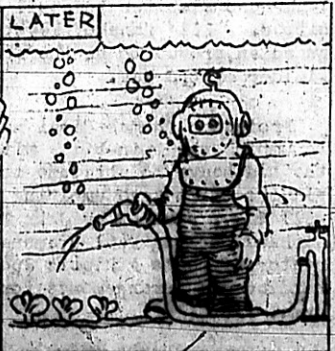
Today huge old growths of Douglas fir stumps among rapidly growing second and later growth trees are reminders that those 200 to 250 years old giants of the forest once stood.

Many of the Issei now living in Manzanar started to earn their livelihood in Port Blakely Lumber Mill.

After the mill had closed, because the trees had been exhausted, the Issei filtered into Seattle, but some remained on the island to try their hand at farming.

In the past 30 years, the Japanese have blasted and burned approximately seven-tenths of the island's ground to prepare the soil for the growth of strawberries, their principal crop.

Future of strawberries on the island now lies in the hands of the Filipino managers to whom the lands were turned over.



MANZANAR SPORTS

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GIANTS, PEDRO GOPHERS TRIUMPH

Mr. Triggs, Camp Manager, "Bowls"
First Ball of Season.

Facing slugger Nielsen and with killer Kidwell at the backstop, Mr. Triggs threw a bouncing submarine drop to open the first exhibition contest held on the newly dedicated Manzanar diamond.

The first sports to go down in the history of this camp, baseball celebrated its opening by offering a wide and interesting field for speculation. The appeal was common to spectators as they drew up the side lines to see the national sport of America and to root for their respective teams.

The opening fracas found chucker Taketomo of the Giants and Takeshi Shindo of Bainbridge taking the mound that turned out to be the afternoon's best pitching duel. With the lead changing three times, the Manzanar Giants finally raked the Bainbridge pitcher for three runs in the last of the sixth to chalk up the ball game, the score ending 5-4. Powerhouse Oyama, holding down second base, banged out two hits to take the batting honor for the opener.

In the nightcap Hiro Kayasuga, teamed with Go. Yamasaki, pitched a masterful game to hold the strong "rootin'" kibe nine to one bingle. Though held to one measly hit, the kibeis cashed in on two runs before the game ended while the San Pedro Gophers tallied across five runs. Takouchi and Okamoto were the big guns for the winners, with the latter belting out the first homer of the season. Otsuji, shortstop, was the only player to hit off the Sand Pedro slabster to spoil a no-hitter. Lil' Kanoko, keystone guardian, proved to be the flashy fielder of the day.

Professor Thomas Hirai managed to umpire the twin-bill without the old heave-he attitude to the players while base umpiring was well taken care of by John Tamaki. Hard working Paul Ujemura, Director of Men's Athletic Sports, handled all arrangements for the game.



BOW SCORE

Manzanar Giants		Bainbridge	
	AB R H		AB R H
Toraji, cf	2 0 0	Koba, c	4 0 0
Uyomura, lb	2 1 1	Oyama, 3b	4 1 2
Taketomo, p	3 0 0	G. Okazaki, ss	1 0 0
Kaneda, 3b	2 1 1	I. Nagata ni, lb	4 0 1
Ya mane, ss	3 1 0	T. Shindo, p	3 1 1
Kadowaki, 2b	3 1 1	H. Terayama, lf	4 1 1
Tamaki, lf	1 0 1	K. Nagatani, cf	3 0 1
Kunitani, cf	3 1 0	K. Okazaki, 2b	4 0 1
Uyomura, rf	1 0 0	K. Terayama, rf	2 1 1
Akahoshi, 2b	1 1 1	B. Okazaki, cf	1 0 0
Otsuji, rf	1 0 0		
Totals 22 6 5		Totals 30 4 8	

SCORE BY INNINGS

Bainbridge.....	2 0 0 0 0 2 0--4
Manzanar Giants.....	0 0 0 1 1 3 x--5

Second Game

San Pedro Gophers		Kibe	
	AB R H		AB R H
Tatsumi, 3b	3 0 0	Otsubo, c	2 1 0
Takata, 2b	2 1 0	Nakamura, 3b	1 1 0
Kayasuga, p	3 1 1	Otsuji, ss	3 0 1
Shimizu, lf	2 1 1	Endo, lb	4 0 0
Takahashi, cf	2 1 0	Shirohara, cf	3 0 0
Tanibata, rf	2 0 0	Kotani, lf	3 0 0
R. Goto, c	3 0 0	Kanoko, 2b	2 0 0
Uragami, lb	2 0 0	Ando, rf	2 0 0
Takouchi, ss	3 0 2	Fukushima, p	3 0 0
G. Hayashi, 3b	1 0 0	T. Fukushima	2 0 0
T. Shimizu, 2b	1 0 0		
Kuramoto, lb	1 0 0		
T. Goto, lf-p	1 0 0		
T. Hayashi, cf	1 0 0		
Y. Goto, rf	1 0 1		
G. Yamasaki, p	1 0 0		
Okamoto, c	1 1 1		
S. Hash moto, ss	1 0 0		
Totals 31 5 7		Totals 23 2 1	

SCORE BY INNINGS

San Pedro Gophers.....	1 0 3 0 0 0 1--5
Kibe.....	0 0 2 0 0 0 0--2

Calling For Girls

Sign up for Volleyball and Softball. Please register at block 1-15 or 3-15 during the day, and evenings at block 1-3-1. Miss Esther Naito is the head of the Girls Athletic Sports. Deadline is Friday noon, so hurry girls. First game is to be played Sunday, April 19.



TEAMS WANTED
All teams as well as individuals who want to play softball are requested to register at Recreation Hall 1-15 or to see Paul Ujemura at 2-15, Thursday from 9 to 11:00 a.m. "A" league will be formed as soon as possible.