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WOMEN MAY REVISE ANSWERS

Due to confusion on the part of some Topaz women citizens in answering question 28 on the Form 126-revised during the recent registration, the clarification of the situation was made today by Project Director Charles F. Ernst.

Unintentionally these women citizens may have answered question 28 in such a way that they are placed in a different classification from their alien husbands or their alien parents.

The women concerned are urged to take advantage of the opportunity to clarify their answers to question 28 by seeing interviewers at Rec 4, starting today and continuing through Saturday.

SENATOR MURDOCK SENDS LETTER TO VOLUNTEERS

The letter which was reprinted in the March 24 issue of the Topaz Times received a reply, dated March 30, from one of the 4 Congressmen from Utah to whom the letter was sent by the Topaz U.S. Army volunteers.

The Hon. Abe Murdock, from whom the reply was received yesterday morning, is a member of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary.

The reply, addressed to the Volunteers for Victory of Topaz, read: "Your very splendid letter of March 23rd reached my desk this morning, and I have just finished reading it. I congratulate you heartily on your attitude as expressed in this communication. I agree thoroughly with the definition of

YOUTH HAS NARROW ESCAPE FROM DEATH

A Topaz boy owes his life today to the quick-thinking of his 3 youthful companions when an underground dugout in the high school construction area in which 11-year-old Frank Nishioka, 31-5-A, was playing caved in, completely burying the lad at 8 o'clock last Saturday night.

At 7:45 PM, Reserve Warden Warren Sakanari, on passing through the high school area, had warned the 4 youngsters to re-

MOVIE SCHEDULE

REC 31--"The Informer," with Victor McLaglen, Heather Angel, Preston Foster.

REC 32-- "It Started With Eve," with Deanna Durbin, Charles Laughton, Robert Cummings.

Show-times: Mon., 8 PM; Tues.--Sat., 7:45 PM; Sat.--matinee, 2:15 PM.

frain from playing in the underground dugout which they had built. Immediately after the mishap occurred, Dan Kawamorita, 11, 31-2-AB, and 2 Mizuhara brothers, Albert, 12, and Yosuke, 9, 31-7-B, who were with Nishioka, dug frantically with their hands and managed to clear away sufficient dirt so that the victim could breathe. Kawamorita then dashed into Rec 11 at 8:15 PM to inform the safety wardens of the accident.

Torakichi Nishioka, the victim's father, was notified, while Warden Sakanari, Investigator K. Yukawa and Field Supervisors S. Ogawa and T. Takagi were dispatched to the scene and an ambulance was called. After a quick survey at the spot, Ogawa rushed over to the fire station to secure shovels and additional men for rescue work.

After 20 minutes of digging, Nishioka was extricated from the cave-in and transported to the hospital on a stretcher.

Suffering from swollen eyes and a wrenched back, the victim was reported to be resting today at the hospital after his narrow escape from being smothered to death.

Warning was repeated today by Theodore Lewis, head of the Internal Security division, that persons should keep away from not only the construction part of the high school area but all construction work, and especially should refrain from playing any games where tunnelling is involved, as the character of the soil does not permit safety.

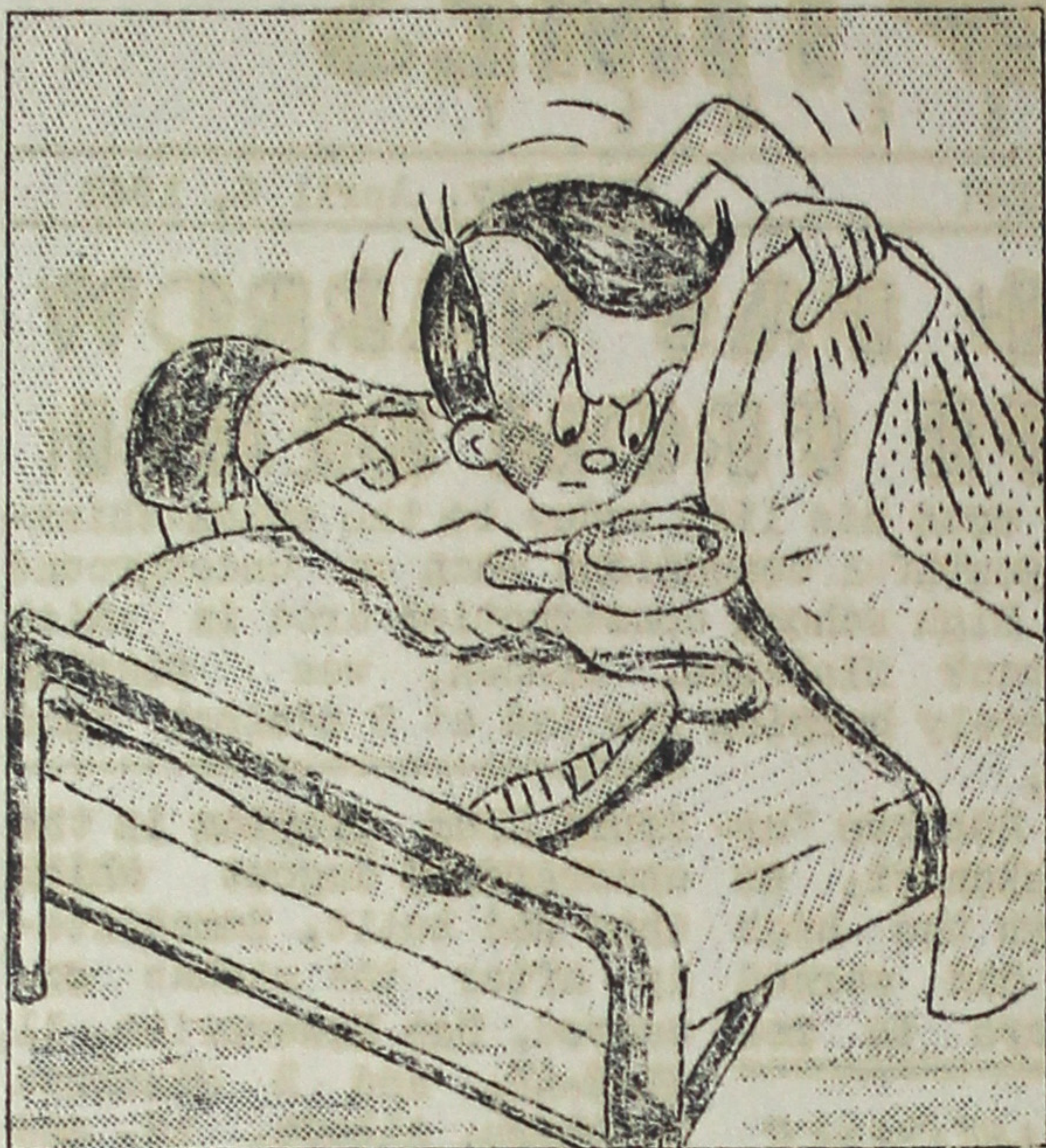
NEWS BRIEFS

SERVICE: Rev. S. Shimada and Rev. J. Tsukamoto will speak at the Midweek Bible Circle this Wednesday night at 32-12-C.

CHOIR: The first practice of the YBA choir will be held tonight from 7:30 o'clock at Rec 28.

President Roosevelt contained on Page 3, second paragraph of your letter, wherein he defines the America we are fighting for. Your letter rings true and genuine and certainly cannot help impress all readers thereof. I shall consult with Senator Thomas on how best to bring your letter to the attention of the public. I thoroughly appreciate the fact that you have taken the time to write me as fully as you have.

"You mention the fact that you are not legally my constituents. In this I hardly agree. It might be that you are not voting constituents of mine, but as a United States Senator I hope that I represent all citizens of the United States rather than just the citizens who might have the right to vote either for or against me."



With the approach of the Easter season and a desire by some parents and children here to catch wild rabbits in the desert area of the Project, we believe a word of warning about the dangers of contracting tularemia will not be amiss.

In the book "Hunger Fighters" by Paul de Kruif, a chapter is devoted to Edward Francis, the man who discovered the tularemia germ, and the locale of the story is Pahvant Valley in which Topaz is situated.

Tularemia is a disease which can be contracted by human beings from wild rabbits and field rodents.

According to de Kruif, "there is certainly no way to stamp this dangerous hunger (for rabbit meat) out of our country, for even a Mohler (the man who conquered the hoof-and-mouth disease by killing and burying in lime all infected cattle) wouldn't try to exterminate the total jack, snowshoe and cotton-tail rabbit tribe of the United States.

"But Francis has a simple and perfectly certain preventive for tularemia, the disease that slips with such fantastic ease from rabbits to men but never spreads from one human being to another. In the Pahvant Valley or in the wilds of Montana or Idaho it might be caught from the bites of deer-flies or ticks. But the one sure way to catch it is by getting your hands into the insides of a rabbit that is sick with the microbe from Tulare County in California."

As it has been pointed out, there is a possibility that, aside from contact with rabbits, tularemia infection can come from bites of ticks, the season for which is now at hand in this area. It would be well to heed the advice of Dr. Donnell Boardman, head of the Topaz hospital, that a thorough physical and bedding inspection for ticks be conducted every night before retiring.

It should be emphasized here that residents need have no fear of contracting tularemia from domesticated Easter bunnies.

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Readers Asked To Send In Letters To Times

When the War Relocation Authority officials in Washington want to know how things are going on in the Projects, they write to the project directors, asking questions.

When the Project Director of Topaz wants to know how things are going with the residents in this Center, he asks the people to tell him.

The Topaz Times wants to help find the answers to many questions about community life, resettlement and other subjects which concern the residents. In co-operating with the project director, the Times is inviting all residents to write constructive letters on how things can be improved in Topaz, and how people can make this Center a progressive community. By having at hand a great deal of information about the problems of the residents in Topaz, the project director will be better able to present these facts to the National offices.

The best letters received at the office of the Project Reports will be selected for publication in the Topaz Times. But whether your letter appears in the Times or not, you may be assured that it has been carefully read and its contents considered. Let's have a whole flock of letters come in with good ideas. Just address them: "Project Reports division, Topaz." Thank you.

Worker In St. Louis Still Anxious To Join Army

(The following letter was received from Ernest M. Izumi, former resident of Topaz and a volunteer for the Japanese American combat team, who is now working in St. Louis, Mo.--Editor's note).

I have finally settled and have officially been sworn into the City Public Health Service here. There are 5 bacteriologists and 8 technicians besides myself in this department. There is quite a large laboratory here and we do considerable diagnostic work.

I took this position with the understanding that perhaps I would be taken into the Army within 30 to 60 days if I passed the physical examinations. This is satisfactory with the chief of the personnel and also with my immediate employer. In spite of the good position I have just obtained, I am still quite anxious to serve in the armed forces of the United States.

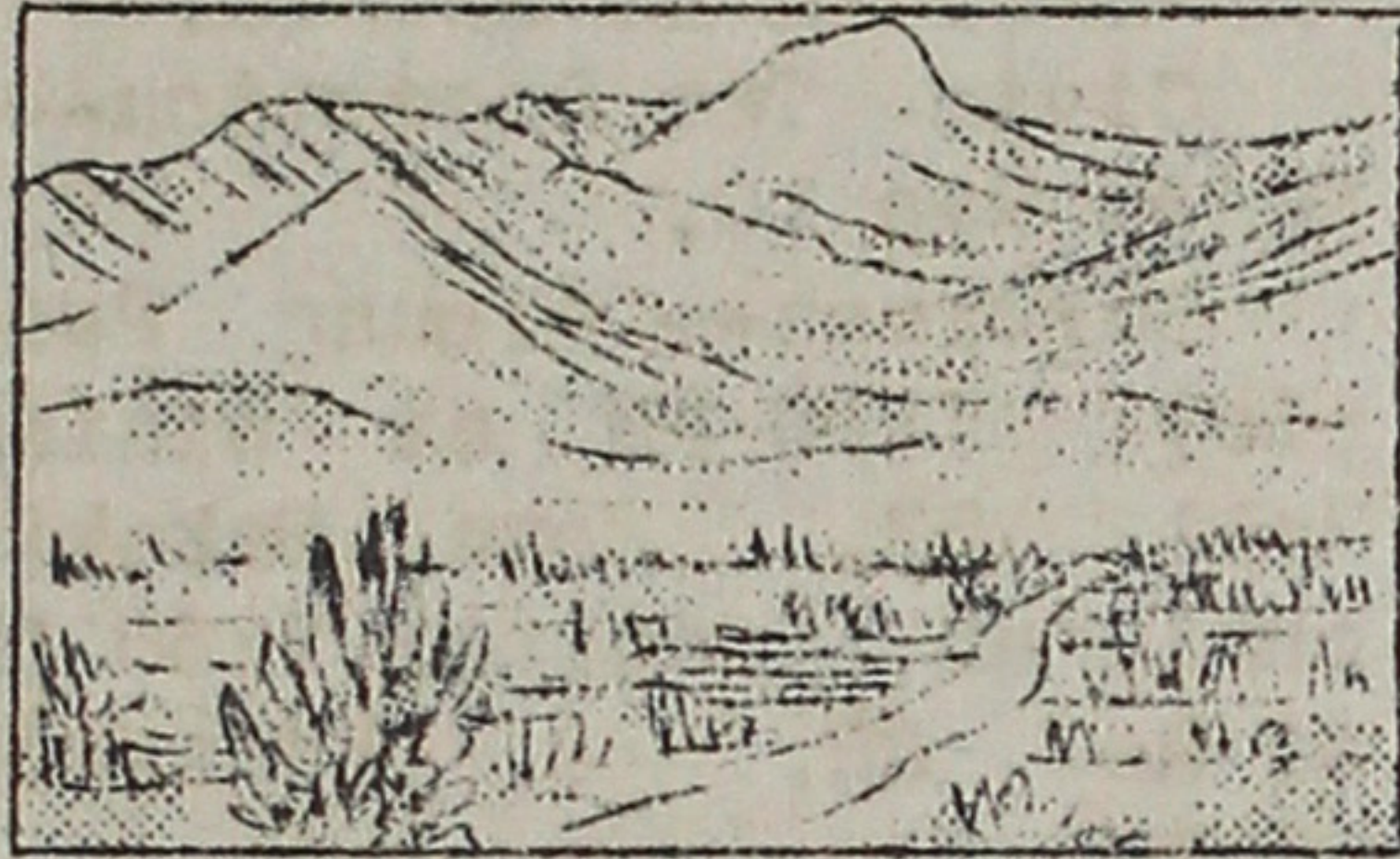
Very sincerely yours,
ERNEST M. IZUMI

HISTORY OF UTAH

By W. RICHARD NELSON

The twenty-fourth of July, 1847, fell on a Saturday. That was the day on which the leader of the company, Brigham Young, entered the valley of the Salt Lake. The following day, therefore, was Sunday, the Christian Sabbath. It was the first Sabbath in the new home, and during two religious services some of the Church leaders, including Brigham Young, addressed the Saints sounding a keynote for the great work which was to follow.

It was on this occasion that President Young announced the policy that would be followed with respect to land, water, and timber, and their proper utilization.



Land is a gift of God. It belongs to the community, not to the individual. Social prosperity depends fundamentally on the wisdom and justice with which the land is divided and used. In early England the meadow was held in common, as was the pasture-land; only the plow-land was distributed. In the United States the rights of the common man were safeguarded by making land cheap and limiting the amount that one person could buy.

Land-hunger is a sin against the community. Wherever it is not curbed, there the seeds of national decay flourish. In ancient Egypt the farmers sold their land to get bread. One time six persons owned the whole province of Africa. The great estates aided in the downfall of Rome.

Water and wood go with the land. They are essential to those who work the fields and build houses to live in. Hence these, too, belong to the community, not to the individual. Land, water, and timber in the hills--these are funda-

EXPERIENCES OF VOLUNTEERS TOLD

By Pfc. ALEX YORICHI, Camp Savage, Minnesota

The following is an account of the induction and reception processes as encountered by nisei volunteers several months ago (November-December, 1942) as they were inducted into the Army of the United States. Such processes seem to be standardized and, except for minor deviations, inductees go through almost an identical experience at the different Army centers before being shipped to replacement and training camps such as Camp Shelby.

Instead of reporting directly to an induction center, last year's volunteers were inducted into the Army while still in the relocation centers by mobile Army parties which visited each of the 10 centers. We received the physical examination from the MP medical officer, while our eye examinations and urinalysis were made by the Center hospital staff. Afterwards we were sworn into the service in the community government office.

It is our understanding that some of those who volunteered for the Japanese American combat team will report to Utah's Fort Douglas reception center before being sent to Camp Shelby.

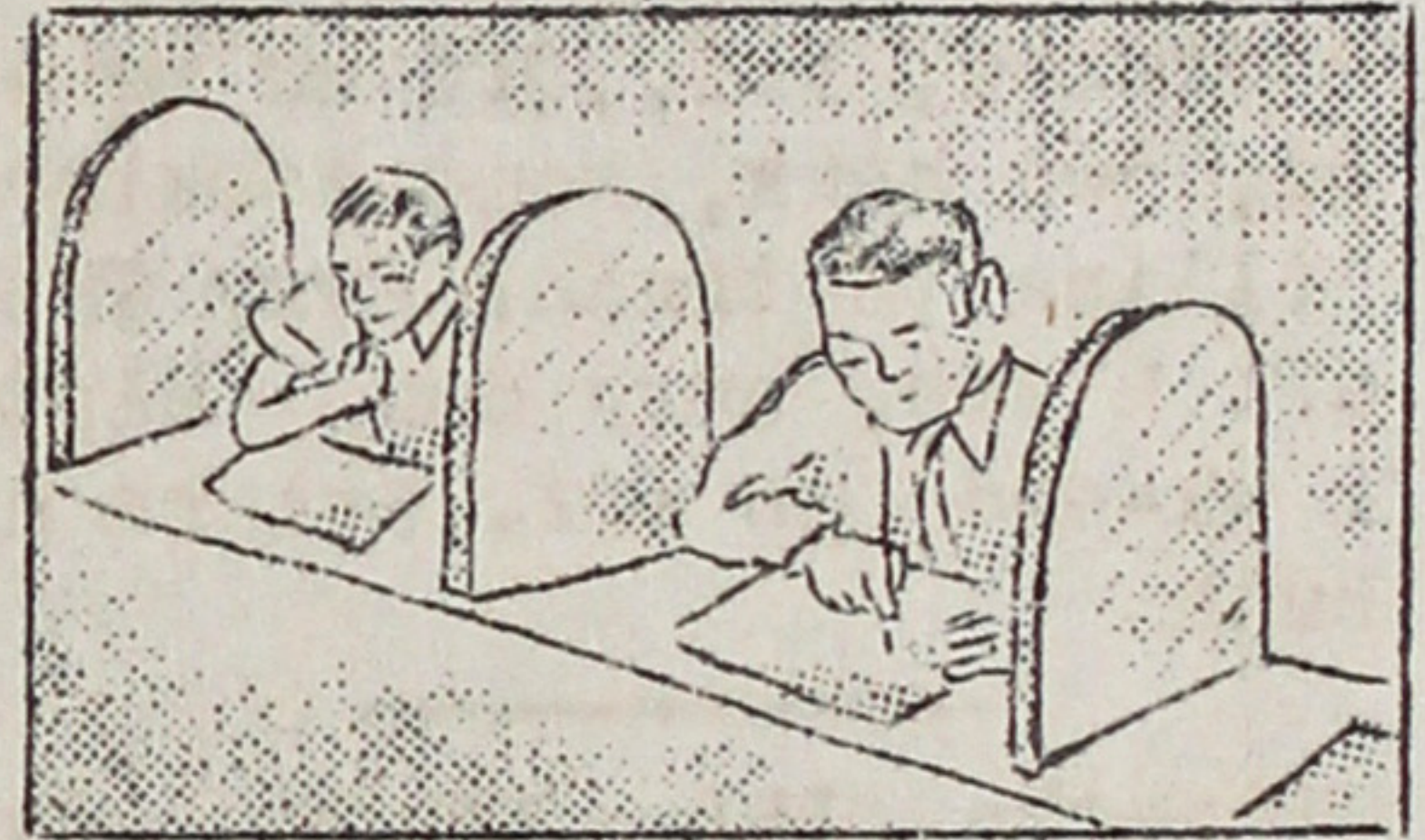
A few days after our induction, we left the center with a multi-colored "Volunteer" band on our arms, and traveled over 1500 miles to our reception center at Fort Snelling, Minn.

We reached St. Paul, Minn., at night, several hours behind schedule and in the midst of snowy, sub-zero weather, and we were warmly received in the Union Station branch of the USO. We had hot coffee, sandwiches, doughnuts and apples as we waited for transportation to Fort Snelling.

In Fort Snelling we mental human necessities. When, therefore, Brigham Young, on first coming to the new home, laid down the basic principles that

were quartered in a 2-story wooden barrack, given a roster (group) number and a guide who was to instruct and advise us on various matters. We had to memorize our roster and barrack numbers because, we were told, many rookies get lost.

Still wearing our "civies" during the first morning at the fort, we were told to sweep and mop the floors of the barracks, empty 10-pound cans of cigarette ashes and butts, and learn how to make beds, Army style. Most of us wished we had taken the nurses' aide course back in the centers because we didn't know how to fold blanket corners nor take out wrinkles.



Just about noon we were taken to a large classroom where we took 3 examinations--Army general classification (IQ), mechanical aptitude, and a recorded telegraph code (dot and dash) tests. The IQ test dwelt on true and false questions, vocabulary, math, and block-counting.

In the afternoon we went to a fair-sized auditorium where we received an insight into the Army's sugar-coated form of presenting dry subjects in a novel way--visual education. We were shown 3 movies on the Articles of War, military courtesy, and venereal diseases.

This ended our first day in an Army camp and we learned that we had to be up by 4:30 AM, with breakfast at 5, dinner at 10 AM, and supper at 3 PM.

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Job Openings

MALE

3 lathe operators, Cleveland, Ohio. \$1-1.10 hr. Time & $\frac{1}{2}$ overtime. Ability to cut intern & extern thread, sew taper turning & facing. 1 yr min wk exp. Periodic wage increases, average wk week 54 hrs.

Radial Press Operator, Cleveland, O. \$1.50 hr, time & $\frac{1}{2}$ overtime. Ability to run Carlton Heavy Duty Mch with 5 ft arm 17" column. Must be able to handle hvy wk & use boring bars & reamers.

Welder, Granada Reloc Ctr. Reg WRA evacuee wages. If qualif welder interested in transferring to Granada, transp'n at WRA expenses will be arranged to fill need for exp welder.

FEMALE

Office Suppl Mfg. (3, age 18-35 yrs) Chicago, Ill. 40¢ hr, 44 hr week, 20% bonus plan. Autom 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ raise aft 3 mons. No exp nec. Must be rt handed for lt labor attaching index tabs, etc.

Rockford, Ill., \$15 wk rm & bd, gen hswk, some cooking. Willing to train. Evry Thu aft & eve, evry Sun, also 1 wk-end mo off. Pvt rm & bath.

Winnetka, Ill., \$20-25 wk gen hswk, cooking. No lndy. Supervision of children, exp youngest in mother's absence aft or eve. Every Thurs fr after bkfst, every other Sun aft dinner, any evening aft dinner off, if home. Pleasant rm and bath.

COUPLES

Couple, Michiana Shores, Ill., \$175-200 mo, woman, a competent cook, hskpr, Man help take care interior & should have exp caring for small veg & flwr garden. Lge rm & prv bath.

Couple: Indianapolis, Ind. Cple about 30 yrs old, woman as domestic, man, gardener. Lge 3 rm apt & food.

Couple: Winnetka, Ill., \$125 mo, cook & hseman. Must be exp, know how to serve & drive auto. Own bath & bedroom.

HANA-MATSURI PROGRAM TO START TOMORROW

To celebrate the birth of Buddha, a gala 5-day Hana Matsuri program will be sponsored by the Topaz Buddhist Church from Wednesday to Sunday, it was revealed today. Artificial cherry blossoms will be given to residents to wear for the celebration, it was added.

Two outstanding events

PASS OFFICE MOVES TO GATE HOUSE

Residents were reminded today that the pass office of the Internal Security division has been moved to the gate house and that all passes should be secured there.

The Project Attorney's office has moved to the Internal Security division's offices, it was added.

ADVISORY BOARD HEAD ELECTED

George Shimamoto was elected chairman of the advisory board to the Community Services division at the meeting of the board held recently, it was announced today.

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were to guide the colonists, it is as if he had the entire history of land before him, as well as the future welfare of the commonwealth his people were

TOKUNAGA-KAWAKAMI WIN TOPAZ BRIDGE TITLE

With 64 players participating, the Topaz open bridge tournament held Sunday night at Rec 1 was won by Line Tokunaga and Iwao Kawakami, playing east-west, by the score of 155x. The winning team was awarded 2 silver cups.

Norman Nakashima and Louis Okamoto took first place for north-south with 147x, while the teams of Joe Takatsuno-Mas Takai and Hike Oda-Mrs. Pat Eimoto placed second for north-south and east-west, respectively.

Mrs. Eimoto became the second woman major. Others

will be the artificial flower exhibit and hobby show on Thursday and Friday from 10 AM to 10 PM at Rec 10, and the oratorical contest in English and Japanese on Friday night at Dining Hall 32.

The program for the first 3 days of the celebration is as follows:

WEDNESDAY

Odori rehearsal-- 7:30 PM in front of Rec 28. Toshio Yoshida, chairman.

THURSDAY

Artificial Flower Exhibit and Hobby Show--10 AM to 10 PM at Rec 10.

Civic Tea Reception--4 PM at Rec 10.

Services-- (Young People) 7:30 PM at Dining Hall 32. Nora Sakaki, chairman; (Adults) 7:30 PM at Rec 28. S. Yamauchi, chairman.

FRIDAY

Artificial Flower Exhibit and Hobby Show--10 AM to 10 PM at Rec 10.

Oratorical Contest (in English and Japanese)-- 7:30 PM at Dining Hall 32. June Nakayama and Katsuji Harano, co-chairmen.

beginning to establish.

(To be concluded)

to become majors were Hike Oda, Jose Takatsuno, Mas Takai and Iwao Kawakami.

Prizes were awarded to teams taking third, fourth and fifth places. The names of the players will be published in the Thursday issue of the Times.

The major tournament will start Sunday, April 11, it was announced today by Ken Yabe, tournament director. The advanced players' tournament will take place tomorrow night at Rec 1. Teams of majors may play Wednesday, but their points will not count, it was added.

ESTHER BIRD ADDRESSES 2 TOPAZ GROUPS

To view the current conditions in the relocation centers and to aid in the amelioration of those conditions, Miss Esther Bird, a former member of the YWCA national executive board in New York City, was in Topaz for several days, according to Mrs. S. Fujita of the Topaz YWCA.

Miss Bird, who spoke before the Christian organizations Sunday evening on the activities of the national YWCA chapter pertinent to the Japanese people in the country, addressed the professional and business women of Topaz Monday night on business opportunities for American Japanese.

Miss Bird left the Project today.

FIRST AID CLASS SCHEDULED FRIDAY

Registration for a beginners class in Red Cross first aid, planned for Friday, April 9, is scheduled from today till Friday at 32-5-CD, it was announced by Dr. Laverne C. Bane, director of Adult Education. T. Kashima will be the instructor.

KNOW YOUR SCHOOLS

By DRAYTON B. NUTTALL

Meet the students. If each were to tell of his educational history, we would be able to obtain a good description of school life in California cities. The students in the Topaz schools make up a melting pot in miniature.

The 649 students in the elementary schools have come from previous school experiences in 123 different schools. The majority are in California, but there are students from schools in Colorado, Washington, D.C., New York, Hawaii, and Utah. The largest number from any one school is the 91 from the Raphael Weill school in San Francisco. Others contributing large groups are the Morning Star School, Mt. Eden; Longfellow School, Berkeley; the Lafa-

ACADEMIC COURSES TO BE INSTITUTED

With consideration for demand and needs, the Adult Education department is planning several beginning academic courses for college credit acceptable to the University of Utah, it was learned today. Initial plans for the program were inaugurated when Dr. I. O. Hors-

PROTESTANTS PLAN EASTER PROGRAM

Tentative arrangements for Easter observances of Center-wide scope are being developed by the planning committee of the Topaz Protestant Church, it was disclosed.

Present plans call for the construction of a huge wooden Cross on the southern side of the vacant field located south of the City, at which the sunrise Easter services will be held. Hundreds of artificial Easter lilies made by the women groups of the Protestant Church will be used for the decoration around the Cross.

Construction is contemplated for a huge platform to accommodate several choirs and speakers at the high school plaza for the Easter morning worship, according to Rev. J. Tsukamoto of the local Protestant Church.

fall of the Extension division of the University visited the Project last Friday and Saturday.

The following courses are being contemplated with Topaz instructors: Freshman composition, Miss Toyo Suyemoto; mechanical drawing, instructor unselected; mathematics and chemistry, Dr. Joseph Goodman; history and political science, Miss Eleanor Gerard and Henry Tani; and psychology, Dr. Reese M. Maughan and Victor Goertzel.

Interested students should contact the Adult Education office, 8-7-E, so that classes may be started as soon as the minimum number of candidates register for specified classes, according to Dr. L.C. Bane, director.

April Nuptials Revealed Today

Mr. and Mrs. Ryozo Fujita announce the marriage of their daughter, Grace Kazuko, to Norry Okina, formerly of Oakland, at the Topaz Buddhist Church last Saturday afternoon.

Ruby Fujita and Kenji Takeuchi attended the couple during the ceremony at which Rev. S. Sanaoka officiated.

Their new quarters were announced as 37-2-A.

FACULTY HOLD WIENIE ROAST

Faculty members of the Topaz City High School enjoyed a weenie roast Sunday afternoon on the Project, one mile north of the hospital, according to Dr. Golden L. Woolf, principal.

Chairman of the faculty get-together was Dr. Joseph Goodman, instructor of sciences, assisted by George L. Lewis of the speech and dramatics department.

RECREATIVES

Ranking among the best in the city, Rec 34 with its variety of activities takes its bow today.

STAFF MEMBERS

Directors are Jimmie Matsumoto and June Tanaka. Leaders for the various clubs are June Tanaka, high school and junior high; Suyeki Yamashita, grammar school; Romio Taketoshi, junior and senior girls; and Jimmie Matsumoto, senior high boys.

NEVER A DULL MOMENT

There is never a dull moment at this rec hall. Almost every Saturday or Sunday night, the rec hall is being used for outside parties, bingo, talent shows, singspirations, club meetings and dances. Jitterbug classes are held every Friday night.

During the week, hundreds of sports-minded boys and girls use the basketball and volleyball courts, horseshoe pit, baseball diamond and ping pong tables.

Rec 34's outstanding event was the city-wide "three in one" show which was attended by a capacity crowd. Community singing, talent show and dancing featured the successful affair.

FUTURE ACTIVITIES

Programs on tap for the coming month are barn dance, talent show, Easter party for the youngsters, and a hike for everyone.

Tentatively set for the spring months is a proposed ward's softball league. Badminton competition is also being planned.

As I see it now, the rec hall can use more capable leaders and more handicrafts to fill in the needs of Ward 4.

NOTICE

Due to the sudden outbreak of a dust storm, the deciding Industrial League championship game between the CAS and the Hospital five scheduled for last Sunday was postponed until Sunday, April 11. The game will be played at Court 10 from 3 PM.



PARADE

ALL-OPPONENT ALL STARS

CLASS AA	CLASS A
First Team	First Team
John Oshida (CAS).....F	T. Minemoto (M & O).....F
M. Takahashi (Arch.).....F	Ted Iida (Hospital).....F
Ky Nomura (Arch.).....C	L. Westover (Education)..C
Sus Ota (Co-op).....G	Jack Mizono (Hospital)..G
George Kakehi (CAS).....G	Dai Matsuda (Hospital)..G
Second Team	Second Team
K. Kawamoto (CAS).....F	Kay Mori (Hospital).....F
F. Kawahara (CAS).....F	Jim Momii (Hospital).....F
G. Yonekura (CAS).....C	Al Kimoto (Carriers).....C
T. Tatsuno (Co-op).....G	Min Sano (Carriers).....G
H. Tominaga (Comm.).....G	J. Nakayama (Housing)...G
Third Team	Third Team
Frank Ogi (Fire D.).....F	Paul Hayashi (Education)F
Shig Suzuki (Fire D.).....F	Kaz Tate (Wreck. C.).....F
B. Takahashi (M. P.).....C	Ike Takei (Housing).....C
Jun Honda (Comm.).....G	T. Takemoto (M & O).....G
Kunio Ishii (Co-op).....G	John Mizono (Housing)...G
Most valuable player award to M. Takahashi.	Most valuable player award to Jack Mizono.

ALL-STARS RATED ON ALL-AROUND ABILITY

Out of the melee of many outstanding players, 30 cagers were selected on the All-Opponent All-Star teams. Chosen on the basis of their all-around performances during the past Industrial League plays, the

BLOCK 16 TEN WHIPS COMMANDOS

Limiting the opponents to 3 scattered hits, the potent Block 16 softball team walloped the challenging Commandos, 12-0, last Sunday afternoon at the Block 15 field. Jimmy Honda, twirler of Block 16, was in top form as he retired one batter after another via the pop-out and ground-out routes.

The big guns for the Block 16 were Hiss Kataoka, Yun Akinaga, Min Sasaki, Bou Kataoka and Tom Honda.

Yosh Yamada chucked for the Commandos.

Prior to the Commandos game, Block 16 had eked out a 15-13 victory over the Hawaiians in a free-scoring affair.

With 3 wins in 3 starts, the Block 16 team is eagerly looking forward to challenges from any softball or hardball team in this city. All interested challengers are urged to contact the Block 16 manager immediately.

players were given berths on the various mythical teams in accordance with the number of votes they received.

Interesting to note in the Class AA selection is the appearance of the entire CAS first stringers. Also of interest is the fact that the Class AA selection is practically the same team that copped the Intermountain Tourney.

In the Class A league, the first team, comprised of Tosh Minemoto, Ted Iida, Leon Westover, Jack Mizono and Dai Matsuda, is certainly a worthy selection. It combines speed, accuracy, and experience.

SOFTBALL MEETING

There will be an important softball meeting for all interested participants this Wednesday afternoon from 2 PM at Rec 3.

At this meeting, plans and details of the contemplated Softball League will be discussed. John Towata, commissioner of the new league, will preside as chairman.

