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GEN. DEWITT VISITS CAMP

Most distinguished camp visitor this week was Lt. Gen. John L. DeWitt, Chief of the Western Defense Command, and Milton Eisenhower, director of WRA from Washington, D.C., who arrived by special army transport early Saturday morning on a flying inspection tour of Manzanar.

The entourage included Col. Karl R. Bendetsen, Col. Frank Whittaker, Col. Fulton McGill, provost marshal; Col. J. P. Watson, judge advocate; Maj. T. M. McGrail, aide de camp. Piloting the general's special plane were Maj. Paige, chief pilot; and Capt. Benedict, co-pilot.

A complete tour of the camp, covering a typical apartment, mess hall, lavatory, hospital, guano farm, and army barracks was conducted by Asst. Manager Harry L. Black and Public Relations Director Robert Brown. Following a quick conference with camp officials, the visitors were driven to the landing field where they took off at 10:30 on the next leg of a series of visits to various reception centers.

MAIL SPEEDED • THEY'RE COMING

Following swiftly on the heels of the announcement of carrier service, a camp mail delivery department was set up last Friday under Hiro Neeno, camp mail coordinator, with temporary headquarters at 7-3-4.

Together with the establishment of carrier service, Neeno again stressed the importance of having all mail carry the full name and address. Until a master file is completed, only completely addressed mail will be delivered.

With John Hanamura as asst. coordinator, this postal department has a staff of 15 members. Two clerk-carriers, who will sort & deliver mail, cover each section of four blocks, working out from the information centers which are to serve as postal sub-stations.

URGENT CALL FOR NURSES' AIDES

Nurses' aides are urgently needed by the Medical Center. Girls interested who are high school graduates apply to H. L. Black in Administration 1. Previous experience is helpful with a course in chemistry, but for girls who had planned a pre-nursing course or a nursing career, the excellent facilities of our modern hospital affords rare opportunities for training.

WELCOME!

The management of Camp Manzanar joins residents already here in extending a cordial welcome to the newcomers who arrive next week.

We make no apologies for the more or less primitive living conditions at Camp Manzanar. Time will report that we met those problems with the same resolution which characterized the pioneers settlers. By our efforts and our mutual cooperation we expect to develop here a model community.

We invite the newcomers to join in the big task of further development which lies ahead. Our civic growth, the improvement of our physical accommodations, the means of meeting our social, educational, and spiritual needs, are limited only by the cooperative imagination and energy we are willing and able to devote to the job.

Harry L. Black
Asst. Camp Manager

Arrival of 3000 newcomers in the next three days climaxes three weeks of wondering when and from where the next contingents would arrive.

Those new settlers are arriving Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday from the Santa Monica bay area, Sawtelle, and San Fernando valley - Burbank and Glendale districts.

Those folk will find a cozier and cheerier welcome during the three weeks' lull, carpenters and workmen were able to go ahead and complete steps and windows, washing facilities that will help make their adjustment easier.

With this addition, Manzanar expects to nose out Santa Anita for the lead as the largest reception center - until the Arcadia camp gets its influx beginning May first.

From here on it'll be a neck and neck race as the exodus speeded up and central coast residents go to Tulare and other valley centers, the folk around San Francisco bay go to Tanforan, Seattle and vicinity to Puyallup and other resettlement areas further inland absorb the evacuees, so that the all clear signal can be flashed by May 15.

EVERY ABLE-BODIED MAN IN CAMP
SHOULD TURN OUT
TO HELP THESE NEWCOMERS: 1415

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HOWDY! NEIGHBOR

With this special edition, the Manzanar Free Press welcomes you, our new neighbors, to join us in building this city of Manzanar.

You are stepping into a new venture in your life, accompanied by certain doubts and speculations as to your future in this community. You will undoubtedly face some inconveniences, although considerably less than those who had come here earlier. However all these misgivings will vanish as you are assimilated here and as many conveniences are installed.

You will discover great adventure in our way of life. . . Here, in the beginning of democracy is a transplanted pioneer community, equality and fraternity are accepted principles. As we have stressed before in our Free Press, special privileges and classes are taboo.

You will now join us in the building of that society.

We are fortunate in having an administration here who understands and encourages our democratic aspirations. They have already given us Block Leaders who were selected from candidates elected by block residents, form the beginning and cornerstone of self-government which will progress as we demonstrate our capacity to rule ourselves.

We welcome you in sharing with us this new adventure.

SAFEGUARD CAMP HEALTH

If you have a person with contagious disease in your apartment, the law states that he must be removed to separate quarters.

This was the reminder issued by the medical staff as reports came in that some are concealing persons with contagious disease.

HOW TO GET THAT JOB

Suggesting the ways of joining in our camp life, we offer a sample list of work in which the earlier arrivals are already engaged: cooks, carpenters, farmers (on guayule project), firemen, stenogs, policemen, interviewers, block leaders, instructors, health and sanitation inspectors, reporters, etc. (Put no street car operator or taxicab drivers).

To facilitate you in your readjustment the Personnel and Registration Division will inform you soon after your arrival to report to a designated building where you will fill in two forms. The system of classification is undertaken to speed up your relocation, therefore, state your qualifications and special abilities honestly and not what you imagine you can do. A few days may elapse before you are assigned to duties, but since new projects are being created daily requiring your aptitude and training, placements will be made accordingly.

Since the policy of this division is to find the right man for the right job, no favoritism will be shown. Ability will be the measure of the man: equal, fair, and sympathetic handling of all cases.

LOCAL MEN PARTICIPATE IN NATION-WIDE REGISTRATION

In step with the rest of the nation, male citizens and aliens between the ages of 45 and 65 began registering at the Employment Office 1-2-1.

Approximately one-sixth of the local population, about 547 together with a number of the administrative personnel has been registered. Official tabulation of the registrants will be released within a few days.

The incoming contingent will be registered on the date following their arrival at the Induction Center 14-15.

SERVICE CENTERS STAYING UP NIGHTS FOR NEW ARRIVALS

The Information center is opening its third branch office at 10-8-4. To help the newcomers solve moving problems, all information centers will remain open from 8 am, to 9 p.m. Other locations for these service centers are 12-8-4, 1-9-1.

SHIPPING OKAYED

Supplies may again be received by common carrier or parcel post, according to the latest official bulletin.

Clothing, bed linens, food, and other household necessities are permitted to enter until further notice. However, all incoming packages will be subject to inspection before delivery.

All those who wish to claim baggage that has been held at Lone Pine station may do so April 25, between 9 a.m. and 12 p.m. at warehouse No. 26.

INDUCTION CENTER

New arrivals are to be inducted and registered at 14-15, according to latest word from the Employment and Registration office.

MOTHER'S MEETING

To instruct mothers in the proper feeding of their children, Dr. Yoshiyo Togasaki will offer suggestions at a meeting Monday afternoon at 1 at 4-15. Attendance is required and every apartment should have one representative at this meeting.

INVENTORY TAKEN

A complete inventory of all government-owned, non-expendable property was taken last Wednesday night, at 7 p.m., under the direction of Mr. H. A. Nelson, camp supply officer.

In order to continue this survey all activities ceased Thursday with the exception of essential services such as hospital and mess halls.

Special athletic activities were organized for the benefit of those who took a holiday.

BLOCK LEADERS NAME CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

Taking their initial step in assuming the duties of block leaders, the ten selected men and their alternates met last Friday with Harry Black, M.D. Kidwell and Wilson D. Flugstad present.

A constitutional committee was selected to draft the rules and by-laws of civic duties and special duties of the block leaders. The six men on the committee are: Messrs. Yoneda, Akahoshi, Ogura, Inouye, Nakamura, and Yamawaki.

OPEN HOUSE

To bring better relations between valley and Manzanar residents, arrangements have been completed for a mass visitation of Lone Pine and Independence citizens on Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m.

Seventy-five guides will be on hand to escort the visitors around the camp.

Citizens' Committee of Owens Valley will be stationed at the entrance to authorize all passes.

Explaining previous announcement regarding social visiting hours the following times have been set aside for outside callers: Saturday from 1 to 5 p.m. and on Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

SPECIAL TABLES FOR MOTHERS AND CHILDREN

All mothers with children under five are encouraged to gather at a special table provided in each mess hall for all their meals.

Formulas for babies under nine months old are obtainable at the hospital, 7-8. Bring along containers which have been thoroughly boiled.

Well-Baby Clinic, 7-9-4, open on Tuesday afternoons for:

1. Children under 3 years of age once each month.
2. Children under 5 years of age once each 3 months.

All children must be inoculated against typhoid immediately.

SCREENS PLANNED FOR APARTMENTS

"Married people who now are living together with another family can have privacy in the near future," stated E.C. Engstrom, director of lodging and mess division.

"Screens about five feet high and divided into three sections shall be made as rapidly as material is available by the Japanese carpenters," he further stated.

The administration contemplates having an average of six persons to an apartment or a total of 340 people in a block. Blocks one to fifteen have been completed by the contractors and have been turned over to the administration.

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CONTRACTORS NEAR COMPLETION

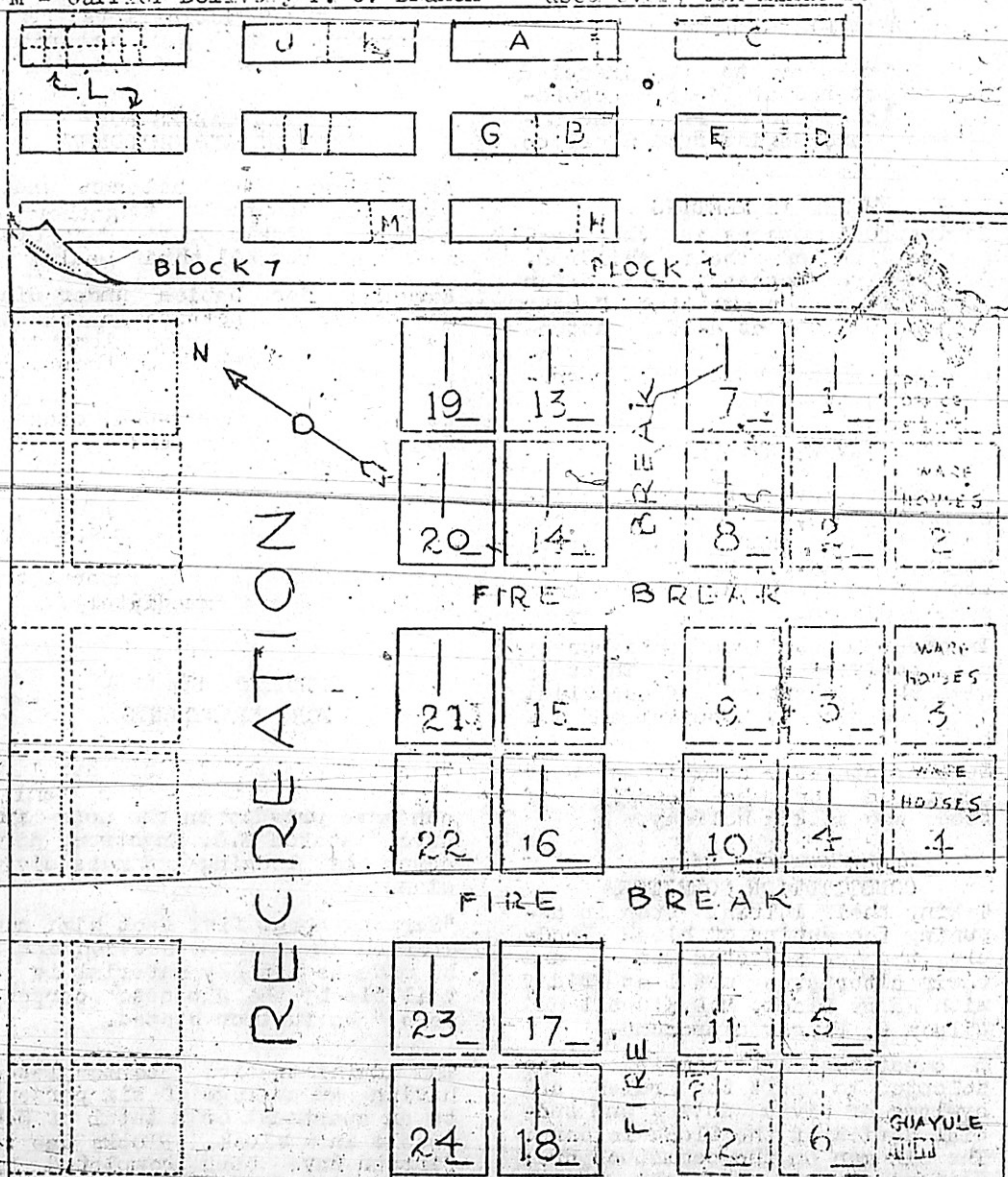
Letters in the enlarged section of the map below indicate the various administrative offices of the Manzanar civic center.

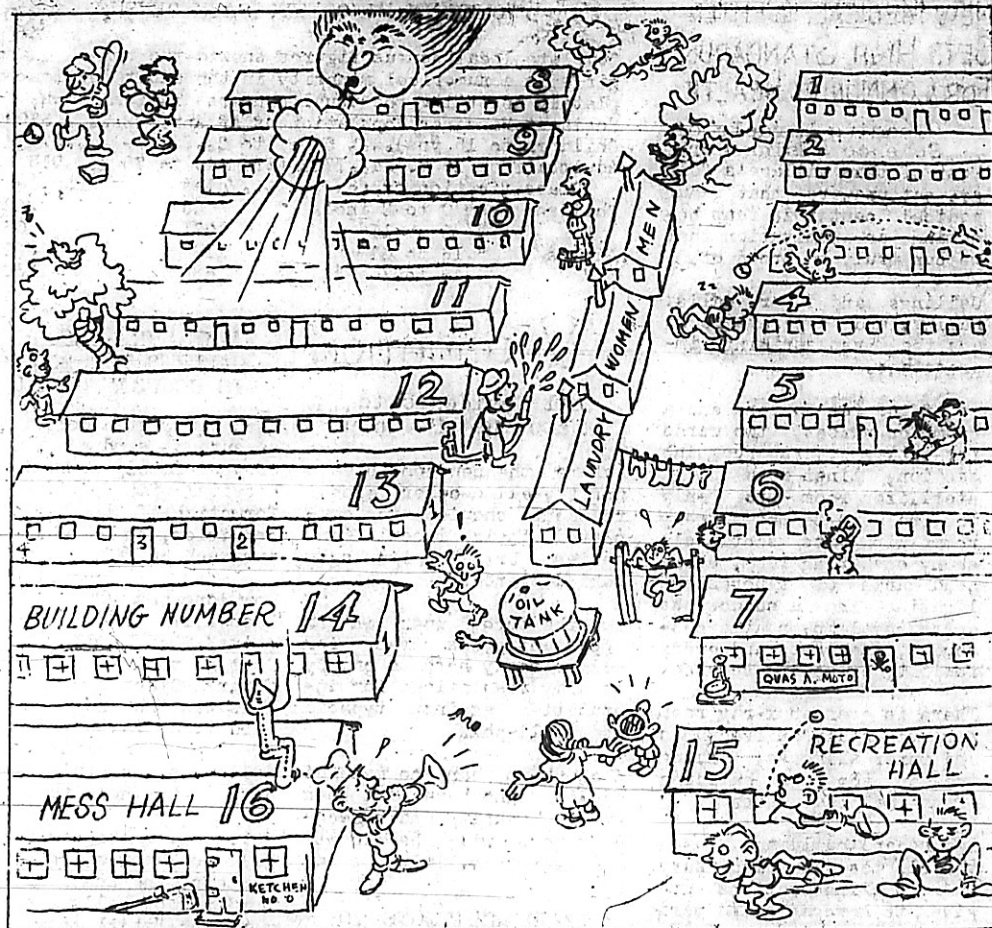
- A - Administration offices
- B - Main Information center
- ? - Other info centers
- C - Carpenter shop
- D - Time-keeping, Personal account
- E - Employment, Personnel
- F - Free Press
- G - Canteen
- H - Drafting
- I - Recreation
- J - Police station
- K - Fire station
- L - Hospital Units
- M - Carrier Delivery P. O. Branch

Completion of one of the largest boom towns in the nation will be a matter of days, according to figures released by the Griffith Lumber company, contractors.

With the construction crew of 600 men at work ten hours a day, 600 buildings have been erected to date. Proposed plans call for 770 buildings.

Speed in construction was revealed when J. Hopinstall, district manager of the company, said that buildings are put up at the rate of two an hour and that 25,000 board feet of lumber are being used every ten minutes.





LIFE IN A MANZANAR BLOCK

MODEL COMMUNITY PLAN REVEALED

While Manzanar is still rising from the sagebrush, wiping the dust from her skirts, blueprints for a busy contented community are taking shape.

Spacious playgrounds for tots, homes amidst flowering landscape, a giant construction center housing many repair and maintenance shops - these are some of the plans visualized by Ralph S. Brooks, who now takes on where the contractors end.

Already his assistants are busy drawing up plans for buildings, laying the basis for many production activities; meanwhile carrying on the maintenance of our rapidly growing community.

Playground spaces are allocated in units of four blocks where little tots romping youngsters, youth and aged can have their own gathering place.

"In other words, every space in the city will be utilized for either practical or ornamental purpose. We are approaching this project systematically and are

carefully planning every step we are taking," says Mr. Brooks, who was chief engineer for the recreation dept. of LA Co.

GREEN GARDENS TO GROW

Firebreaks, like the one between blocks 3 and 4, will be converted into fertile vegetable gardens to provide fresh greens for the community kitchens. Recreational areas lying further north of the latest row of houses will be large enough to provide space for sports arenas and stadiums for Manzanar's "dust bowl" games.

Just as exciting are his plans for the repair and maintenance center where shops will rise for plumbers, carpenters, machinists, blacksmiths, and other skilled craftsmen. It will be the assembly center for all field and craft laborers where trucks will dispatch men to their places of work. Mr. Brooks is confident that enough skilled Japanese workers can be found to man the shops. Others may be trained as apprentices.

But, cautions the engineer, this is still in blue print stage - something to press toward in the building of this city.

NEW MEDICAL CENTER SETS HIGH STANDARDS FOR COMMUNITY HEALTH

Gleaming Miracle of Science Rising Here
Most of this village's folk are yet unaware that our medical center is fast becoming an institution that we can truly be proud of.

Ceilings and inner walls, hallway and separate rooms are the first striking impressions.

An office for doctors and a room for nurses, two wards for patients, drug room, lab section, linen room and a sterilizer room are only the preludes to the surgery room with its spotlessly shiny operating room, overhead banks of fluorescent lighting and a shadowless operating lamp, neat accessories, cabinets and every facility of modern science.

There is even an x-ray room for the study of fractures and inner ailments. These are in the first building of the hospital unit.

The second building houses the clinics and dispensary where the inoculations are given to newcomers and various clinic periods are held.

Other buildings in that section are used as hospital wards for the treatment of inpatients with a special communicable disease ward. So far several types of illnesses have been treated and public health is well under control, the doctors said.

While present quarters were fast being made available for full use, ground was broken for the 150-bed hospital which will be the ultimate pride and joy of our town.

CLINICS HOURS SHOULD BE FOLLOWED

Hospital Clinic Schedule - Dr. Yoshiye Togasaki
Typhoid Inoculation and Small Pox Vaccination Clinic
Block 7, Bldg. 8, Apt. 1

Time: Monday-Thurs., Sat. Friday
8:30 a.m. to 12m., Typhoid & Small Pox No new inoculation, only repeats
1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Inoculations

Medical Clinic - Dr. Masako Kusayanagi
Time: Monday Tues. Wed. Thurs. Fri.
1:30 to Medical Pediatric Med for Pedi- Obstetrics
4:30 p.m. for Men Well Baby Women atrio Prenatal
Postpartum

Saturday - Miscellaneous



WOMEN IN MINORITY, SAYS CENSUS

Complete local census figures showed the women and girls in a numerical minority in the adult section completely upsetting the usual converse ratio known. Resident Manzanar Population as of Apr. 22.....3309. Children (to 15 yrs).... 660; (to 2..95; 3-15....574) Adults; (from 16 to 44..1722 (from 45 to 78....918

| Classification by sex..... | | Males | Females |
|----------------------------|--|-------|---------|
| Children from 0 to 2 incl. | | 43 | 42 |
| " " 2 to 15 " | | 271 | 303 |
| Adults " 16 to 44 " | | 1100 | 622 |
| " " 45 to 78 " | | 688 | 236 |

Vaccination

All Residents to
Date Must Be Thru

Before the new contingents arrive, all other local residents should have completed their inoculation series, Dr. Yoshiya Togasaki declared.

In the three week interval opportunity was given for all already here to comply to army regulations for inoculation against typhoid and small-pox.

A check-up can be made of evaders who have not been given immunity and non-cooperators will be dealt with severely, it was said.

TWO ADDITIONS TO HOSPITAL STAFF

With the change to its more commodious quarters in the northern half of block 7, the administrative hospital staff announced two additions. Arthur H. Miller is the chief of medical and health section of the medical service. Dave Miyamoto, registered pharmacist, is in charge of the drug room.

From its original staff of 35, the complete staff now numbers more than 80, and additions will constantly be made to keep up with needs.

MAKE SURE BEFORE CALLING FOR DOCTOR IS COUNSEL GIVEN

When you want a doctor... be sure to send a member of your family down to the hospital with detailed information of the patient's condition, so he can answer such questions as:

How long has the patient been ill? Does he have pains? What kind? What? Does he vomit? Has he fever? Other symptoms? This was the request issued today by the medical staff who are swamped by calls besides a full day's duty at the hospital.

While all emergency cases will be answered by the doctors, the hospital is burdened by calls from persons who "think they are sick" or by cases who can wait to be brought to the hospital. This will spare the hospital's staff who badly need their time to care for every patient.



TOOTHACHES WON'T WAIT FOR EQUIPMENT

Undaunted by the lack of the customary drilling equipment that strikes terror into the hearts of dental patients, Dr. Yoruki Kikuchi has been coping with the dental needs of village residents, with but the most rudimentary tools.

Every afternoon from 2 to 4, Dr. Kikuchi, who was a practicing dentist in LA, is on duty at the medical center, extracting teeth and checking toothaches.

Further equipment is being sent from the city and other dentists are to join the staff so that more complete dental care may be available.

FIRE INSTRUCTION GIVEN NEW RECRUITS

Whenever a fire breaks out, it should be reported to the nearest fire warden or policeman who can be identified by their white armbands.

Putting the new red fire truck thru its paces, every man was given a chance to become familiar with its operation.

How to untangle and use the hose was taught in the department's regular drills. Soon these men will be outfitted in green colored uniforms.

POLICE SQUAD SPEAKS OLDER APPLICANTS

A missing girl restored to her mother was among the recent achievements of the local police force, as its 75-men staff kept up its alert functions.

Men on boat can be identified by white armbands reading "Police." These men will later wear blue uniforms and caps. Also included in the outfit will be a badge and nightstick.

New applicants, preferably those twenty-five years or older, are still being sought to respond to the needs of a growing community.

MONDAY

| Time | Classes | Place |
|---------|-------------------------------|-------------|
| 9-11 am | Boys' Gym Class | 2-15 |
| 9-11:30 | Nursery | 3-15, 11-15 |
| 9-12 | Needlework | 6-15 |
| 10-11 | Beginning Piano | 8-15 |
| 1-5 pm | Art class | 12-15 |
| 1-3 | Woodcraft | 6-15 |
| 1-4:30 | Boys' Handcraft | 4-15 |
| 2-4 | Girls' Volleyball | 1-15 |
| 3-5 | Trumpet & Sax (begin) | 8-15 |
| 4-6 | Men's Boxing | 2-15 |
| 6-8 | Men's Boxing | 2-15 |
| 6-7:30 | Mandolin & Guitar (beginners) | 8-15 |
| 7:30-9 | Mandolin Orchestra | 8-15 |
| 7-9 | Social Dancing (beginners) | 1-15 |

TUESDAY

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|------------|--------------------------|------|
| 9-11:30 am | Nursery | 3-15 |
| 10-11:30 | Folk dancing (Ages 7-12) | 1-15 |

CHURCH SERVICES

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|------------|----------------|---------------------------------------|
| Catholic | Place: B. 3-15 | Time: 8 a.m. |
| Protestant | Place: B. 1-15 | Time: 7-7:30 Early Morning Devotional |
| | | 8:45 a.m. Sunday School |
| | | 10 a.m. Young People's Service |
| | | 11 a.m. Services for the Issel |
| | | 7-8:30 p.m. Young People's Fellowship |

DANCE

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|----------------|-----------------|
| April 25, Sat. | 7:30-10:00 p.m. |
| Block 1-15 | Block 4-15 |

RECREATION UNIT MANAGERS

Every block's recreation hall has a manager caring for each unit under him:

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| Paul Uyemura, unit 1, blks. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 |
| Tony Toraji, " 2, " 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 |
| Isao Kikuchi, " 3, " 5, 6, 11, 12 |

Boys, girls, men and women planning any tournament or contest must first see Paul Uyemura, men's athletic director in 2-15 or 2-6-1.

Robert Minari is in charge of the artcraft room at 1-15. A graduate of Manual Arts Hi. School in L.A., his background includes a three year course in Joyner's Art School with sketching, painting and art metal work experience.

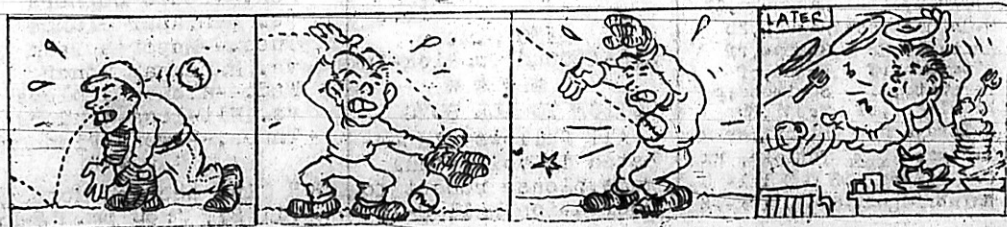
TUESDAY

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| 1-3 pm | Boys' Handcraft | 6-15 |
| 1-3 | Adult Art Class | 12-15 |
| 1-4:30 | Boys' Handcraft | 4-15 |
| 3-5 | Clarinet & Violin (beginners) | 8-15 |
| 7-9 | Choir Practice | 8-15 |

WEDNESDAY

| | | |
|---------|---------------------------------|-------------|
| 9-11 am | Boys' Gym Class (ages under 16) | 2-15 |
| 9-11:30 | Nursery | 11-15, 3-15 |
| 9-12 | Needlework | 6-15 |
| 1-3 pm | Child. Art class | 12-15 |
| 1-4:30 | Boys' Handcraft | 4-15 |
| 3-5 | Trumpet & Sax (beginners) | 8-15 |
| 4-6 | Men's Boxing | 2-15 |
| 6-7 | Clarinet (beginners) | 8-15 |
| 7-9 | Dance practice (adult) | 3-15 |
| 7-9 | Glee club (mixed) | 8-15 |
| 7:30-9 | Music appreciation | 1-15 |

RECREATIONAL SCHEDULE



MANZANAR SPORTS

AMERICAN LEAGUE OPENS MONDAY

BAINBRIDGE GIRLS BLAST OLD TIMERS, 13-5

In one of the funniest games yet played on the Manzanar diamond, the young Bainbridge Girls clubbed the Old Timers to a tune of 13 to 5 victory in last Thursday's only game. The game was a comedy of errors.

Pounding out three runs in the opening inning, the Old Timers had the lead for but one-half of the first inning. With age creeping up, the oldsters had to relinquish their lead when the girls' team tallied across six runs in the last half of the first inning and six more in the second to put the game on ice.

"House of David" Nakamura held down first base masterfully for the losers. With a little practice, the Old Timers should be a threat to any ball club.

Emiko Yamashita, of Bainbridge, showed promise in twirling a steady game.

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|----------------|--------------|
| Bainbridge | Old Timers |
| Oyama, lb | Hirai, p |
| Yamashita, p | Hara, c |
| Chihara, 3b | Shintaku, ss |
| T. Sakai, c | Nakamura, lb |
| M. Chihara, ss | Hosaki, 2b |
| Amatatsu, 2b | Sekine, rf |
| Kitayama, rf | Amabo, cf |
| Yamashita, lf | Sugimoto, p |
| Mishimori, cf | Tsuji, 3b |
| R. Terayama, p | Hirata, ss |
| T. Hayashi, x | Tanioka, xx |
| Old Timers... | 3 0 0 1 1- 5 |
| Bainbridge... | 6 6 0 1 x-13 |

BOYS' EXHIBITION SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

(Sunday, April 26)

1:30 p.m.
Aloha Ramblers
vs.
San Pedro Gophers

3:30 p.m.
Kibei
vs.
Bainbridge

EIGHT TEAMS VIE FOR TITLE IN NEW MANZANAR LEAGUE

The eight-team American Softball League will open its doors, this Monday, April 27, with the San Pedro Gophers, exhibition champs, meeting the strong Giants in the league opener, at 6:30 p.m., on the Manzanar diamond.

The league will play all its games at twilight except on Saturdays and Sundays, which will be played in the afternoon. There will be only one game played every evening.

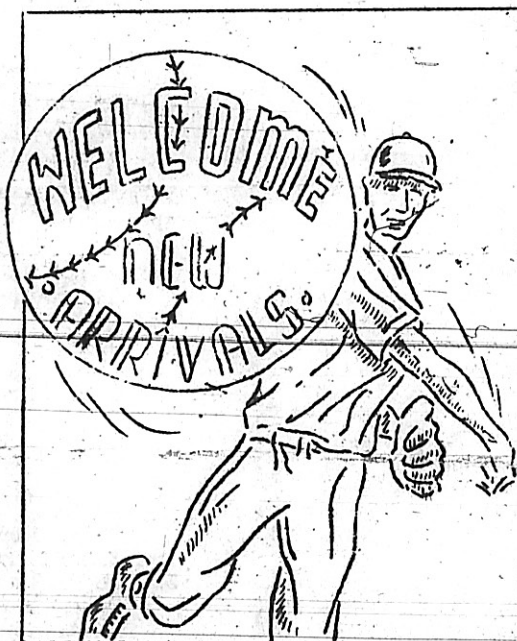
An important meeting was held last night, 7:30 p.m., at block 2-15, with Paul Uyemura presiding in regards to this league game. With two members of each softball team represented, the members voted on rules and regulation on illegal pitching, fouls, bunting and etc, which was most ably explained by Professor T. Hirai, expert in the field of baseball regu-

lations.

Following are the list and schedule of the eight teams that form the mighty American League:

Mon.--Pedro Gophers
vs. Manzanar Giants
Tues.--Mayor's Team
vs. Manzanar Senor
Wed.--Aloha Ramblers
vs. Hit-less Wonders
Thurs.--Owens Pioneer
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GOH Club meeting Monday,
April 27, 7:30 pm. B.2-15



GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

(Sunday, April 26)

1:30 p.m.
Bainbridge vs. Term-
ites

3:30 p.m.
All-Around vs. Pick-Up
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NOTICE TO ALL BOYS

All fellows inter-
ested in volleyball
game, please report to
recreation hall 2-15.