

YOSHITSU HEADS COLONY LABOR BOARD RECRUITING

Plans for increasing the number of volunteers engaged in picking the highly valuable long-staple cotton crop of Pinal and Maricopa Counties were announced this morning following a meeting of E.R. Fryer, acting project director, with several WRA division heads at the administrative mess hall in Block 18.

An important step in the program will be the selection of a Council of evacuees to work under the direction of Masao Yoshitsu, now serving as chief recruiting officer of the Division of Employment and Housing. Also serving on the Council will be an administrative official of the War Relocation Authority. This Council will investigate working conditions at each ranch where workers are desired.

Following the investigation the Council will recommend the number of workers to be recruited for each ranch in view of the available labor supply at the Gila River Project and the demands from other growers.

The Council will also confer with the County War Boards of Pinal and Maricopa Counties on problems of working conditions, the allocation of workers and other factors having some relation to achieving the goal of picking the largest possible amount of long-staple cotton.

Following the morning's meeting Mr. Fryer announced

that he has asked the U.S. Department of Agriculture War Boards of Pinal and Maricopa Counties to meet with him here tomorrow for a thorough review of the cotton picking program.

"My entire concern is with meeting the nation's needs in a critical situation," Mr. Fryer said. "We hope to organize our recruiting campaign so that evacuees will have dependable information on working conditions. We hope, too, that through cooperation between growers and workers, each person who goes into the cotton fields will increase his earnings by being able to pick more cotton. I am much encouraged by the fact that several workers on Tuesday, the second day, were able to pick very much more cotton than on Monday."

"Improve"-Fryer

A special appeal was made by E.R. Fryer, Acting Project Director, to all residents of the Gila River Project to improve the appearance of their homes by employment of native shrubs and plants which can be used.

CANAL CAMPER - IS COTTON CHAMP

Reports from volunteers returning from the fields on Tuesday evening disclosed that seven pickers had harvested more than 100 pounds each at the Smith-Thornburg ranch. An Issei from the Canal Camp, who was not identified, received first honors with a total of 119 pounds.

Runner-ups for this title were George Nagano with 116 pounds, Mas Okumura with 113 pounds and Mr. Mukai with 112.

Joining the volunteers on Monday were Mr. and Mrs. Minoru Tanimura. On Tuesday Mrs. Tanimura picked 70 pounds and her husband 72.

SAKAMOTO TELLS COLONY'S VIEW

Frank Sakamoto, Central Block Manager, stated certain facts at a special meeting Saturday with the administrative staff regarding labor in the cotton fields.

He pointed out that: (1) those people who have no housing or family worries have volunteered to date; (2) many others will volunteer who can be assured of the security of their family in these respects; and (3) if these worries were eliminated by proper housing arrangements, many more cotton pickers would be assured.

FRYER'S STATEMENT

RESIDENTS URGED TO BEAUTIFY CITY

"We all want Rivers to be a beautiful city--a city reflecting the personal pride of those who have their homes here and who want this community to blend with the natural beauty of its surroundings. We can achieve this almost without cost by simply working together.

"I am asking all administrative heads concerned to give special attention to the policing of grounds

and the disposal of waste. As rapidly as the construction program permits, we will have open ditches filled in and other improvements made.

"To all of you who live here, I want to give special encouragement in the transplanting of native shrubs and plants around your homes and in the creation of small rock gardens. Many of you brought plants and seeds with you which

can also be used. Until irrigation water becomes available, it will be necessary, of course, to plan improvement requiring a small amount of water.

"I shall watch this program for the improvement of grounds and the beautification of homes with special interest. Later, I hope we can find some way to give special recognition to whose whose creations are outstanding."

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Editor News Courier:

May I ask that somebody have something done about the traffic directing system now used in the various dining halls. It seems to me that this method only tends to separate families who desire to have their meals together. Too, eating next to unknown persons result in tenseness and nervousness which deprives one from enjoying his meals.

The manners used by the youngsters---and some of the oldsters---would certainly be tabooed as a social faux pas.

As an immediate remedial action, may I suggest that everyone have the liberty of choosing their own dining tables, and when the halls seem to be filled to capacity, or when late diners find difficulty in seeking eating places, the traffic operators then direct those persons.

Another factor which has been on my mind is the rice and salad situation. Don't you agree that it would be a good idea if all the mess halls had these already served on the tables? It certainly would save me the embarrassment of tripping up the aisles for a second helping. Will you please try to do something about all this before I get 'all et up' too. Thanks.

Mr. Hunger

The above letter has its many good points, and we hope that in the near future dining hall problems will be ironed out to everyone's satisfaction.

Editor



COTTON FOR WAR

The acute wartime manpower shortage is affording Americans of Japanese ancestry another opportunity to visibly demonstrate their loyalty and devotion to the country and toward the furtherance of the nation's war effort.

Thousands of evacuees are signing up for sugar beet harvesting in the states of the inland west--many to harvest the important crop which they had helped to save last spring.

And this week the War Department and the Army took extraordinary steps to make possible the participation of evacuee Japanese, citizen and alien, in the harvesting of Arizona's long staple cotton crop, a product vital to the maintenance of the military strength of the nation.

Harvesting of the Arizona crops is, in effect a War Department project, since the production of balloons, parachutes, gliders and other similar items depends in a great measure upon the availability of the cotton crop now maturing in the desert air of Maricopa and Pinal. Long staple cotton, according to Secretary of War Stimson, is essential to the production of vital implements of war. "There are very few sources of this vital commodity in the world," the Secretary of War declared, "and the Arizona crop is of great importance to us."

Military necessity alone motivated Gen. DeWitt to authorize the use of Japanese evacuees in the cotton harvesting program, since the major portion of the acreage is located within Military Area No. 1.

The next move is up to the evacuees themselves. Military and other officials had stressed that recruiting will be carried forward at Gila River and at Poston on a strictly voluntary basis. There is no compulsion, other than that compulsion shared by every loyal American to do his part in the winning of the war. We are confident that the evacuees in the Arizona relocation centers will come forward, like the several hundred who volunteered for the work before the release of military authorization, to bridge this manpower gap in the nation's supreme war effort.

--Pacific Citizen--

TABLE ETIQUETTE

Remonstrations of abominable table manners used in the dining halls by youngsters and adults during meal hours have been heard here and there each day. Misplaced elbows, seats used as foot-rests, loud talk with a full mouth, covered heads, such are some of the more unpleasant features of the communal mess halls.

Is this one of the demoralizing indications of the camp life? It seems so. It seems that we evacuees are doing less than we can to combat the evil influences of our community existence. To be blunt, signs point towards the let-down of moral strength.

Unfortunately, though it may be, it is true that these let-downs are contagious and soon extend to other things. Lack of courtesy at the dinner table will extend to other places. Lack of courtesy will tear down the structure of other civilizing influences and so the vicious circle starts.

We have been and have boasted that we are a proud race. So we have been, and are. But this pride cannot last long unless we can maintain the cultural level we have boasted of in the past.

GILA BIDS FOR 'SALAD BOWL' TITLE

Gila grown Radishes will grace mess tables next week reports the press relations bureau of the colony Farm Management Division.

The radishes are the first of diversified crops that are planted in various units. John Ohige's Unit 69 which produced the popular red relish, has almost 236 acres planted to the following crops: onion, lettuce, cauliflower, broccoli, carrots, peas, cucumber, spinach, and parsley.

George Nagamatsu has 132 acres planted in record time with the vegetables mentioned report continues the report.

Minoru Omata has gone strong on the white cousin of the radish, his planting of the fiery daikon being heavy. He is also planting other locally grown crops including Papago peas. From artichokes down the alphabet to zucchini, Gila Farm Management is set to bid for the Salad Bowl title.

Gila Closed To Alien Visitors

The Western Defense Command and Fourth Army will not grant any visiting permits to persons of Japanese ancestry desiring to come into a military area, announced Mrs. A.M. Smith, Colony Counselor.

As the Gila Relocation Center lies within Military Area No. 1, colonists are requested to extend this information to their Japanese friends in order to avoid confusion on the part of the applicant.

OPTOMETRY SERVICES

Dr. John Koyama will head the Optometry department temporarily quartered in the Emergency Hospital pending the opening of the main infirmary.

Repairs, adjustments, and replacement of broken lenses are the only cases being handled at present.

Clinic hours are 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Sleath Heads City Sanitation

All matters pertaining to sanitation of mess halls, sewage, water, latrines, and garbage will be the responsibility of the Sanitation Corps which has been organized under Dr. Jack C. Sleath, M.D. Chief Medical Officer.

Trained inspectors of the Corps, who are medical and pre-medical students, will report all menaces to public health to Dr. W.C. Furuta, Ph. D. in charge, who will submit the report to Dr. Sleath. The administrative heads will be advised by Dr. Sleath as to the correction of the faults.

First Variety Show Tomorrow

Butte camp's initial variety show and song fest which was originally scheduled for this evening, will instead, due to unavoidable circumstances, be held tomorrow night at 8 p.m.

Locale of the program has not been announced as the paper goes to press, therefore, those planning to attend are requested to watch mess hall bulletins for this information.

George Kanegaki, Social Recreation Director, assisted by Miye Tachihara, Ayako Matsumoto, and Yoshiko Honma, promise a full night's entertainment. At the same time, Kanegaki will reveal the identity of the community's song leader.

BATES HANDLES COLONY INFORMATION PROBLEMS

REPORTS OFFICER TO BE APPOINTED SOON

As Chief of the Information Division in the WRA Field Office in San Francisco, Edwin Bates is responsible for the handling of all information problems within this colony.

Each project has a reports officer who is in charge of the WRA information program which includes general supervision of the project newspaper and contact with newspapers and magazines outside the community which may request information concerning WRA activities and also the preparation of reports of the relocation centers in the eight western states.

Butte Scouts In Various Projects

Meeting every Friday at Recreation Hall 39, the Butte Camp Boy Scouts are rapidly progressing in their various projects, the latest being a Black Hawk Patrol hike to the canal bordering the Butte Camp. Activities for the day included swimming, fishing, and scout testing.

In addition to toy-making for Christmas, drum and bugle corps, weekly meetings, and Greenbar Council meetings, the scouts have planned a recruitment drive for new members. Any group or individual who wish to join are requested to contact Frank Sakahiro, Bob Handa, or any scout at Recreation Hall 39.

Tonight at 9:30, the Senior Staff meeting will be held at Recreation Hall 57.

CAMP LIBRARY OPENS DOORS

Officially opened on Monday, September 21, the Butte Camp Library at Recreation Hall 46 is now offering reading material to all colony residents under the direction of Sumire Sugita, head librarian. With Lucy Morodomi and Midori Morooka as assistants, the hours have been set at 9 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. daily and 2 to 9 p.m. on Sundays.

Improvements are expected to be made in the near future with pictures, cactus plants, and other picturesque additions.

MESSIN' AROUND

MESS FOR CAUCASIANS

Mess 42 will be the locale for a dining hall for all Caucasian office workers and school teachers who will pay 35¢ for each meal. Opening on Friday or Saturday, the crew will be similar to all other mess staffs with women cooks under one supervisor.

TICKETS ARRIVE

Twenty-five hundred colored mess tickets have arrived, but are being held due to the insufficient number to distribute to all kitchens. These tickets must be presented at each meal. Green tickets will be presented to those who are employed on night shifts.

'TIS ALL THE SAME

According to F.E. Brown, Assistant Project Steward, all menus are supposed to be uniform in all kitchens at each meal.

GARBAGE DISPOSAL

Due to many complaints, all residents are reminded that garbage disposal is taken care of daily with a regular crew working on this matter.

FIRE FIGHTERS WORK ON SHIFTS

Consisting of 3 platoons, the 35 members of the Butte Fire Department are working in continual 24 hour shifts with the watch tower on Butte Mountain as their main point of observation.

Three more platoons of men will be added upon arrival of a new fire truck.

Americanization Classes Start

Commencing Monday, September 21, Adult English classes are in session nightly except Saturdays and Sundays from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at block 41-2.

Instructors for these Americanization classes are Sally Fukuoka, Roland Uwaizumi, and Yoshiaki Tamura. All students are requested to bring their own pencils.

The talent show will be held in mess 51 tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock.

BUTTE DENTAL OFFICE OPENS

Located in the north end of the emergency hospital, the dental department has been assiduously employed in catering to their steadily increasing clientele.

The dentists, who render service to both Butte and Canal Camp residents are: Sakaguchi, Minami, Suda, Moriya, Sugiyama, Takashi, Yamaguchi, Sonoda, Hayashi, Yamamoto, Kawamura and Yusa.

Dental assistants are: Tomi Nakamura and Lucy Kadota, and receptionist, Imika Matsumoto.

Clinic hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily and half day Saturdays. Except for emergency cases, the clinic will be closed on Sundays.

Plots Selected

Two plots of ground will be selected near each of the two camps for community garden sites very shortly, E.R. Fryer, acting project director, announced.

These sites will be at the disposal of those residents who wish to plant any seed they may have with them or may obtain. They will be divided into small plots for the purpose.

OBSEQUIES

Santa Marian Dies

Following a prolonged illness, Mr. Yasuhei Sakai, 62, passed away Sunday, September 13, at 11:30 a.m. at the Santa Maria General Hospital in California.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Kikaye Sakai, children Kimiko, Fred, George, Mary, who reside at 48-14-C, and a married daughter, Mrs. Kuwata.

Wako and funeral services were held Friday and Saturday respectively at the Buddhist Church.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to extend our deepest thanks to our many friends for their kind attendance at the wake and funeral services.

Mrs. Kikaye Sakai and Family.



CAUCASIANS ARRIVE

Eleven Caucasians instructors have arrived to assist in the educational program of this colony. Already conducting a house to house survey in order to check on requirements and to become acquainted with the pupils and their parents, they will later reside in section 48 of the Butte Camp.



TEACHING OPPORTUNITIES

V.W. Marshall from the faculty of Arizona State Teachers College located at Tempe, Arizona, will instruct Japanese students who wish to become credited teachers so that they will be qualified to teach within the camp.

TEXTS....UGH!

Textbooks (familiar to all exponents of the three R's) shipped to the Gila Center from Tulare will be used in addition to new texts to be obtained for the coming semester.



REGISTRATION

Date of registration for classes will be announced soon. Due to many inquiries, students and parents will note that a preliminary registration was conducted at the time of induction.

INSURANCE POLICY HANDLED BY MIURA

Residents wishing advice on insurance policies are requested to see the Insurance Counselor, Gohachiro Miura, at 65 recreation hall. He is there between the hours of 9 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Miura will also aid in the matter of registering rentable property in your home town. Forms may be obtained at his office.

CHOIR PRACTICE

The Young Buddhist Mixed Choir will hold a practice Friday evening at the Buddhist Church, Rec. Hall 63 from 8 o'clock.

CANAL CAMP NEWS

CANAL CAMP RED CROSS ORGANIZED

The Red Cross Chapter is in the process of being established in the Colony under the direction of Morton J. Gaba, Supervisor of CAS and Karl Iwanaga, Executive Secretary. The Chapter will be known as the Gila River Chapter, organized exclusively by people of the Japanese race. When the charter is granted, it will perhaps be the first of its kind in the history of the American Red Cross.

It will be following in the broad spirit of the Red Cross in which there is no distinction as to race, color, or creed. In this turbulent world of today, the work of the Red Cross is extending to the far corners of the earth. We in this Colony will be given an opportunity to play our part in the broad program of the Red Cross organization.

The elders here will be interested to learn that this chapter will be able to assist them in sending "civilian messages" directly to Japan.

BERTHA STARKEY GUEST SPEAKER

With the largest attendance to date, the Christian Sunday School was held in Rec. Hall 24 with Mae Shirakawa as chairman.

The Japanese service was held from 9 a. m. led by the Reverend C. So. The Reverend Y. Tsuda from Butte Camp, who was recently appointed to take charge of the Canal Services, was the speaker.

Held immediately after the Japanese Service, the Young People's Worship had as speaker, Miss Bertha Starkey, who has been making a tour of Assembly and Relocation Centers. A resident in Japan for 31 years, Miss Starkey takes a genuine interest in the Japanese people.

The evening Fellowship Service was held at 8 o'clock with Genji Kawahara and Kiyoko Hosoura as co-chairmen.

Sewing Machine Information

All information regarding sewing machines may be secured from Harry Inouye at the magazine section of the Canal Canteen. Mountain spring water orders are also being taken at this department.

Hutchinson Head Of Camp Nursery

One hundred thirty-nine tots are now attending the Canal Camp Nursery held from 9 a. m. to 11:30 a. m. and 1 p. m. to 3:30 p. m. with three year olds attending in the mornings and four year olds in the afternoons.

Nourishment is provided the children during recess periods and health habits, cooperation, songs, manners, and etiquette are the main objects of instruction.

Staff under Albert R. Hutchinson, principal, and Marie Uchida, supervisor, includes Kimiko Fujimoto, Aiko Hata, Sumie Ii, Toshiko Inada, Toyoko Iwano, Dora Marishita, Emi Oshigi, Anita Takigawa, and Amy Uchimoto.

TULARE RED CROSS CERTIFICATES HERE

The American National Red Cross Instructors' Certificates have arrived from the Tulare Chapter for former Tulareans. The following persons are asked to see Karl Iwanaga, Friday noon from 1 p. m. to 5 p. m. at the CAS office: Kimiko Shimizu, John Sakamoto, Sumiye Ota, Sue Yamagami, Kikuye K. Shimomura, Albert Koyama, Amy Motodani, Ruth Nakaya, Tanya Takeoka, and Helen Osaka.

EDUCATION:

Survey Reveals 1,000 Students

According to the Canal Camp survey taken for the schools, there will be more than 1000 students. High school will have approximately 518 students while the grammar school registered 585 pupils.

MORE BOYS THAN GIRLS

The boys outnumbered the girls in the high school survey which showed 263 boys and 239 girls. Sophomores have topped all other classes in the number of students. The students represent fifty-three different schools of California which they attended prior to evacuation. W. F. Miller, the principal, announced that a 111 who have not signed up, should report immediately and all who wish to resume their schooling not completed for some reasons in the past.

TEACHERS ARRIVE

Albert R. Hutchinson, the principal of the grade school announced, "The teachers of the staff are here. They are exceptionally well-trained people and came from fine schools. Not only were they just willing to come, but they are here to make it a superior school and not just a public school."

Opening date for the schools is not definite, but probably will start in the early part of October. Definite date will be set later, it was announced.

TYPWRITERS WANTED FOR HIGH SCHOOL

The high school commercial department of Canal Camp wishes to purchase standard typewriters at blue book prices. All interested persons are asked to contact either Miss Ida Otomo, commercial teacher, or the temporary school office situated next to the fire house.

MUSIC LESSONS

All persons interested in instrumental music, with or without instruments, are requested to see Mr. Jess Sedberry in the temporary school office, 13-1-A.

King Football To Reign In Butte Camp

The present spirit of the nation, "Football," will prevail over Butte Camp when the program set-up by Assistant Supervisor Harry Ota, goes into action. This is the first call for pigskinners to organize squads to be entered in the two classes which will be over and under the 135 pound limit. Six-man football leagues will also commence for 14 years and under and 15 year old boys. Sign-ups are now being taken at Recreation Hall 56.

Also included in this sport program is basketball, which will be run under different leagues as football. This sport will get underway as soon as the courts are constructed, for quintets from Tulare have already organized and have seen action in a pre-season schedule.

The Community Activities Section was boosted another notch with the hiring of Roy Hiroto as Director of Men's Athletics. Hiroto will be a great help in the big job of forming football and basketball leagues for the community.

CANAL GIRLS TO START NET GAME

Deadline for the Girls' Volleyball League sign-up for Canal Camp was extended until 5 o'clock this afternoon. League schedules will be made and issued to all teams as soon as possible. The initial net game is contemplated to start rolling Monday evening. Typewritten rules shall be issued to all teams also. Rule books are available at the CAS Office for use by coaches if returned the following day, stated Helen Inai, Girls' Activities Director.

HALL 25 SCENE OF JUDO PRACTICE

Judo was resumed yesterday in Hall 25. A newly made mat of alfalfa 20x60 is now in use.

The instructors are Minoru Okamoto, Tsutomu Kawano and Sachio Matsuda.

SAN JOSE MEET GIRLS VOLLEYBALL ROUGH RIDERS SIGN-UP URGED TONIGHT AT 6:30

The San Jose Scrubs crossbat against the high-riding Rough Riders this evening in the Ice Breaker Softball League.

Tomorrow the league leading Gila Cyclones tangle with the hapless Dust Stormers.

Two games are slated for Friday when the Rough Riders and Blister Bugs meet, and the Bulldogs face the Aggies.

In the National Circuit the favored Wildcats take on the Spitfires tonight while "one win" Gila Nine and the Giants meet tomorrow night. Also billed to clash tomorrow are the Salt Potters and the Block Heads.

Closing this week will be the Golden Gophers-San-ger Apache affray.

RECREATION #55 OPEN TO PUBLIC

With Recreation 55 assigned as the gym, equipment is being installed.

Two light punching bags and a heavy bag are now in the process of being put up. Also being put up are the parallel and chinning bars.

The barbell set will be available with John Ishimoto, Noboru Wakumoto and Kenji Ota as instructors.

Wrestling will also be had with occasional matches and those interested should report for workouts.

Appointments for workouts at the gym can be made with Dick Miyagawa.

Although lacking in equipment, boxing workouts will start next week.

MANAGERS TO MEET AT HALL 13 SUNDAY

An important meeting of all Ice Breakers team managers or representatives is slated for Sunday afternoon, September 27, at 2:30 o'clock at the CAS Office, Recreation Hall 13.

Due to the fact that so many girls' volleyball teams are now joining the league, the opening game has been postponed until Tuesday, Sept. 29, at 7 p.m.

All teams interested in joining the league must hand their names in to Ruby Kirita, Girls' Sport Director, at Recreation Hall 56 by Friday, September 25, at 12 noon. All girls are urged to come out and get acquainted with each other. So---come on out all you gals, a little dust won't hurt you!

Two new teams, Alhambra and an unnamed team have joined the league. Rosters of the Alhambrians includes: Bette Nakashima, Taneko Mayoda, Hagiko Ogino, Lillie Ogino, Haruye Shimoto, Mary Shimoto, Lily Takayama, Margaret Yoshimura, and Mabel Yamato; while the other team consists of Grace Sato, Yumeko Akiyoshi, Chiyeo Arima, Esther Sato, Mary Etc, Ila Sato, Kaiko Oishi, Susie Nakai, Taduko Inadomi, Mitzy Inamoto, Mitzy Koyama, Betty Kuwahara, and Dorothy Kuwahara.

MODEL AIRCRAFT CONFAB CALLED

Young and old interested in model aircraft are requested to meet tomorrow afternoon, 3 o'clock at Recreation Hall 26. A Model Aircraft Club which has been organized under the guidance of George Ichimoto, Peanut League Director, will build their own model planes and will take part in a big outdoor contest.

ICEBREAKER'S LEAGUE LEADERS

	W	L	PCT.
AMERICAN			
Cyclones	5	1	.833
Kingsburg	4	1	.800
S.J. Scrubs	3	1	.750
NATIONAL			
Salt Peters	5	1	.833
Ochi Bros.	4	1	.800
Scorpions	4	1	.800