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## DEDICATION POSTPONED

Dedication and unveiling ceremonies for the Honor Roll Monument, which was scheduled for tomorrow, has been postponed because of the inability to get an appropriate speaker and to complete arrangements. The speaker who was scheduled is unable to attend the ceremonies.

W. C. "Tom" Sawyer, chairman of the Rivers Ex-Servicemen's Club, said that the dedication has been set tentatively for the following Sunday, April 23.

## UNIVERSITY MEN VISIT RIVERS

Twelve educators from Tucson, including President Alfred J. Atkinson of the University of Arizona, and a journalist from the St. Louis Globe Democrat, visited Gila all day Thursday.

They were divided into small groups and, escorted by center officials. They visited the schools, the farm, the hospital, and the Co-op stores.

Mrs. Don McCord, who writes a column for the Globe Democrat under her pen name Alinor Maxwell, stated she was impressed by the cheerfulness of the residents and hopes to return for a longer visit.

## BERNHARD TO AID IN LAW MATTERS

Edgar Bernhard, principal attorney from the San Francisco office will be in Rivers, Tuesday and Wednesday, April 18 and 19 to consult with anyone about legal problems anywhere on the coast that needs attention.

Persons who need such help should make appointments through the Project Attorney's office before Bernhard arrives.

## ICKES DEFENDS WRA; CRITICIZES RACE MONGERS

Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes defended the WRA program Thursday, sharply criticizing "the vindictive, blood-thirsty onslaughts of professional race mongers," and declaring that the agency entrusted with ro-

settlement of Japanese in this country "will not be converted into an instrument of revenge or racial warfare," the A.P. reports.

"I think that there can be no doubt," the secretary stated, "that the program has, in general, been handled with discretion, humanity and wisdom...The War Relocation Authority--make no mistake about it--has been criticized for not organizing in...a lynching party. Under my jurisdiction, it will not be stampeded into undemocratic, bestial, inhuman action."

Ickes, who set forth his views in a statement, added:

"I have on many occasions called for the punishment of the war criminals whether they have committed their outrages under Tojo and the fiendish military caste of Japan, or under Hitler. Let us see that the guilty are made to feel the heavy hand of justice. But let us not degrade ourselves by injuring innocent, defenseless people. To do this would be to lower ourselves to the level of the renegade Nazis and Japanese war lords. Civilization expects more from us than from them."

## Leave Score

THIS WEEK:	
Indefinites	56
Seasonals	4
Short Terms	6
TOTAL:	.
Indefinites	2801
Seasonals	53
Short Terms	60
POPULATION:	9363

## RELOCATION EARLY CLEARANCE HASTENS LEAVE

Persons who plan to relocate in the near future but have never filed an application for leave clearance should do so at their earliest convenience, announced Henry C. Freeland, leave officer.

Although relocation hearings are no longer held for persons who have received any type of Washington clearance, it is necessary for the leave office to complete certain records for all persons leaving the center, he said.

If applications are placed on file, the leave office is able to arrange all details regarding departure on a minimum of four days' notice.

Said Freeland, "The cooperation of all prospective relocators in this regard will be greatly appreciated by the members of the leave office who are doing their utmost to extend the greatest possible services to the residents despite personal inconvenience."

## Ban Hardball Within Blocks

The Block Managers last Tuesday agreed by unanimous consent to discourage residents from playing or throwing hard balls within the blocks, stated Keiso Ishizu, Central Block Manager.

This is to prevent possible injury to persons and damage to property. Ishizu was instructed by the Block Managers to publicize this in the newspaper.

TOPAZ

## Children Speak On Evacuation

The children also have a story to tell of evacuation. Untempered by the limitations of the adult mind, their story is told with a simplicity and honesty that can only come from the "child heart."

The following are extracts from compositions written by 12-year-old children of the Topaz relocation center.

### DECIDER 7

"My father said it would be nice to go for a little ride around San Francisco. The front door opened and I saw my father coming out of the house. Just as he entered the car we heard the telephone ringing and my father ran and opened the door."

"It didn't come out for about ten minutes or so, so my mother went into the house to see what was keeping my father. My mother didn't return so I put on the radio and was listening with all my might. He started to say something and said Japan has attacked Pearl Harbor. I ran into the house to tell my folks. My father said there was my uncle and told him the war has been declared between Japan and America. I couldn't go for the ride."

### AT SCHOOL THE NEXT DAY

That morning, the teacher started to talk about this terrible war. She wasn't talking anything bad about us, but still, I felt a little funny inside. I felt that everybody was staring at me, and I wondered what everybody thought about us. Somehow I felt out of place. After school that day, mostly all of the Japanese American kids happened to get together. One of the kids popped up and said, "Say, how did you kids feel when the teacher started to talk about war?" "Funny!" we all agreed. We had a little talk about it a little bit, and before I knew it, the subject was changed and we were talking about somethin' else.

### EVACUATION

As the bus started to move, I caught a last

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### Editorial:

## WELCOME VISITORS

Today Butte high school is playing host to young students from eight outside high schools in Arizona and to dozens of women of the colleges and universities of the state.

We welcome these visitors to our community and hope that they will not confine their visits to the High School campus alone, but will be able to see our community—the work accomplishments, and the amenities of life in this center.

In welcoming the youthful visitors we feel proud of our high schools here, both Caval and Butte, which have risen in two years from nothing to become accredited schools in the state. Appointed and resident teachers have worked under wartime handicaps, lacking books and materials. They have worked to build institutions that have picked up the threads of education broken by evacuation and are preparing youth for its rightful place in a wholesome American life.

The eyes of the community are always looking eagerly to the schools, for from these barrack schools men will have to come some of the future leaders of the nation and of America. Schools are one institution in relocation centers that cannot afford to stagnate, for they deal with young lives and human ambitions. We are happy to see indications here that Gilcrest's youth has not lost its vitality—that they react to unfair accusations just as ordinary citizens would, that their freedom of thought and expression has not been stinted by confinement.

Today's convention is an indication of the energy of our students, and the same is reflected in the editorial expression of a convention prior, the Girls' League Gazette. "America is Wonderring," says the editorial, "if you still have the right to venture outside the snug gates and win more people on your side through showing them that you are just as loyal and just as capable of bearing the name, American."

We are happy to be able to meet the visitors here today; we are proud to introduce to them our teachers, our students, and our residents.

Glimpse of our pink house. Woods cover the garden or How I wished then, that I the house was torn down could stay. I was not happy, neither were my parents. But my sister and brother were overjoyed, since it was their first ride on a Greyhound bus. They didn't know why they were moving; they just thought that they were moving to another place. My mother was not happy. She was smiling but I could tell by her face that she was thinking of the hardships ahead of her.

### GENERAL OBSERVATIONS

I sometimes wonder how the garden in our home in San Francisco is coming along. Whether the plants

were cover the garden or the house was torn down and the sign that says "Real Estate—call so and so on so and so street to buy this place" cover the front while among the weeds which cover the lot blooming roses and violets. I wonder which is better—dying from lack of care or blooming among the weeds every year. Maybe someone moved into the house, although it isn't very likely, and tended the garden with care and planted a victory garden among the flowers—that would be splendid and I hope that will happen. It would be better than the other things I have mentioned.

## PASADENAANS FORM GROUP TO FIGHT FOR NISEI RIGHTS NAME FOR GROUP SOUGHT

With the slogan "Justice delayed is Justice denied," a group of citizens of Pasadena, California, and vicinity are working to restore full civil rights for evacuees, including the right to re-

turn to their west coast homes, according to a letter, written to the NEWS-COURIER, from Mrs. Paul W. Moritz of South Pasadena.

The letter, to which the names of 14 members of the group were attached, reads as follows:

"Americans of Japanese ancestry are being drafted from behind barbed wire of the relocation centers to risk their lives as full citizens. As this risk is taken in battle, all evacuees will share the anxieties and responsibilities of citizenship. In a democracy it is imperative that citizenship confer on all both equal responsibility and equal rights.

"Therefore, we, the undersigned citizens of Pasadena and vicinity, declare it to be our conviction that full civil rights should be restored to the evacuees. One of the so rights is that of returning to their west coast homes. We also believe that the same treatment should be accorded loyal Japanese aliens as loyal German aliens.

"We propose to work openly for those objectives, as we believe the present contradiction in American democratic theory and practice in the treatment of this group should be resolved quickly. Our slogan is, "Justice delayed is Justice denied." We shall appreciate suggestions of a name befitting the purpose of this newly-formed group."

### IRE DESTROYS KINGSBURG CHURCH

A fire of undetermined origin destroyed the Japanese Buddhist Church in Kingsburg, California, according to an AP report. It is the second time that fire has hit the edifice within 6 months, this time leaving only two charred brick walls standing.

In the previous fire a Japanese school building, adjoining the church was destroyed.

## FIREMEN NEEDED ON PROJECT

Five men are needed immediately as fire protection officers, announced Lyston Black, personnel officer. Older men are preferred.

The men will have a chance to learn the fire fighting methods of Los Angeles and other metropolitan cities, said Black.

There are also many chances for promotion, he added.

All interested men are requested to report to the employment office in the annex.

## JAPANESE BOOKS IN TWO LIBRARIES

Seventy-four Japanese books and twenty-four English books, sent to Rivers from Japan on the Gripsholm by the International Red Cross are now available to residents through the Butte and Canal community libraries.

The books include pamphlets, novels, craft, Christian and Buddhist books.

## MYER'S ACTION OF NEW JERSEY

Dillon S. Myer, director of WRA, declared last week that protests of some residents of Warren Co., New Jersey, against employment of a Japanese American on a farm there were not in the national interest, and were based on emotion and prejudices rather than on reason, the AP reports.

Myer said he understood a mass meeting was held in the county at which time it was voted that George Yamamoto be ousted from his tenant farm and that other relocated Japanese Americans be barred from entry into county.

## DELTA PIUS OPEN MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

In conjunction with its membership drive, the Delta Phi Sigma are holding an open meeting Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. at 42-5-A.

All girls interested in joining the club are encouraged to attend the meeting.

## JAPANESE GETS BLOOD DONATION

Six coeds and two faculty members of Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois, have donated blood in attempts to save the life of Ikuo Oyama, research associate in political science, the I.N.S. reported last week.

Oyama, who is in the Evanston Hospital with a serious stomach ailment, has been connected with the University since 1933.

## NEW HOSPITAL HOURS RELEASED

New hospital visiting hours, providing for Canal residents as well as Butte, were announced by J. Walsh Stull, hospital administrator.

The new hours, which were put into effect Thursday, is as follows: General Wards - 6:45 to 7:45 p.m. every evening except Sunday. Tubercolosis Wards - 3 to 5 p.m. on Sunday.

All Canal residents who wish to come to Butte will be able to catch a bus leaving from the administration building at 6:30.

## ALIENS, PAROLEES MAY ENTER EDC

According to a recent wire from Dillon S. Myer, each center is authorized to issue indefinite leaves to any alien for initial destination in the Eastern Defense Command if he is otherwise eligible for leave clearance without Washington clearance.

This instruction is interpreted to apply to parolees whose departure is authorized by the Immigration Service, as well as other aliens, said Wilson Hart, relocation adviser.

## Relocators In Boston Make Many Friends

"THE BOSTON NISEI are certainly making good" says Roger F. Clapp, New England area Supervisor, "I have always been very pleased with the way they have handled themselves here, but when I saw for the first time, the wonderful new friends they have made in the short time they have been here, I felt indeed proud of them." Boston's Pioneer Hotel, on Saturday evening-March 25th, was the scene of a "Thank You" dinner by the Greater Boston Nisei group to the Boston Hospitality Committee. Nearly a hundred guests, each individually invited by a relocatee friend, taxed the capacity of the banquet hall.

The event was spark-plugged by Chairman George Sasaki (Tribune Assembly Center) and his Boston Nisei Committee. Chick Uno (Minidoka) was Master of Ceremonies. Frances Maeda extended the greeting of welcome to the guests and Edward Ingram, Chairman of the Boston Hospitality Committee for Japanese American Relocation replied.

## RESIDENT DONATES Books To LIBRARY

Mrs. Shige Nishikawa donated eight books and several mystery magazines to the Butte Community library this week.

The books donated were mostly mystery and light fiction. "They Can't Hang Me," by James Ronald; "Tomorrow's Tango," by Margaret Poddler; "Red Silence," by Kathleen Norris and "The Silver Flute," by Lida Larrimore were among the books donated.

## Message For Ayano Moriwaki

There is a message from Japan to Ayano Moriwaki, formerly of North San Diego, through the Japan Red Cross. This person or anyone who has knowledge of where this person can be located, is requested to notify the Japan Red Cross Unit in the Administration Building.

## RED CROSS SEEKS SANTA MARIAANS

The Red Cross Unit of Santa Maria, California is inquiring for Isamu Suckawa and Hiroshi Mito. Any person knowing the above mentioned, is requested to notify, 201 East Cook Street, Santa Maria, California.

## CHURCH

### BUTTE BUDDHIST

Sunday School	9 a.m.	Temple 42, 63
YBA Service	7:30 p.m.	Temple 42
Adult Service	7:30 p.m.	Temple 33
BUTTE CHRISTIAN		
Morning Watch	6 a.m.	Chapel 59
Holy Communion	8 a.m.	Chapel 59
Church School	9 a.m.	Chapel 32, 40, 59
English Worship	10:15 a.m.	Chapel 40
Japanese Worship	10 a.m.	Chapel 59
Pilgrim Fellowship	7 p.m.	Chapel 40
Isoei Service	7:30 p.m.	Chapel 32, 59
Bible Class (Wed.)	7 p.m.	Hospital Library
Choir Practice (Sat.)	7 p.m.	Chapel 40
Isoei Prayer Service (Thursday)	7:30 p.m.	Chapel 32, 59

### CANAL BUDDHIST

Sunday School	9 a.m.	Mess Hall 13
Jr. and Sr. YBA	9 a.m.	Church
General Worship	8 p.m.	Church
Daily Morning Service	8:30 a.m.	Church
Shin-Cho-Howa	8 p.m.	Rec. Hall 8

### CANAL CHRISTIAN

Sunday School	9 a.m.	Church & School
English Service	10 a.m.	Church
Japanese Service	2 p.m.	Church
C.E. Service	6:30 p.m.	Church
Y.P. Fellowship	7:30 p.m.	Church

## AND PICK

### SCHOOL TEACHERS-Kansas.

Superintendent of schools in Osborne, Kansas, wishes to consider applications from qualified nisei for two positions. One man to coach football and basketball and to teach commercial subjects, mathematics, or sciences. Preferably a major in mathematics and physical education and coaching ability. Second position is for man to teach music and band. Salary \$200.00 per month.

### FARM FAMILY-Illinois.

Farmer in Central Illinois wishes to hire farm worker with or without a family for permanent employment. Should be tractor operator. Salary \$90.00 per month plus garden space, feed for poultry, milk and meat. Husband only expected to work. Private housing provided. Grade school and high school easily accessible by school bus.

### COUNSELOR-New York.

Opening in Syracuse, New York for woman group leader and counselor. Should be college graduate, 25 to 35 years of age and should be able to supervise children, 5 years and up, young people and adult volunteer workers. Applicant with experience in playground, arts, and crafts work. Salary will range from \$1500 to \$1800 per year depending on experience. Employer is a non-sectarian civic member.

### AGRICULTURAL CHEMIST-Ohio.

Opening for analytical chemist to work in agronomy department. Should have agricultural and soil chemistry and plant pathology training and be able to take over in laboratory.

### HOTEL-Minnesota.

Sierman Hotel has positions for women as hotel maids and for men to do maintenance work. No experience required. Maintenance men 75¢ an hour. Maids wages \$3.08 a day.





