



# TOPAZ TIMES

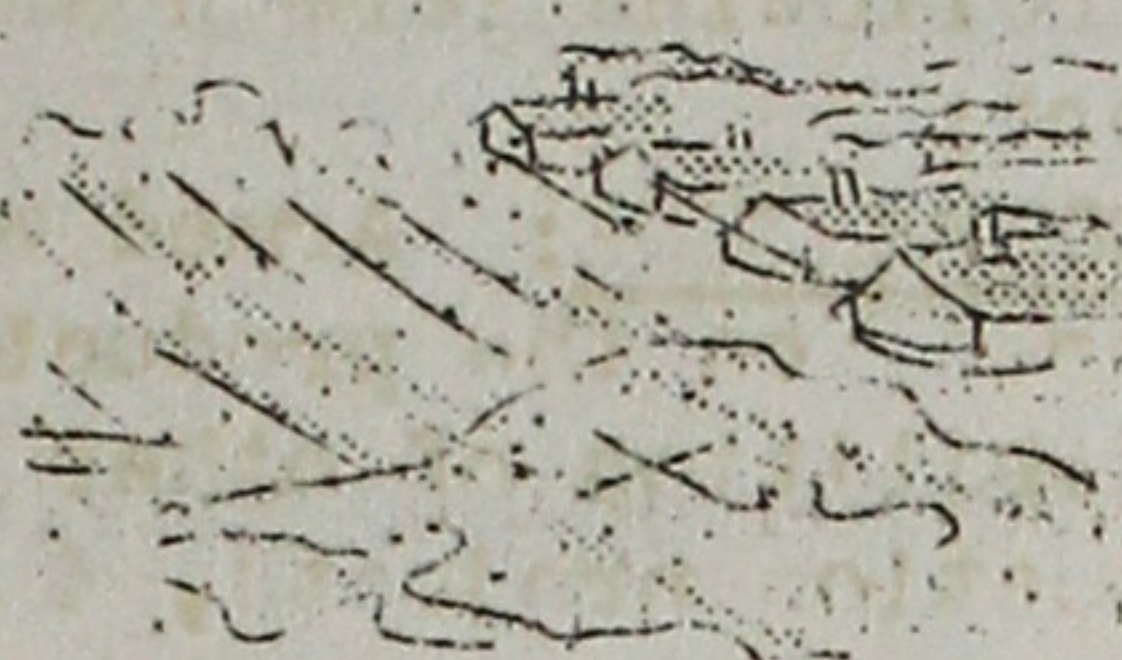
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## THE CITY: RESIDENTS SEE SEASON'S FIRST SNOWFALL

### Bed Time



Topaz had its first snow Wednesday morning; and to many of the residents, it was as one San Franciscan said: "This is the first snow I've seen in my whole life."

However, this resident added: "I'm disappointed, though, that the snow doesn't accumulate more visibly on the ground."

To others, it was no new experience. One of the veterans, Harumi Kawahara, 12-5-D, commented: "Good to see snow again. Having had lots of fun skiing on the Pacific Coast Ranges, I hope we'll get a chance to utilize those enticing mountains west of here for winter sports."

Project Director Charles F. Ernst expressed his hope that "this snow be a promise for a real white Christmas."

James Jennings, head of the Placement Bureau, declared: "This snow is nothing new. Having lived in Utah practically all my life, I had a good hunch that it would snow today. Yep, this snow is nothing new."

Another native of Utah, Irvin Hall of the Project Reports Division, gave a contrasting viewpoint. He said: "I didn't expect snow here so soon. Out here in the valleys, we often see no snow until as late as December. But as long as it's here, I anticipate more of it."

## MORE ANITANS ARRIVE



Twenty-seven Santa Anitans, comprising a part of the last contingent evacuating the Arcadia center, arrived at Delta Wednesday afternoon. Six passenger cars driven by Administration officials transported them in to Topaz, where the induction process was conducted at the Placement Bureau, Rec 26.

Most of them were housed in the apartments of relatives residing in the City.

Among the arrivals were the well-known Fujita sisters, Margaret, Martha, and Blossom. Margaret served as supervisor of the Santa Anita Social Welfare Department. The others also held key positions at the center.

## THIRD WELL COMPLETED



With the last of the 3 wells planned for Topaz completed Monday afternoon, the City will be amply provided with water, it was revealed today by Captain H.F. Dyer of the U.S. Engineers.

"Any one well will furnish sufficient water for the entire center", Captain Dyer said. "The water is very good and has no salt content. Further, it's very soft water, its hardness being only 580 parts per million."

The third well lies 1000 ft. south of the water tower, which is to the east of the City proper. It was dug to a depth of 640 ft. and will pump 800 gallons per minute.

The wells are in line 1000 ft. apart.

**SNOW AND SCHOOL:** As Bed Time news, Harumi Kawahara reports that: "With snow falling in Topaz Wednesday morning, afternoon classes were not conducted in the elementary and secondary schools."

Dr. John D. Carlisle, superintendent of education, said that inasmuch as classrooms are destitute of stoves at the present, the school schedule would depend, to a great extent, on weather conditions.

**COAL:** The Times' NAY, while out on circulation today, was told (rather pointedly) by a resident that the group of councilmen who went to Delta Tuesday to shovel coal found none there. So NAY went out to see what had happened.

From William Hunter, head of the Procurement Section, NAY learned that 5 carloads of coal were included in the emergency order coming to Topaz, but only 1 carload actually reached Delta on Monday; the remaining 4 were "lost on the tracks."

On Wednesday morning, the lost cars were located in Provo, and Hunter expected at least 2 cars to reach Delta by Wednesday evening.

In the meanwhile, Hunter explained, "Mr. Roy Potter, chief of the Transportation and Supply Division, sent several trucks to Delta Wednesday and picked up 11 tons of coal from a Delta company as an extra-emergency measure."

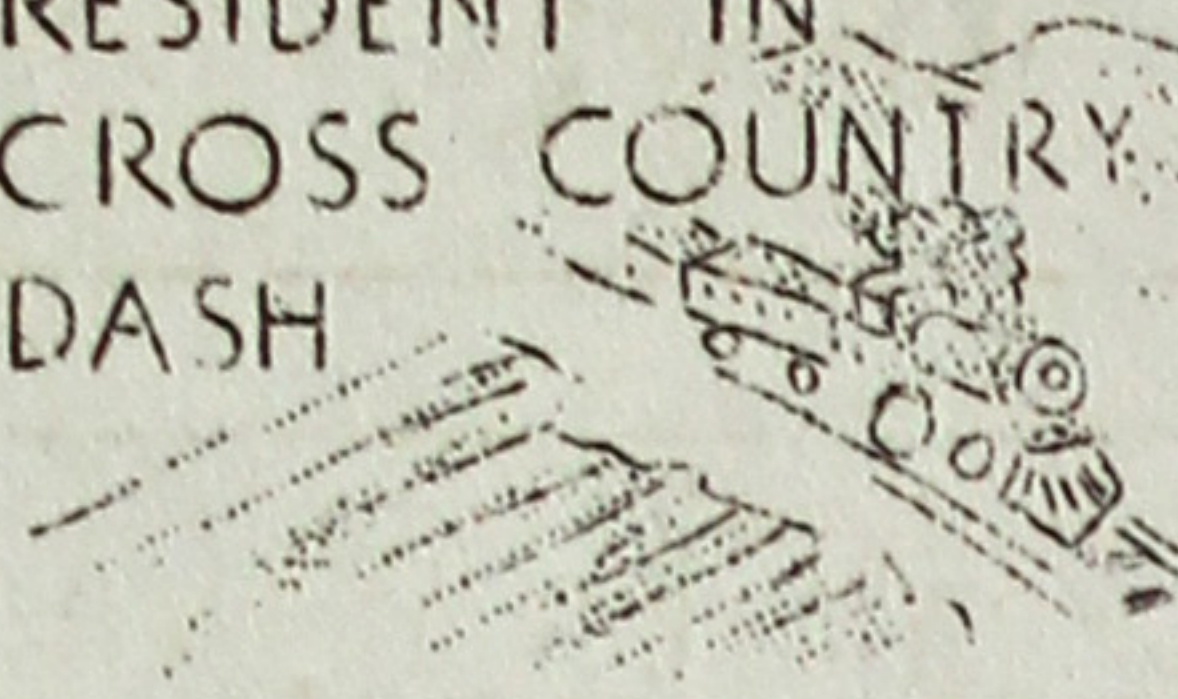
**STAR STORY:** At the end of today's City column, you'll find a starred story on truck crop plans for Topaz. Since this is, as you realize, a story bearing upon fresh vegetables for the City's dining halls, the star is

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## RESIDENT IN CROSS COUNTRY DASH



By Evelyn Kirimura

Death came to a plucky youth in the U.S. Army despite his younger brother's dash across the country from Topaz to save his life.

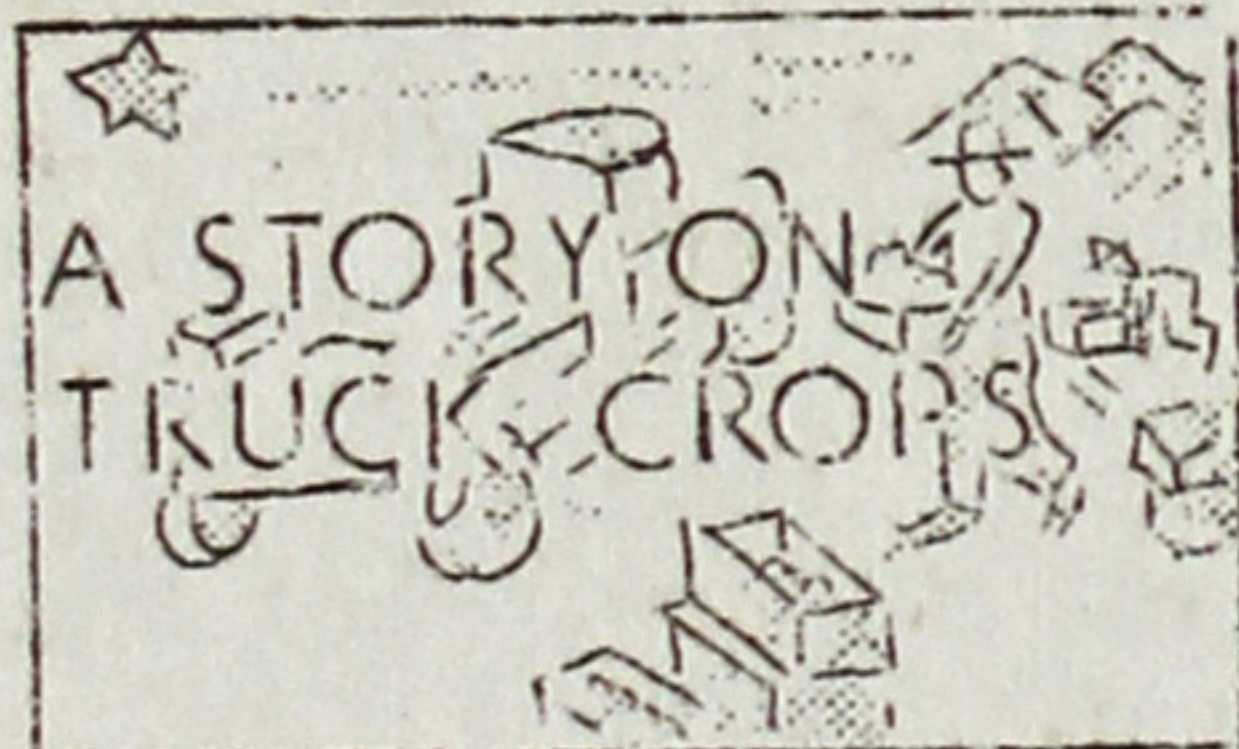
The wire notifying the family of the death of Pfc. Isao Tsuno arrived on Oct. 27, shortly on the heels of a grateful letter addressed to Charles W. Ernst, project director, by the stricken youth's brother, Iwao.

The Tsuno family was first notified of the critical condition of the 27-year-old soldier by telegram from Fort Snelling, Minn. Upon receipt of the wire, the family quickly made arrangements through the Community Welfare Division to secure a permit for the brother and the guardian, Mr. Tsutsui, to go to the side of the youth, confined at the Station Hospital at Fort Snelling.

The pair left Topaz on Oct. 15. On Oct. 23rd, Ernst received a letter from Iwao, stating that he had arrived in time to give a blood transfusion. He added that Mr. Tsutsui was also standing by in case another transfusion was necessary.

The letter declared that Tsuno now had a 50--50 chance for recovery and expressed deep appreciation to Ernst for the cooperation he had offered. It stated:

"He (Isao) seemed to have given up hope, but our arrival has helped a great deal."



By Daniel Ota

Sugar beet industry will probably never find start in Topaz, it was revealed by Roscoe E. Bell, chief of the Agricultural Division, at a recent seminar on truck crops.

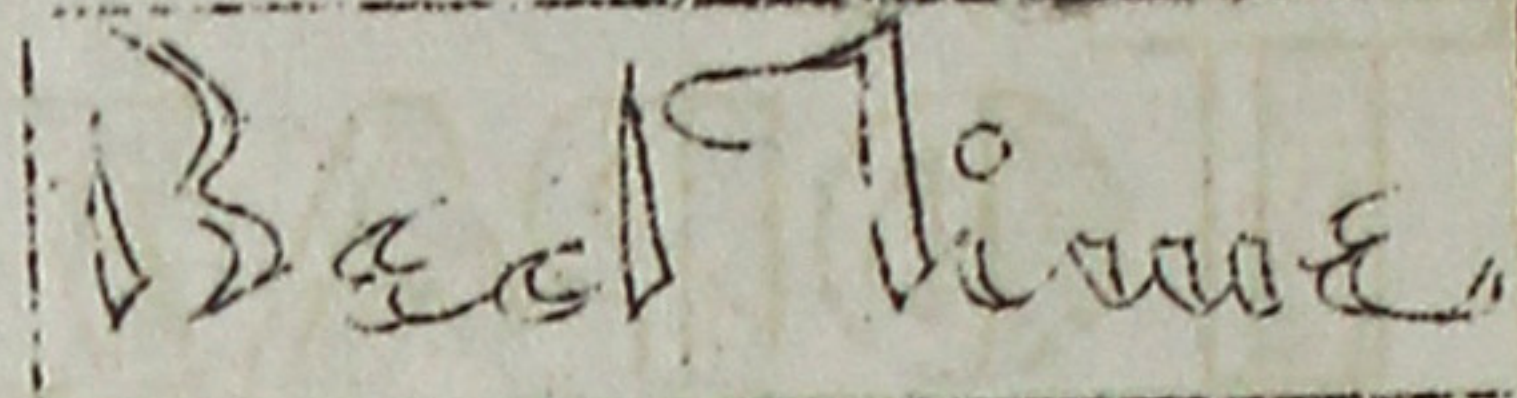
"In accordance with the national WRA policy of encouraging outside employment, so many workers will probably leave the Project to earn standard wages for harvesting of privately owned sugar beets next fall that local labor shortage will prevent any harvesting of a similar crop within the Project Area," Bell declared. This decision was a result of extensive investigation made by the Agricultural Division national and regional WRA representatives.

After an introductory address by chairman Thomas R. Matsucka, the seminar program was turned to Bell for clarification on the specific crops planned for 1948. The list included: broccoli, cabbage, carrot, celery, green pea, rutabaga, snap beans, spinach, Chinese cabbage, Irish potato, tomato, beet, cantaloupe, cucumber, dry and green onion, squash, parsnip, turnip, sweet corn, Swiss chard, radish and watermelon. It was added that trials will be made with sweet potato, strawberry, cauliflower and lettuce.

Bell stated that experience by farmers in this region has indicated that generally the soil of central Utah show little response to commercial fertilizers. The Project has been assured of large supply of manure, which is reputedly effective here as a soil nourishing agent.

First planting will begin in late March or early April, Bell said. As killing frost usually does not end until middle of May, the planting of tender crops will be delayed till summer.

Because no definite predictions could be made regarding conditions to prevail in the farming regions of the State next fall, Bell admitted that whether the Project here will have sufficient labor for its own 1948 harvest remains uncertain.

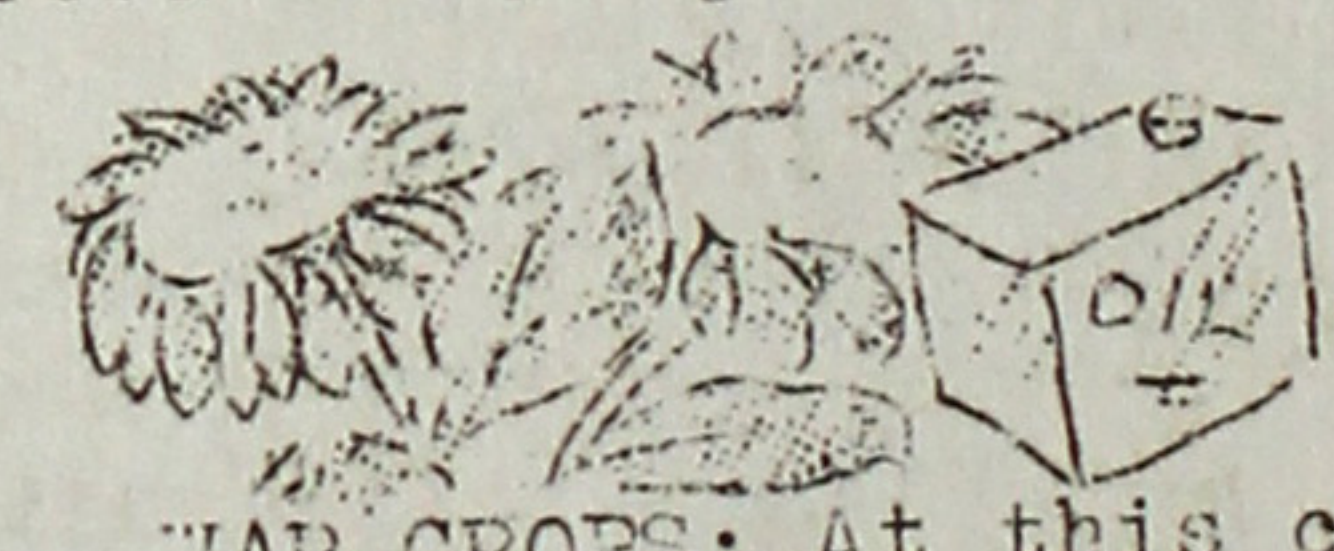


there to call particular attention to it. And this will be the first of these star-stories.

As a corollary item to this story, Dan Ota has the following farm news to report:

**CONFERENCE:** Armed with figures on the productive possibilities of other WRA relocation projects, 4 WRA agricultural experts came here recently and met with the City's agricultural Division to coordinate the farming enterprises of Topaz with those of the other centers. The experts were E.H. Reed and Donald R. Sabin, from the WRA Agricultural Division at Washington, D.C.; C.E. Zimmer and Robert S. Davidson, from the San Francisco regional office.

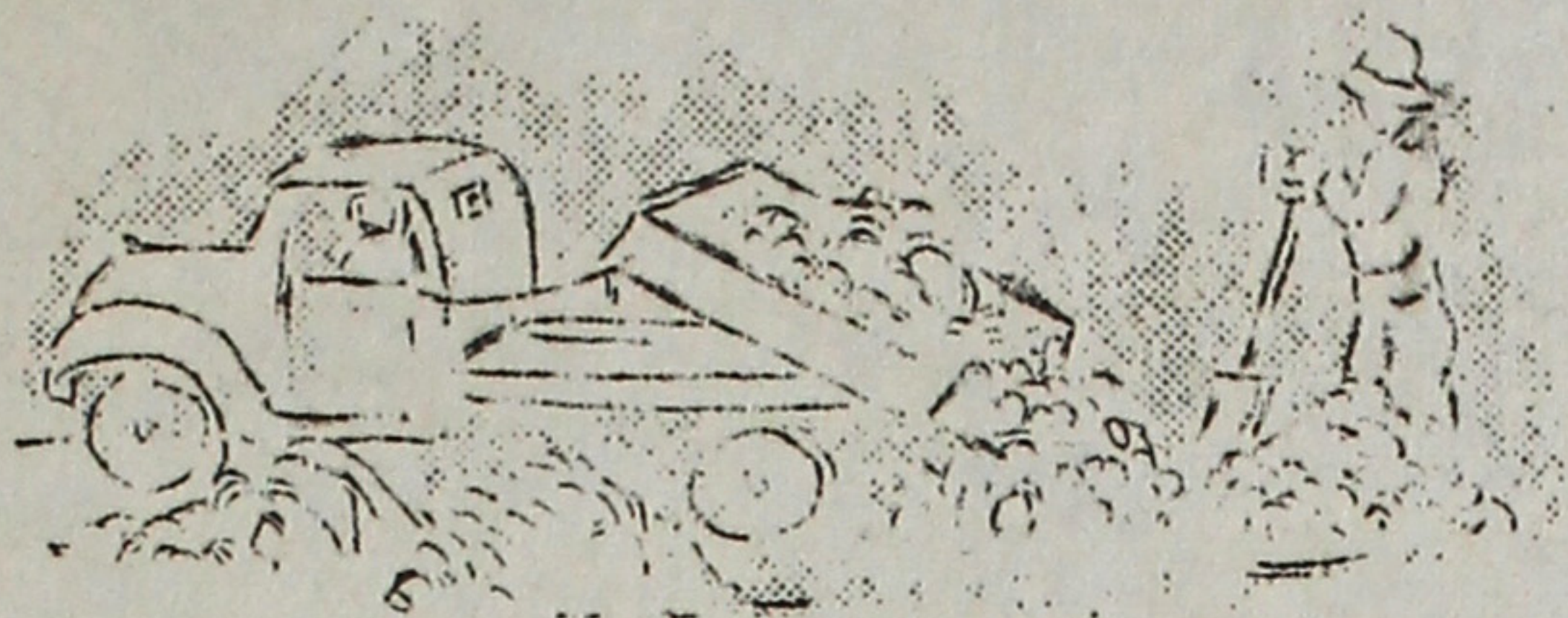
The principal conclusion reached by this agricultural conference was that 700 acres will be allotted to 1948 truck crop planting for consumption by residents of Topaz and 750 acres for grain to feed the Project livestock.



**"WAR CROPS:** At this conference also, war crops received special consideration. A sunflower field of appreciable size was planned for the Project, as oil extracted from the sunflower seeds serve as substitute for linseed oil. Some vegetables will be grown here to be dehydrated and sent elsewhere for use by the U.S. armed forces.

In addition, pyrethrum flowers may be produced, the exact acreage to be allotted for them being subject to the amount of seeds obtainable. Extracts from pyrethrum, a member of the chrysanthemum family, are utilized as the chief active ingredient insect sprays, which are especially valuable to armed forces fighting on tropical fronts.





By Herry Hirashima and Harumi Kawahara

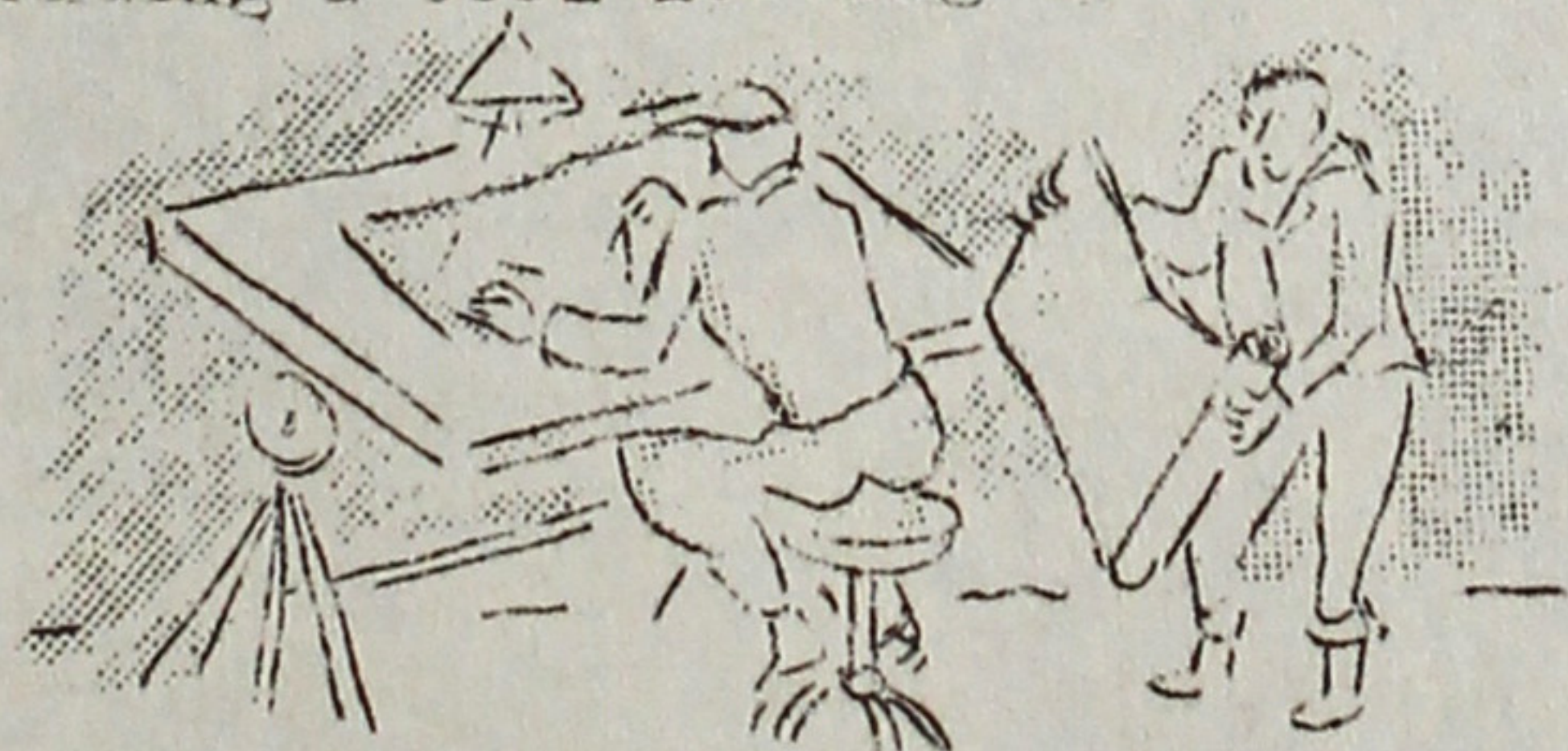
One of the most vital cogs in the City machinery is the Public Works Division, which includes such essential departments as Maintenance and Operations, Construction, Irrigation and Roads, and Designing. Acting chief of the division is Henry R. Watson, who is also the head of Irrigation.

Among the top men in the division are Lawrence B. Taylor, Maintenance; Mulford M. Hutchinson, Construction; Reuben K. Davies, Electricity; Ray Woodhall, Designing; and Walter K. Ball, chief clerk.

Watson indicated that his division is at the peak of its construction period, with experienced residents manning every section, especially design and construction. He commended the excellence of the work produced.

Concentrating on winterization of homes for the past 2 weeks, the division has completed 50% of the wall board installations. With the Army engineers fulfilling their contract obligations by supplying the materials necessary, 300 resident carpenters and volunteers are engaged in this activity. Further, Watson said that all stoves and chimney flue materials in camp have been installed. Four more carloads of stoves are on the way here, he added.

Engaged in a multitude of other projects are the other resident workers of the division. In cooperation with the Agricultural Division, crews are building adobe brick chicken coops and brooder houses, and making photographic and profile surveys of canals and drainage systems. Taking care of the immediate needs of the City are the carpenters who are constructing benches and tables for the Education Department; plumbers are checking on repairs; and another crew is building a coal-loading dock in Delta.



But while these workers are attempting to meet the needs of the present, men like Siberius Saito, architect and designer, Shinji Yamamoto, architect, and George K. Ono, electrical designer, are making blue prints for the future.

Among plans now being designed by Saito, Yamamoto and Ono for future construction is the chemistry and bacteri-

ology laboratory, converted from one of the warehouses. Awaiting completion of the laboratory where they will serve as laboratory chemists are Toshi Yamasaki and Warren Watanabe. They are conducting preliminary work at the present time.

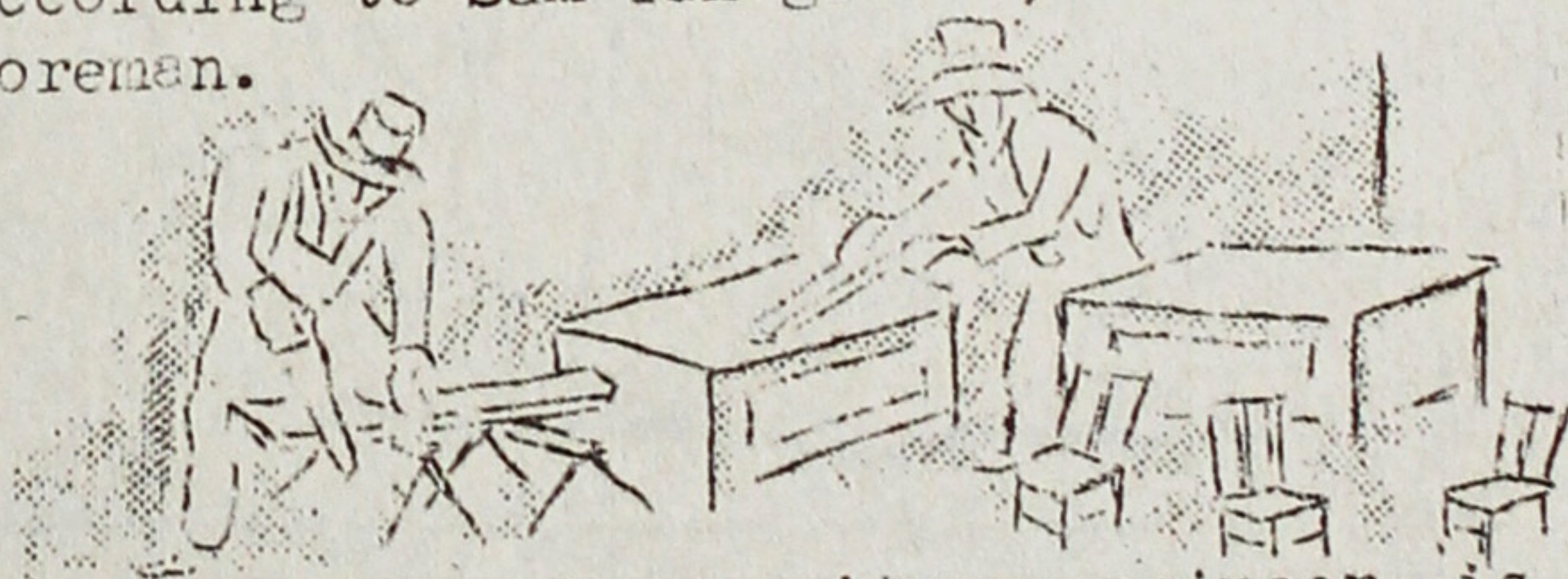
**SCHOOL PLANS:** Although the general layout of the schools has been planned by the Army engineers, the actual construction will be done by the WRA. Pending orders from Washington and availability of materials, the work was expected to start about Nov. 15. It was not revealed whether the work will be done by contract to Caucasian workers or by the resident workers.



The irrigation and drainage system is being reconditioned and reconstructed, and 6000 acres of land will be ready by fall. Under Hajime Yoshizawa, chief of the survey, many resident workers are in the field surveying the work area.

The water supply for the community is being taken care of by the 3 wells and pumps. However, during peak demand, trouble was expected until the Army engineers began construction on a larger storage tank. This tank will have a storage capacity of 500,000 gallons of water as compared to the 8000 gallons of the present tank.

**LIGHTING:** The dimouts which occurred during the first weeks were due to inadequate transformers, but the permanent transformers have been installed and lighting difficulties henceforth will probably be confined to minor fuse blow-outs. All troubles with lighting should be reported to the block electrician, according to Sam Yanagisawa, electrician foreman.



Tatsu Nakamoto, sanitary engineer, is in charge of the City sewerage. Installed at the station are 2-30 hp electric pumps and large vats to dispose of the waste water.

For the past month, the carpenters have been mass producing office furniture, tables, benches and other pieces of furniture. Cabinet-maker foreman is George Kaino.

More departments in the Maintenance Section are plumbers under Frank Iga, plumber foreman; sanitation crew under George Minami; boilermen under Ed Iwasaki; glaziers, painters, janitors and others.

Mary Kawata is the secretary of Public Works Division.



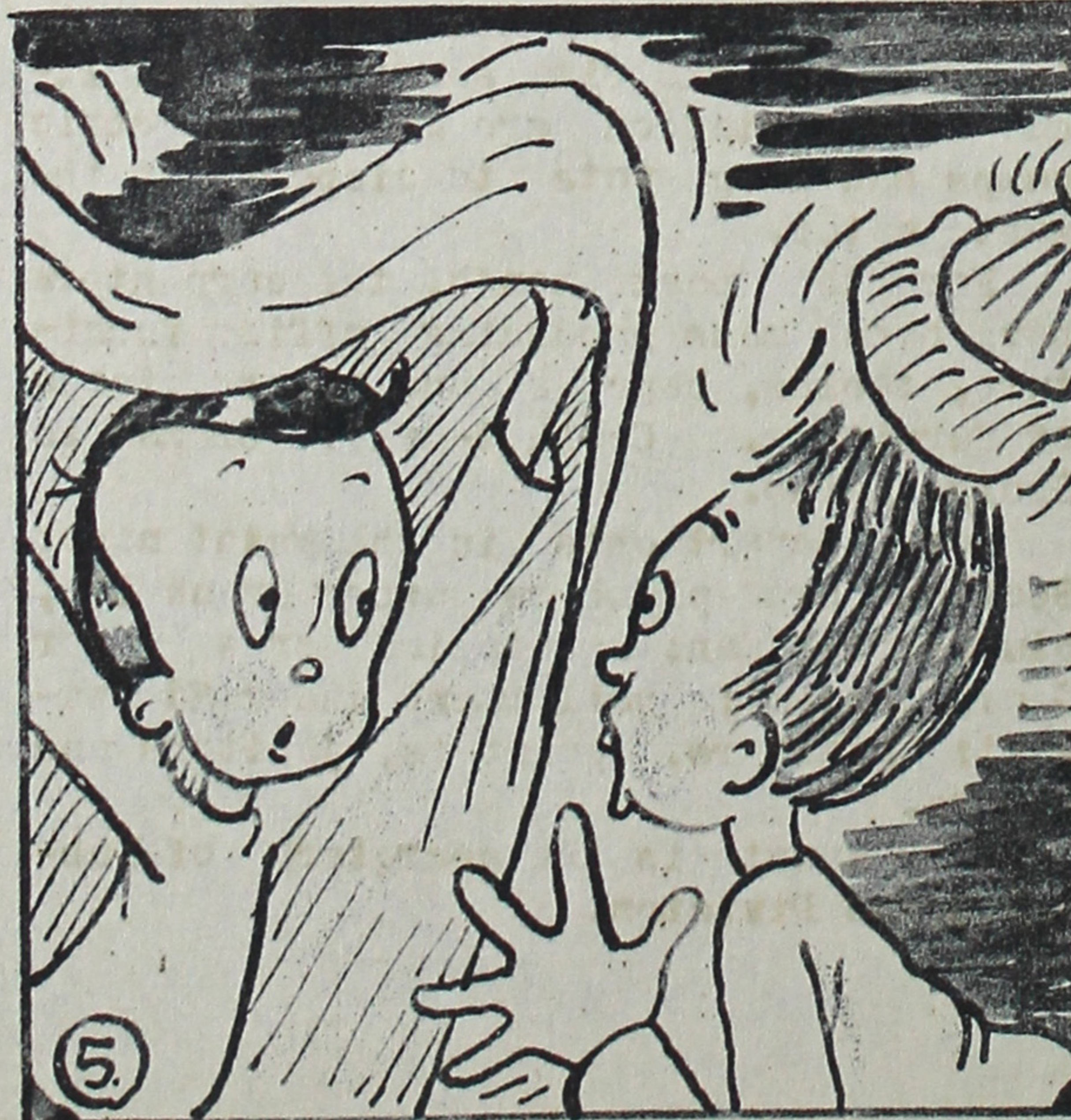
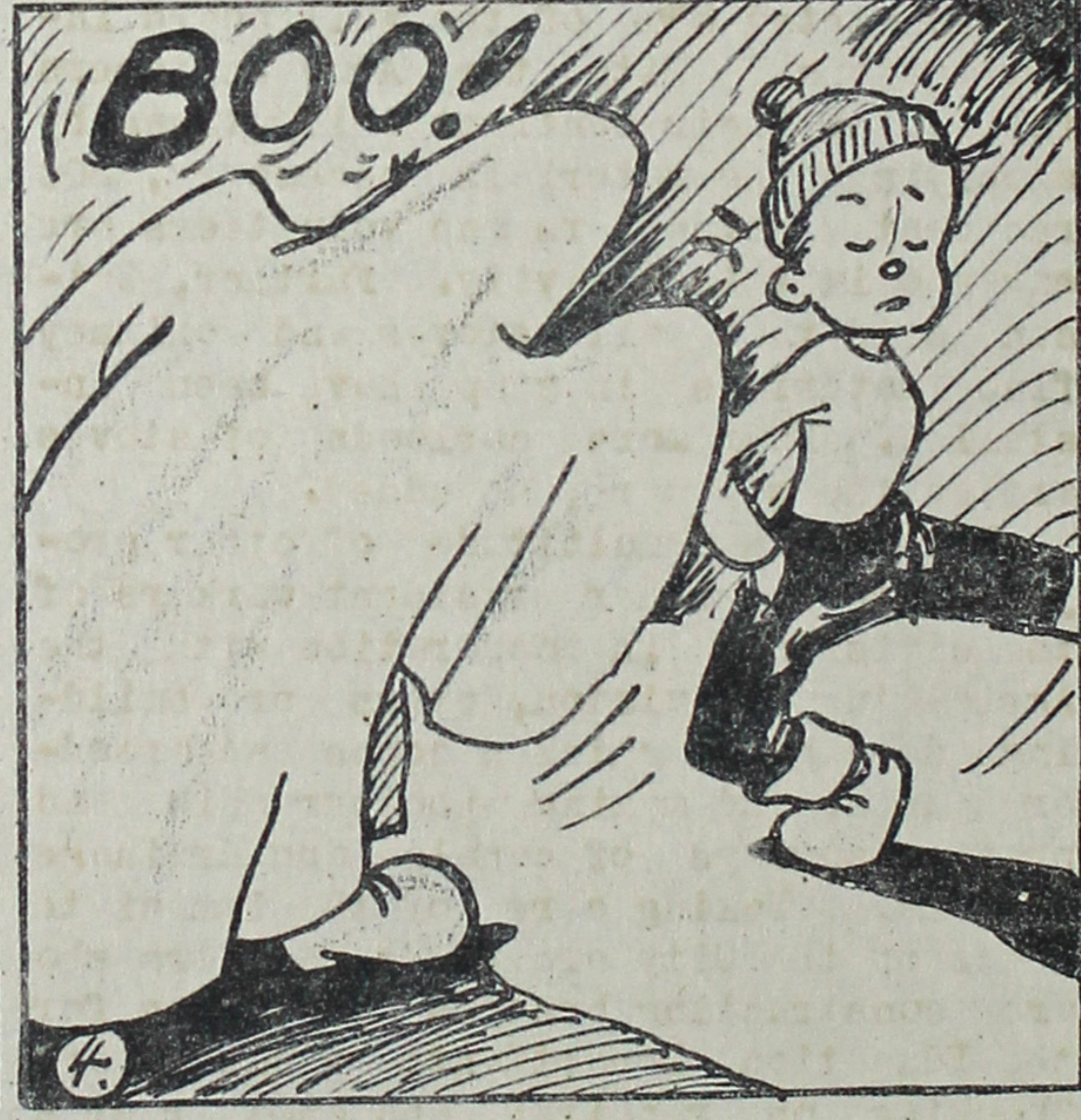
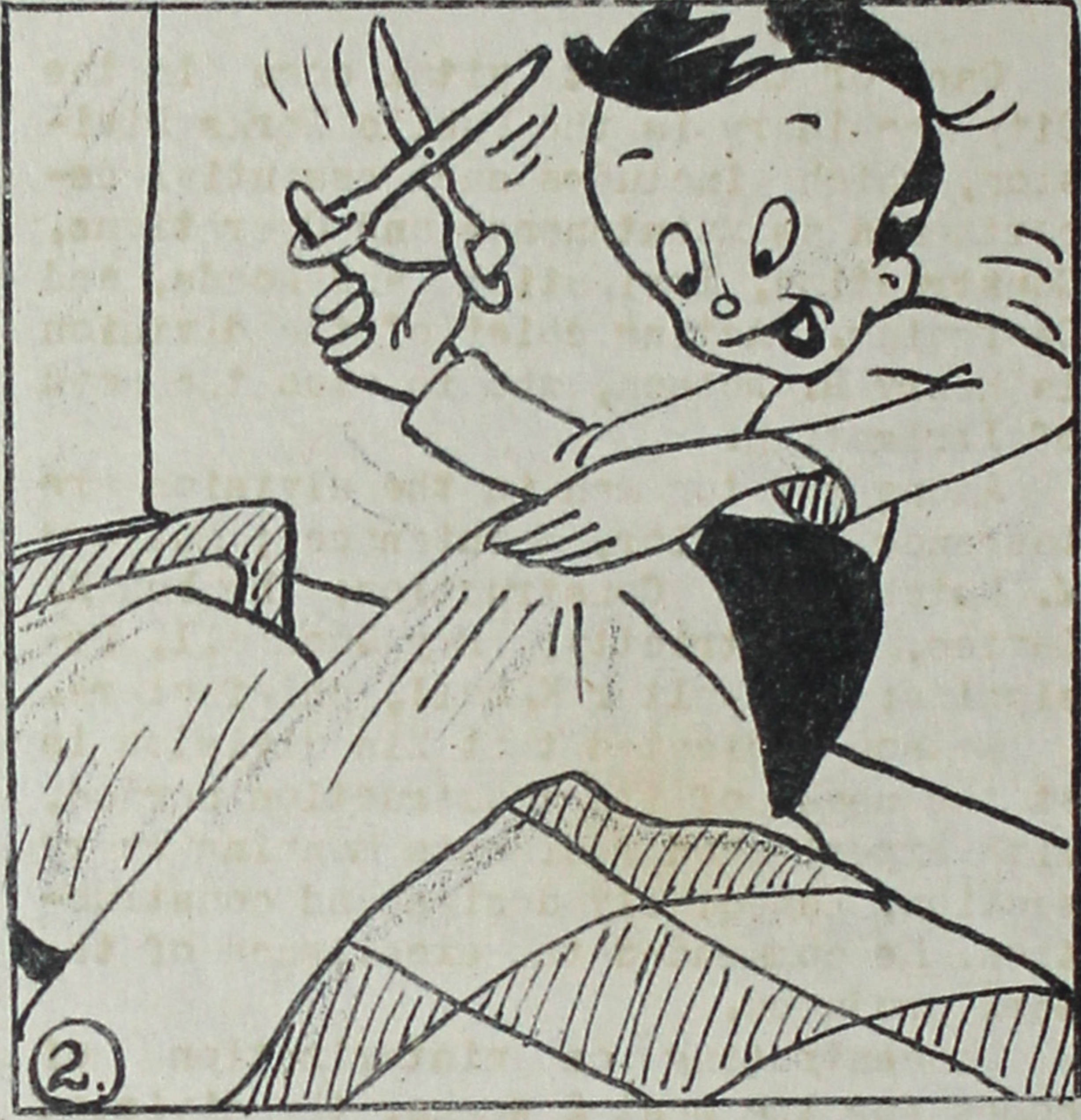
# JAMMIE

BY BENNIE NOBORI

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SNAP!

HALLOWE'EN !!





# トパース時報

## 創刊の辞

戦争勃發以來六月、  
 當市在住日本人は近代文  
 化人にとって必要不可欠の  
 ざる「新聞」より隔離  
 され極めて不安且寂  
 然たる生活を續けて來  
 たが、今回當局の理解ある協  
 力に依りトパース在住一萬市民  
 の要望に應へて日刊「トパース時  
 報」を發行することになつた。之  
 吾人の甚だ欣快とする處である。  
 素より本紙が状況の特殊性  
 設備の不完全その他諸事  
 情より少からざる制限を  
 受くべきは当然で「新聞」とし  
 ての形態は容に於いて一般  
 の期待を完全に満足せしむ  
 ることは困難とせざるを得な  
 いか。本紙の根本的使命とし  
 るは在日日本人の情報  
 に対する必要、渴望を最大  
 限に満足せしむるにあるので

吾人としてもこの点に全力を盡  
 さんとするものであり、この間の  
 事情に就いて一般の全面的諒  
 解を求め次第である。

吾人としても將來本紙の擴大充  
 實に就いては最善を致さんと  
 するもので、既に必要なる企圖  
 に對しては検討を開始漸進  
 的に一般の期待に副せんことを  
 期してゐるが、然し乍ら改善と  
 言ふも飛躍と云ふも一般に  
 湖の支援に俟たざるべからず、  
 この意味に於て本紙創刊に當  
 り、特に全在住者の十分なる  
 賛同を求め、以てその全面的  
 後援と協力あらんことを切望  
 する次第である。

**労働力の不足深刻  
 参事會で調査開始**

外部就働者高給者  
 より寄附を要請か

市内労働者不足問題を討議す  
 べく市参事會ではある二十六日  
 第十一レクホールに於て臨時参事

## 水不足の心配解消 更に大井戸一個完成

トパース全市に對する水の供給に就  
 いては十分なる考慮が拂はれ従來  
 三個の井戸を掘穿中であつたが、  
 そのうち二個は既に完成する二十六  
 日午後最後の一個が完成を見た  
 右堀穿の任に當つたダイア工兵大

事員會を開催し、ヒュム副  
 所長、職業部よりコウエルシ  
 エニグ両氏、ベル社會奉仕部長  
 の諸氏も出席、種々討議を  
 重ねた結果、特にメンテナンス部  
 のは月増する運行を計るた  
 めには四百人の就働者を必要と  
 する處、僅かに二百五十人に過  
 ぐら現下の事情に鑑み、参事會  
 労働委員会は労働者不足  
 の現状調査を行ふ事に意見  
 の一致を見た。

同参事會は同日午後一時より  
 市廳舎に於て定期参事員  
 會を開催、市會の基金として

尉は次の如く語る  
 「當市に堀穿された三個の井戸  
 は、いづれもその一個を以つて全市  
 の供給に十分である。去る二十六  
 日完成を見た最後の井戸は  
 ウォーター・タワーの南方一千フ  
 の地点にあり、その水は極めて優良  
 な軟水で固度は百万に對する五百  
 分の割合である。深さは約六百四十  
 一分間の致上、水量は八百ガロンであら

外部就働者及び月給十九弗  
 の者から三弗の寄附を願ふ  
 事を建議する事になつた  
 又同日の會議に於て當自治  
 政府の憲法起草委員として  
 丸山小櫻、西村一坂の両氏を  
 任命した

**食料不足問題  
 調査を申合す**

食料委員会は特に食料不足問  
 題を調査する事を申合はせた

追  
 去る九月三十日夕方に長逝  
 した後藤松江夫人の追悼會は  
 去る三十日(金)夜七時より佛  
 會教會に於て執行、知友の出席  
 を希望してゐる。



