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## THE CITY VOLUNTEERS AID COUNTY SCRAP DRIVE

Approximately 170 volunteers from Topaz contributed Sunday to the final drive of West Millard's scrap campaign.

Under the leadership of Frank Yamasaki, chairman of the block managers, the volunteers left the City at 8:30 AM; and after reaching Delta, they were assigned to scrap metal collecting in groups of 5 workers to a truck. This made a contingent of 34 trucks, which sped throughout the county, picking up scrap metal at widely scattered farmhouses.

Fifty tons of scrap, including 3 carloads of iron, 1 carload of fenders and bodies and 1 carload of cast iron were gathered and loaded on freight cars, to be sent to war industries.

The volunteers worked all day, returning to the City at 5:30 PM. Their lunch was provided by the scrap drive committee, who gave them lunch-tickets to Delta restaurants. Frank Beckwith, head of the committee, stated that the townspeople appreciated the help given by the Topaz residents.

### DEDICATION HELD FOR FIREHOUSE

By Iwao Kawakami

"If Topaz burns, we freeze."

The significance of this slogan of the City's Fire Prevention Week was stressed by all of the speakers on the program held Saturday afternoon in dedication of the new Fire Station. Some 200 residents, in addition to 50 members of the fire department, witnessed the ceremony.

Dr. Carl Hirota, chairman of the Community Council, presided over the program, which was opened by the singing of "America." Invocation was given by the Rev J. Fujii, and greetings were extended by the Rev K. Kumata and Toshio Yoshida.

Assistant Project Director James F. Hughes pointed out the necessity of cooperation on the part of all residents in preventing fires and expressed the hope that there would never be any need for the fire department to fight an actual fire in the City. Translation of Hughes' speech was made by Iwao Shimizu.

Lee Byers of the education department introduced the winners of the essay contest, who read their essays. They were Sumi Kato, of the high school; and Grace Manabe, of the junior high. "This Is Worth Fighting For" was sung by Yuri Oshima, accompanied by Grace Sayegusa.

Following a talk by Samuel V. Owen, chief of the Fire Protection Division, the program was concluded with a fire fighting demonstration by the department personnel.

### E.O.R. SECRETARY SPEAKS HERE

Caleb Foote, field secretary on the West Coast for the Fellowship of Reconciliation, spoke to a gathering of 150 residents Sunday night at Rec 27. The meeting was sponsored by the

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Bed Time

Today's Bed Time news comes from Project Director Charles Ernst, who makes the following announcement:

"We have been informed by Lieutenant Nail that the long awaited posting of the Project boundaries has been completed. We can now relax the regulations that have restricted the movement of residents to the Center, itself except when traveling on an official pass.

"Wednesday, Nov 11, is Armistice Day. We are marking that day by extending the freedom of the entire Project to all the residents in this City. Passage from the Center into the outer Project will be permitted simply upon presentation of the personal identification card, which will be issued to every person 6 years of age and over. You should keep this card with you at all times and upon request of any member of the Military Police you should show your card. You are asked to cooperate by using the gates when entering or departing from the Project Center. Children who cannot be expected to understand these rules should be accompanied by adults beyond the City limits.

"As you have been told, the whole Project consists of approximately 18,000 acres and hereafter will be the area to which you have access without a pass between sunrise and sunset every day. From sunset until sunrise our safety regulations require that everyone shall remain inside the Project Center, the limits of our City. If because of work requirements, sickness or other emergency it is necessary for a resident to leave or

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Young People's Fellowship, with Tom Hoshiyama as chairman.

Foote suggested that although outside groups and agencies could help evacuees to a certain extent, the main job of becoming adjusted to their new circumstances and building up their future rested upon the evacuees themselves.

He also gave warning against falling into 2 attitudes he thought was common to minority groups: apathy or indifference to their conditions; resentment and anger to the point of organized violence. He said there was a third alternative, that of unshakable but non-violent insistence on their rights; and that non-resentful understanding of the attitudes of the majority groups by the minorities was essential toward solving race prejudice problems.

Following Foote's talk, it was announced that the Young People's Fellowship would be divided into 2 groups (high school and those above high school), with officers to be elected soon.

## 500 ATTEND CEREMONY

The formal opening of the Topaz Protestant Church was observed Sunday afternoon by approximately 300 residents and administration officials. The Rev. Howard Toriumi presided over the occasion.

The afternoon's speakers were the Rev. Taro Goto, the Rev. Tanaka, the Rev. I. Kyogoku; Lorne Bell, chief of Community Services; Hechiro Yuasa, Community Council; Dr. Frank Herron Smith, superintendent of the Japanese Missions of the Pacific Coast and president of the Western Area Protestant Commission.

Dr. Smith said: "Courage is what the young people need today. I believe you young people have courage, but show it by taking these opportunities to go out and serve as emissaries of worth."

The Rev. Kyogoku, representing the Inter-Faith Ministerial Association, said: "No matter what the religion or belief, we must have unity and harmony in all our activities and projects here. We should destroy criticisms of each other's faiths, try to understand each other's religion, and enrich ourselves by this added knowledge. The road to truth may be varied and many; but the road, after all, leads to one destination."

**Bed Time**

Enter the Center between 7 PM and 7 AM; a pass will be issued. Under no circumstances should anybody ever attempt to leave or to enter the Center by crawling through the fence. Use the gates which will be open from 7 AM to 7 PM.

"The boundaries of the whole project are identified by red warning signs posted 100 yards apart on which is displayed Proclamation No. 8 in the English and Japanese languages. There is little possibility that these bound-

aries can be overlooked and you are asked to cooperate by observing all the regulations in this respect."

**IDENTIFICATION CARD:** The identification card referred to in Director Ernst's announcement may be obtained from the block managers, according to James Hughes, assistant project director.

**BABY CLINICS:** Then we have a notice from Dr. John Teshima to the effect that until further notice the pre-natal clinic hours are from 2 to 4 PM on Tuesdays and Thursday, and well-baby clinic hours are from 2 to 4 PM on Mondays.

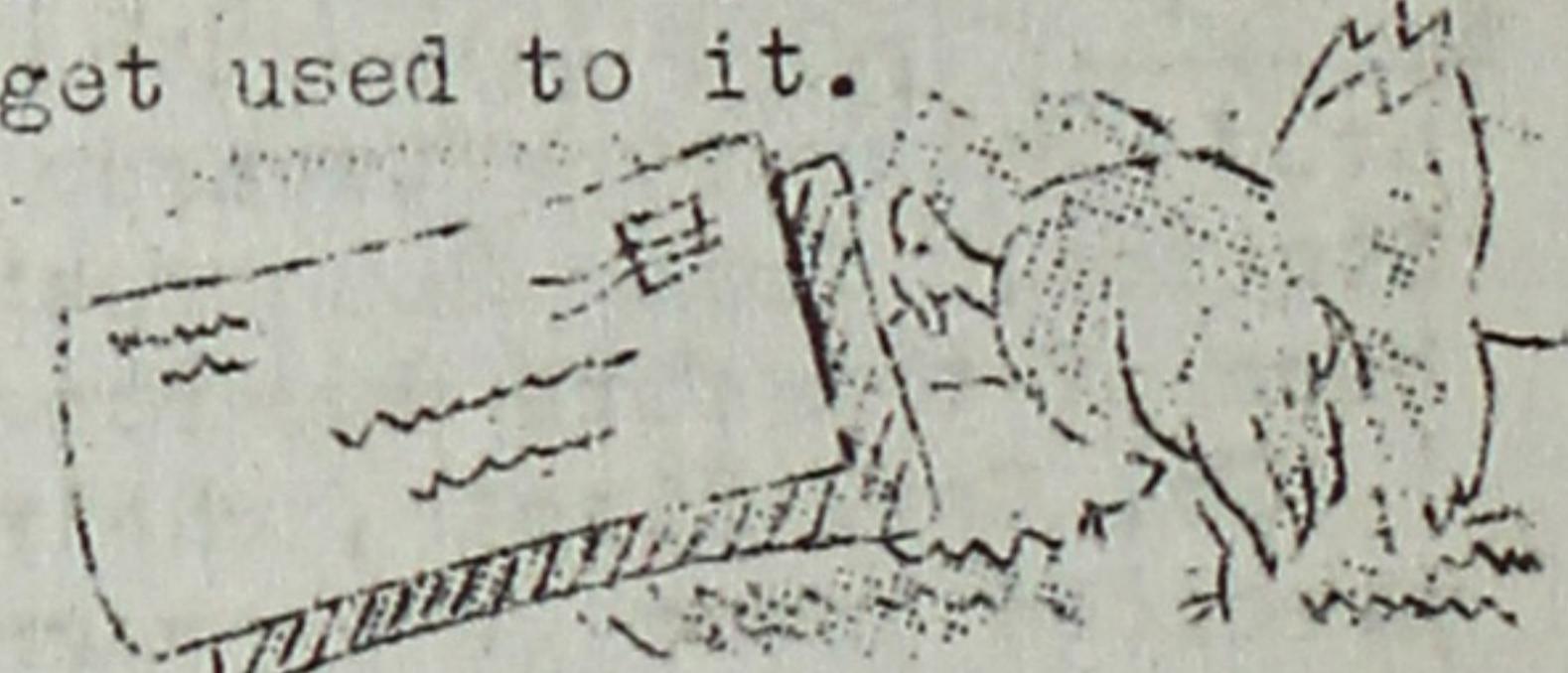
**People**

**TURKEY PLUCKING:** The following is a letter written to a resident by Doris Kariya: "Since you said to write and give you 'the lowdown on turkey plucking', here I am!

"There's been a lot of rumors going around Topaz about how hard this work is--but I'm inclined to disagree. Of course, it isn't easy, but I wouldn't say that it was as bad as most of the people think.

"Honestly, being there in American Fork is really a treat! We live in a fairly large hotel and have running water (hot and cold), electricity and all sorts of conveniences. We go into Provo nearly every week for our amusements.

"As for our work, it's not a cinch, but after all we didn't come out here expecting a picnic. The 'pinners' are girls who follow the turkeys (moving on a revolving chain) around the room, pulling out the small pin feathers. It's not a hard job, once you get used to it.



"The other jobs are 'waxing' and 'wet roughing'. To wax, all you do is pull off the dry wax that the turkey has been dipped in. To wet rough, you pull the large feathers off the turkey."

"The last 2 jobs mentioned are the hardest on your hands, but if you use gloves, it's not bad. Right now, I believe there's need for pinners (girls only). I think that if a lot of the girls tried it (all this work is done inside), they'd find that it wasn't as bad as expected.

"Well, that covers most of the work, I guess--except that sometimes we work on onions and potatoes, out in the fields.



