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Fair Labor Laws Enforced Here

Boys under 18 working on ground crews or at hazardous occupations have been given indefinite leaves of absence by the employment department.

"Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, is applicable here," said the department head. "We want all those who are still working to quit voluntarily to give us the troubling of checking. Sometimes we can't tell whether a boy is 17 or older unless we go through our files."

Since the range of work is limited in the center, the only job open for boys between 16 to 18 is that of messenger.

Federal child labor laws are also applicable to girls under 18, and like the boys, they are not permitted to work more than 30 hours a week.

Evacuation Nears Half-Way Mark

Reaching the half-way point in the evacuation of persons of Japanese lineage from coastal areas, orders Nos. 42 and 43 were issued by Gen. J. L. DeWitt's office to send 2400 additional evacuees out of Los Angeles areas, generally bounded by Los Felix, the L. A. river, Figueroa, Washington, and Vermont.

By order 54, camps including Pasadena, Altadena, Sierra Madre, Arcadia, San Gabriel, South Pasadena, Highland Park and parts of Glendale are affected.

Those camps are to be closed from which are evacuated to this week.

The 600 left in San Diego county as well as those south of Laguna Beach are to go to Parker dam next

CAMP GROWS BY ANOTHER 1000

Boontown Manzanar's population swelled by 362 as a new contingent of evacuees rolled into town, shooting the grand total to 7750.

Approximately 400 more were expected by train tonight from Los Angeles, making 1000 inductions for the two-day period.

One-Third of Camp Now Employed

Are you employed yet? Out of 7200 registered residents, including men, women, and children, 2300 have been assigned to jobs with an average of 150 work orders issued daily.

Director L. Fraser of the personnel and employment department announced yesterday that many duties are temporary, and adjustments will be made as soon as possible.

Failure of some persons to report for work after receiving assignments has been the source of most of the delay.

Although there will always be some unemployment, if present plans of the department materialize, at least one member of each family will be working.

week as Santa Anita was reported to be reaching its capacity this weekend with the arrival of Lil Tokio inhabitants.

San Francisco was being rapidly made empty as the central Lil Osaka area was being sent to Tanforan today.

The arrival of Vol. I, No. 1 of the Tulare News indicated that reception center on the other side of the Sierras was starting its existence. Other camps throughout the Pacific coast area are rapidly filling up as evacuation proceedings continued to be speeded.

Except for a few individuals, the new arrivals hail from the Ninth street Market district. It was assumed that tonight's group would be the remainder from this area.

Induction, which was carried out at 21-15, followed the swift, efficient pace set several weeks ago when the large contingent of almost 4000 was registered in three days.

Emergency canvas cots from the Santa Anita center and ticks from Tanforan, rushed to this center yesterday morning, assured ample bedding facilities.

Employment registration for the newcomers will begin Monday morning at 21-15. Announced L. Fraser, of the Personnel and Employment Division.

Women Form Block Council

A first chance for block five women to assert themselves in local government is presented Tuesday night at 6:30 p.m., when all of that block's fair sex over 14 gather at 5-16 to form a women's council, according to Ted Akahashi, leader.

Farm Seeds Arrive

Tractors and a variety of seeds arrived yesterday to enable cultivation of the 128 acre farm beginning Monday, according to Aiji Hashii, superintendent of the production office.

WANT TO RAISE A GARDEN?
consult leaders at 1-15

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EDITORIAL

Observe the "line cut-
ter."

It is the creature with
two legs and of anthropol-
oidal appearance.

It may be a male or a
female of the specie.

Its habitat is around
the mess hall where people
form a long queue in the
wind and dust to await
their turn to be served. It
makes its appearance only
when food is in the offing.

It is notable by its
peculiar characteristic of
unusual speed in dashing
into a mess line, and un-
der close scrutiny, it us-
ually wears a guilty smile
or displays morose compla-
cency.

Beside the hyena and
the vulture, and the mon-
strous turkey buzzard, the
"line cutter" ranks even
lower, and is held in con-
tempt by even these mem-
bers of the animal kingdom.

It ranks the lowest in
the hierarchy of homo sapi-
ens for its lack of pub-
lic ethics and courtesy.

When the roll call of
all good animals is made
in heaven, we're sure the
"line cutters" will be a-
mong those missing.

"ALL THAT I AM OR HOPE TO BE, I OWE TO MY ANGEL MOTHER"

Sunday is Mothers day, an observance undimmed by the
tragedy of war in many lands. At Manzanar we bow in heart-
felt tribute to
MOTHER

From early morn'til set of sun
Her tasks of love are never done;
She shares our hopes, our dreams, our plans--
Believes in us and understands;
And even when we're far apart,
She keeps our interests at heart;
Her life's a perfect symbol of
Enduring and unselfish love. Anon.

Nursery Rhymes Echo Where Kiddies Play

Rock Garden

A noted Southern Cali-
fornia landscape architect
is busy drawing designs
for an original rock gar-
den to be built in the ad-
ministrative block as soon
as plans receive final re-
lease by officials here.

Kado, whose exhibits
have received numerous pri-
zes at the L.A. County Fair
at Pomona, has drawn con-
siderable interest from the
officials because he plans
to use native rocks and
plants in this garden.

Wet Paint

Flooded with orders for
signs ranging from "Hats
Off", "Men", "Women", to
"Buy War Bonds", the five-
man sign shop shifted to
high gear this week as new
shipments of paints and
materials arrived.

Three nisei and two is-
sei compose the staff head-
ed by John Mizuno, who an-
nounced that no signs may
be made for private indi-
viduals.

"London bridge is fall-
ing down..." chorus the
scores of pre-school age
youngsters in the group
play classes conducted e-
very morning under Mrs. Joy
Soeda, director.

With vigilant nurses and
competent teachers in at-
tendance, two groups of
classes are in session from
9 to 11:30 a.m. Two class-
es have been open for three
weeks with four more sched-
uled next week.

WHERE THE KIDDIES GO

Blocks	Blgd.
1, 2, 7, 8	to 1-15
3, 4, 9, 10	" 9-15
5, 6, 11, 12	" 11-15
13, 14, 19, 20	" 19-15
15, 16, 21, 22	" 21-15
17, 18, 23, 24	" 23-15

Teachers already assign-
ed blocks are: Mrs. Michi
Imai, Setsuko Takahashi,
Chiyeo Oyama, Miyeko Mi-
shi, Florence Ikebata, Sei-
ko Kodjino, Florence Take-
mura, Mrs. Kameo Fujii, Mr.
Chiyoko, Shibuya, Mary S. Ni-
shi, Mrs. Frances Kitagawa,
Mrs. Anna Sugimoto, Takai
Kaneda, May Hoshizaki, and
Tetsuko Fujii.



Moving Frozen During Induction

Aspirins were being consumed in quantities as the housing headache continued to harass Coordinator Gao. Kurata and his department. Offices of the housing division were moved to Warehouse 26.

Only urgent cases requiring immediate transfers will be accommodated as a freezing of all movements was declared for the two-day induction period of the arrivals.

As soon as facilities are completed other transfers will be made.

Freight Piles Up

A sudden increase in amount of incoming freight was noticed as the ban on shipment was lifted recently, S.T. Erskine, warehouse head said today.

Furniture, food, clothing and other home necessities coming in great number are complicating the problem of check-up and distribution handled by Yoshiko Mikami and Toshie Sakai.

For a speedy delivery of articles, Eddis Nagata, freight supervisor, asks that every package be addressed plainly.

"Not me my baby!"

Jimmy Kinoshita, block 13, is getting plenty of sleep today. Reason: He got a double dose of typhoid inoculation.

Here's how: After getting his own 'shot', he came back with his baby daughter, standing in line as it moved ahead. He turned around briefly. A needle pricked his arm. He jumped.

"Not me, my baby!"

But it was too late.

No damage except the normal effects of a double dose.

FRETTING MOTHERS SEW IDENTIFICATION TAG ON CHILD'S CLOTHING—police request.

Comedies and Dances to Feature First Manzanar Extravaganza

Don't Crowd Boys

Manzanar gets its first doghouse this week. However, it's the real thing.



Ordered by the Public Health office here, a kennel for pets is being erected by the Police department.

In charge is Desk Sergeant Kiyoshi Higashi, who revealed that "15 dogs and one cat" have been counted "including one dog who turned himself in."

Adult English Classes to Start

In the first day of registration for the citizenship class, 146 were enrolled for this comprehensive course to study democracy at work.

For those kibei and issei who have not had previous opportunity to avail themselves of adult education, these classes that will meet in daily sessions are designed to give greater cohesion to the development of democracy here.

Mrs. Takashi Nishikawa will head the faculty of four—Hideo Uyeda, Yoizo Kurokawa, Doris Nakazawa and Tomiko Minamiki—which is expected to be enlarged to meet growing needs.

Instructors have been chosen for their familiarity with the subject as well as their bi-lingual ability to teach those with an inadequate command of the English language.

Registration for those already in camp were being concluded at 7-15 today but later arrivals this week-end may register with Mrs. Nishikawa at 7-2-2, A. G. Nielson's office.

For the community's initial entertainment extravaganza: a variety show on May 23 and 24 will parade the greatest kaleidoscope of talent ever gathered in one locality.

Songs, solos, tap dances and comedy plays will be featured. Name artists from the several cities gathered here are contributing their talents and new discoveries are expected to surprise the audience.

Directed by Raymond Hirai, three original plays written by local residents entitled "They Met Again in Manzanar," "Apartment Next", and "He Married His Wife", will be staged.

An original plan for casting two performances from opposite sides of the Green, simultaneously engaging Japanese and American speaking audiences to understand the dialogue without difficulty, may be put into effect.

Tryouts for roles are being held at 7-15.

Meanwhile, Miss Myrtle Takakura, dance teacher, is seeking girls interested in chorus and stage dancing for appearance in the variety show.

Anyone with talent wishing to be in the show is asked to contact Mor Masuda, variety chairman, at 7-15.

Cooks Concoct Musical Feast

A colorful and exotic oriental program will be presented at the south side of Mess Hall 2 Sunday evening, 7:30 p.m., by members of the kitchen staff.

With the rustling of silken kimonos and twang of samisen, traditional Japanese folk songs will be chanted. Comic and dramatic dialogues, sentimental modern songs and recitations by raconteurs are on the program.

LINESMEN LIGHT BOOMTOWN

Seven more men were added to the crew with increased construction. As a unified and harmonious group, they stuck together working ten hours a day and were always ahead of schedule. The routine of work might have been monotonous to them at times and the inclement weather might have retarded their efforts but they stood by.

The wind and dust of Manzanar and chill blasts from the high Sierras were merely incidents in their day's work.

There was nothing spectacular about them -- like those linesmen we see in the movies stringing power lines across deserts and mountains and gorges.

The work of these men required patience and thoroughness so that nothing unforeseen would happen through their carelessness.

Members of some construction crews came and were gone the next day but this group has remained intact from the very beginning. The speed and efficiency with which they worked is seen in the fact that they erect a maximum of 34 poles in one day. They have strictly followed their orders:

"Service at all times prior to occupancy of any building."

Credit is due Edward L. Ringo, personnel manager of the Bureau of Power and Light in his wise selection of men; to L. F. Smart (Peswee) general foreman; and C. D. Stone, foreman of the construction crew.

We nominate for the honor roll these 23 men who contributed to make Manzanar a livable and comfortable reception center.

Michiko Amatatsu of B. 3 has recovered from her illness of several weeks.

TYPHOID AND SMALL POX

Immunization nearly completed

Under handicaps imposed by lack of fully completed facilities, the Medical and Health Section is setting an impressive record, meeting both emergency and routine needs of the Camp. A report by Arthur H. Miller, chief of the section, summarizing work from March 21 to May 4 shows that immunization for typhoid and small pox is successfully being carried out.

A total of 14,759 typhoid injections, including complete inoculations for 3,108; second inoculations for 670; and first for 3,095, is reported.

MOTHERS: Infants under 6 mos. exempted.

In addition, 6,668 vaccinations for smallpox have been completed. About 70% of the vaccinations are "takes".

In the out-patient clinic, 1,566 treatments have been given.

The temporary ten bed hospital, where 38 patients have been accommodated, will be replaced by a new 250 bed structure; but "it will be another five or six

weeks" before it will be ready, latest word said this week.

In the barrack operating room, 12 surgical cases, including one full-term pregnancy, have been recorded.

Say aa-hh!



Ninety-one emergency dental cases, chiefly extractions, have been handled by a dentist who came with the first group, bringing a few instruments with him. None of the U.S. Public Health Service has arrived, and no dental equipment received, as yet.

Night Life Periled



Although the noose has been banned as capital punishment in California, near casualties have befallen unwary night strollers and men on duty because of low hung clotheslines strung between barracks.

To remove this hazard, community clothes-lines will rise to fly the banner of cleanliness in the local breeze.

Until that time, town-folks have been requested by Harry I. Black, assistant camp manager, to help do away with clothes-lines that menace the community.

Faucet Uses Are Defined

There are only two uses for water faucets on sides of barracks: (1) for filling buckets or other containers; (2) for sprinkling. They must not be used for any other purpose. Camp Manager Triggs stated this week. Failure to comply may make it necessary to remove valves. The ruling is a sanitation protection.

Miss Marie Hochstet, formerly of the L.A. General hospital, was seen on duty at 1 a.m. and then at 7 a.m. on the same morning, which is typical of the hours being put in by the nursing staff.

Mr. Scorpion: STAY AWAY FROM MY DOOR

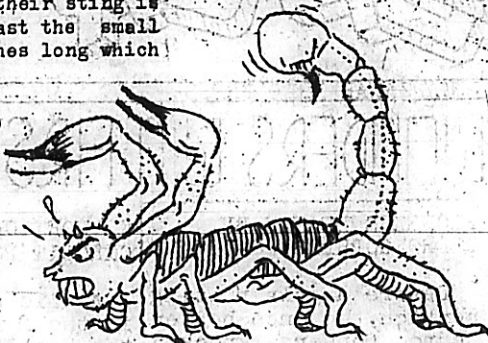
They're not beetles or crabs. They're scorpions. And their sting is not fatal—at least the small ones a few inches long which are going around Camp.

If you see one coming—usually around moist spots—step on it and kill it.

Its sting is about as serious and poisonous as the average bee sting.

To treat a sting, apply moist baking soda or ammonia and report immediately to the hospital or clinic.

Large scorpions, 8 to 12 inches long; are dangerous; but none has been seen here as yet.



Dusty 9 Ace Cubs Open Junior Season

The Coast League officially opens its schedule with two potent teams pitched in the San Fernando Ace Cubs and the Dusty Nine, Monday afternoon, 1:30 p.m. on Diamond No. 1 (firebreaks 2-3).

In five competitive games, the Dusty Nine have recorded a clean slate. K. Osuni, P. Kaneko, 3b, G. Nishimura, ss, H. Tatsuji, lf, form the nucleus of the team.

The San Fernando Cubs have not yet been seen in action but as far as ball playing goes, they pack plenty of experience.

Stomped by captain H. Nakadaira, those lads also have their share of sluggers in T. Tomura, B. Sugawara, S. Katayama, p, and Nakamura.

ALACK-ALAS

To get the cracks out of our joints, the Manzanar Free Press has assembled a roaring softball team, christened "The Roaring Nine".

The press is willing to accept any challenge within our range of ball playing. And to help us in our aspiration for the cellar championship of Manzanar, we are calling forth for necessary equipment to show our undeniable prowess.

Exhibition Games JUNIOR LEAGUE

Monday's game	
Dusty Nine Jr.....	15
San Fernando.....	23
Tuesday's game	
Sloppy Nine.....	23
San Fernando.....	12
Wednesday's game	
Warrior Bees.....	29
Dusty Nine.....	8
Bainbridge Comets....	2
Sloppy Nine.....	1

"A" LEAGUE

Wednesday's game	
Tony's Alley.....	6
Royal Y.....	17
San Fernando Aces.....	12
Manzanar Giants.....	3
Thursday's game	
Venice.....	11
Royal Y.....	3

Pupils May Study by Mail

Students from the fifth grade to seniors in high schools may be able to finish their current school semester, if plans for correspondence courses materialize.

A meeting of administration officials and members of families resulted in the draft of a letter to principals of schools attended by former students. An urgent appeal is made for textbooks and necessary materials for the continuation of their education until schools have been established here under the supervision of camp personnel.

Students are requested to sign and mail to their respective principals these drafted letters which may be obtained at the Registration division immediately.

If You've Got It

Persons suffering from diarrhea should report to the Clinic, 7-9, immediately, furnishing the following information:

Name, address, grill where meals are eaten, day and approximate hour when first noticed.

Clinic hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

GOOD HEALTH NOTE: Women and Men's rest rooms are not to be used for washing dishes or personal laundry.

Church Services

CATHOLIC

Time: 9 a.m. Place: 3-15

PROTESTANT

Time: Place: 5-15

8:45 a.m. Sunday School
Dick Maritz, Supt.

10 a.m. Y.P. Service
11 a.m. Japanese Serm on
7 p.m. Youth Fellowship

Place: 15-15

8:45 a.m. Sunday School
Jack Takayama, Supt.

10 a.m. Japanese Serm on
11 a.m. Y.P. Service
7 p.m. Youth Fellowship

DEANNA SINGS TONIGHT

Deanna Durbin is coming to camp, in the motion picture "Spring Parade", tonight and tomorrow through the courtesy of the Maryknoll Mission.

The firebreak between Blocks 2 and 3 will serve as an open-air theatre and the show will begin promptly at 8 p.m.

For the first time lunch for 700 people will be available. Police and Boy Scouts will be at hand to maintain order at the outdoor theater.

CONSERVE STEEL

Toyama-san suggests: "To get around the razor blade shortage, after using one, rub it gently over freshly printed newspaper. The carbon seems to do the trick as a good sharpening agent."

RAMBLERS MASSACRE MAYOR'S NINE, 29-1

ARITA HOLDS OPPONENT
TO TWO HITS

A wholesale initiation was given to the luckless Mayors Team, as the powerful Aloha Ramblers steamrolled over them in a free scoring spurge of 29-1, Friday evening. This makes their third straight win.

Chucker J. Arita with cooperative teamwork held the opponents hitless until the last of the sixth, when H. Sasaki crossed home plate for the Mayor's lone tally.

T. Shimizu marked the second homer of the season with bases loaded.

R H
Ramblers... 800256 10-29 22
Mayors... 000001 0-1 2
Okamura and Sanada;
Arita and Okamoto.



WONDERS- B. Yonemitsu, T. Hara fielded nothing short of spectacular on occasions.....

YANKOOS-Buster B. Okazaki had a big day at the plate by clubbing out two singles and a triple.

PIONEERS-Kono, lb., fanned three spectators with his 6 successive fouls before he fanned.....

GOPHERS-The best concentrating base runner goes to F. Kuramoto, lb.....

RAMBLERS-Almost a no-hitter for J. Arita....

AMERICAN LEAGUE STANDING		W	L
Aloha Ramblers.....	3	0	
Manzanar Giants.....	1	0	
San Pedro Gophers... 1	1	0	
Manzanar Pioneers... 1	1	1	
Hit-less Wonders... 1	1	1	
Mayor's Team.....	0	1	
Manzanar Senor's....	0	1	
Yankoes.....	0	2	

WONDERS WIN FIRST GAME

PIONEERS BEATEN BY
PEDRO GOPHERS, 8-6

Before a gala rooting section, the once beaten Pedro Gophers knocked the Manzanar Pioneers from the undefeated rank with their 3 run assault to win 8-6, last Thursday at twilight.

The Pioneer boys beat the Gophers to the gun in the initial frame by tallying across a run to go into the lead.

Rounding into the last of the third, Takeuchi set the Gophers' machine rolling by slamming home R. Goto and M. Tanibata with a single to right field. Pushing the gear in high, Takouchi again blasted 2 additional hits in the fourth and fifth to lead the 6 run assault.

R H E
Pioneer... 100N30-6 5 2
Gophers... 00R240x-8 6 1
Hishida and Hashimoto;
Kayasuga and R. Goto.

GRUDGE SOFTBALL BATTLE

The titantic titular between the flat footed policeman and the red suspended firemen will take place Sunday at 1:30 p.m. between fire-breaks 2-3.

One of the most gala exhibition contest yet.



to be featured, and this is the most awaited of all grudge duels in weeks. Odds: 10-1 that both teams will not complete their full 7 innings.

K. HORI CLOUTS FIRST
CIRCUIT POKE OF SEASON

A wild scoring spree in the fourth frame gave the Hit-less Wonders a decisive 9-7 verdict over the Yankoes for their first victory Wednesday.

The Yanks jockeyed ahead to take an early lead with 3 runs in the first inning.

The Wonders drummed out a second inning rally as M. Miyazaki streaked to first on an error; T. Maruyama bagged a double bringing home Miyazaki for the first tally. T. Hara tripled and was brought in by Fukushima's single. And K. Hori climaxed the big inning with the first league homer.

B. Okazaki's big bat kept the Yanks in the running with 3 hits.

R H E
Yankoes... 3200020-7 6 4
Wonders... 041400x-9 8 8
T. Shindo, M. Terayama, and Koba; H. Noeno and Fukushima.

"A" LEAGUE SCHEDULE

SUNDAY	3 p.m.
Pioneer vs. Senor	
MONDAY	6:30 p.m.
Gopher vs. Ramblers	
TUESDAY	6:30 p.m.
Senor vs. Wonders	
WEDNESDAY	6:30 p.m.
Mayor's vs. Yankoes	

SUNDAY'S SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

Polico vs. Firemen, 1:30 p.m., diamond 1.
Tormitos vs. Jr. Invadors 1:30 p.m., diamond 2.
Bainbridge vs. L.A. Girls 3 p.m., diamond 2.
The Roaring Nine vs. Ink Spots, 6:30 p.m., diamond 1.