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RELOCATION INTERVIEWS OF FAMILIES TO START JAN. 3

ERNST UPHOLDS COUNCIL'S BAN ON BINGO GAME

Interviews with families to determine how the WRA can best assist them in making their plans for the future will start in Topaz on Monday, January 3, it was announced today by Charles F. Ernst, project director.

The first interviews will concern a selected group of 100 family units who have one or more members already relocated on the outside. The discussions will be conducted by ten teams of two persons each, one representative of the resident and one member of the appointed staff constituting a team. Each of the family group selected will be notified by the project director as to where and when the discussions will take place.

At the same time a similar program will be carried on in each of the centers. While every family eventually will want to leave the relocation centers the immediate purpose of the present talks will be to list the various obstacles which stand in the way of relocation and the resources which individual families possess to meet them. This will give the WRA the information which will assist it in developing an over-all long term plan, which will be beneficial to residents of all centers.

Ernst pointed out that there will be no forced relocation and that these discussions with family units are in no way a registration. At the same time, he called upon all residents to co-operate closely with the interviewing teams so that all of the facts may be deter-

mined, thus making possible an early solution of the individual problems.

"As an example of what information will be helpful to WRA in making its plans for maintenance of the relocation centers, it will be desirous to know about any illness in the family; children who will soon graduate from school; whether it is possible for the head of the family to work and what sort of work he will be capable of doing; the matter of adequate financial return within a family group to make it possible to take up the American way of life on the outside," Ernst stated.

"The WRA realizes that there are many reasons why residents of centers have not yet relocated. These reasons, once they are ascertained from the individuals can be looked upon as a problem to be solved and when they are solved, the family units may find it possible to better their situations."

While the teams will work first with a limited number of family groups, it is anticipated that some 2000 such family unit discussions will be undertaken in Topaz.

It is hoped that these discussions will give every resident a chance to find the answers to the questions which have been concerning him as to relocation.

WRA Release

300 ATTEND XMAS VESPER SERVICE

More than 300 residents gathered in the auditorium Christmas afternoon to honor relatives now in the armed services. Rev. I. Kyogoku was chairman for the vesper service.

Main addresses were given by Rev. J. Tsukamoto in English and Rev. Kyogoku in Japanese.

The Topaz Community Council has recently enacted regulations prohibiting the playing of bingo and other games of chance in the center. This action of the council is in line with WRA regulations and the laws of the state of Utah.

The council as representative of the whole community, in this matter expresses the collective will of the people of Topaz. The project director concurs in this action by the council and points out the duty of all of us to adhere to these regulations. Adherence to the community ban on bingo and other similar activities means that no public building can be used for gatherings of this nature.

It should be understood that public gatherings in our new auditorium, the recreation halls, the dining halls and other buildings of public nature can only be scheduled upon clearance with the proper committee established for this purpose.

Observance of these rules and full support of our Community Council by everyone in Topaz will help to assure a well-ordered community.

Charles F. Ernst
Project Director

GAME CANCELLED

Owing to last minute changes this noon, the Topaz-Wasatch basketball game has been cancelled, the high school reported. Instead, Topaz will play Delta high in the new gym from 3:15 PM Friday.

Since the Times will be issued only twice this week, all articles for the New Year's edition should be turned in by Wednesday, 5:30 PM.

WEATHER	Max.	Min.
Sunday.....	38°	20°
Monday.....	45°	13°
Tuesday.....	--	7°

AUDITORIUM TO BE SCENE OF NEW YEAR DANCE

Plans for the New Year's eve dance to be held at the Topaz civic auditorium have been completed, according to the activities unit of the CES. Bids may be obtained at rec 3 for 50 cents.

The dance which is for couples only will be a sports affair, sponsored by the Moderners and community activities unit. Igey Yoshimura will be the master of ceremonies for the evening.

The auditorium will be decorated on Thursday since the Wasatch-Topaz basketball game will be played on Friday. Those attending the game are requested by community activities to refrain from touching the decorations.

FORUM TO FEATURE TANI, SEKERAK

Henry Tani, former Topaz resident, and Emil Sekerak of the relocation office will be the speakers at the relocation forum Thursday night at dining hall 32 from 7:30 o'clock. Dr. Laverne C. Bane will be chairman.

Tani, who has traveled 17,000 miles in the last 3 months, relocated to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, last month. He is visiting the center for 2 weeks.

CHRISTMAS NAPKINS MADE BY GIRL SCOUTS

The napkins with colored cut-outs which were on the Christmas dinner table were made by the intermediate and brownie girl scouts, Toshi Koba of the community activities department reported today.

The group made 7500 napkins.

CES REQUESTS NOTICE FROM KARUTA PLAYERS

Any person or group interested in playing karuta on New Year's day are requested to contact the CES office at rec 3. If the demand is sufficient, playing quarters will be provided, it was learned.

XMAS BABY

A Christmas baby boy was born at the center hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Hiroshi Takayama of 7-12-A. The baby has been named Ken.

Mr. and Mrs. Takayama were married at the Tanforan assembly center and made their first home in Topaz. The couple arrived here with the first group September 11.

MISS TAKEMOTO REVEALS TROTH

Mr. and Mrs. Totaro Takemoto of 5-1-B announced today the engagement of their daughter, Yukino, to Hideo Yamahara, eldest son of Mrs. Taka Yamahara of 35-7-E. The engagement party was held at the bride-elect's home Sunday night.

Miss Takemoto, formerly from Oakland, California, is a secretary at the project director. Her fiance is working in the radio repair shop of the Co-op. He is a former resident of San Francisco.

CES REPORTS LOSS OF FIVE RECORDS

Twelve five records were taken from the record files of the community activities office at rec 3 during the past week, it was reported by Tats Nakamoto of CES.

Nakamoto stated that records are hard to obtain now and if such acts continue to occur, records from the community activities unit cannot be loaned to private groups.

TRANSPORTATION OFFICER VISITS CITY

Lieutenant Colonel L. E. Fiero, transportation officer from the Washington WRA office arrived here Wednesday for a 2-day visit to discuss transportation problems with the motor pool section and other administrative personnel.

JUNIOR PARTY: The high school juniors will hold a class social tomorrow from 7:30 PM at dining hall 32.

Admittance Into New Hall Limited To 1400

Attendance at all community-wide functions in the new high school auditorium will be restricted to 1400 spectators hereafter, in conformity with established safety precautions, according to Tats Nakamoto, assistant superintendent of the CES.

A limited number of tickets will be distributed for admittance to events where anticipated attendance will exceed the maximum capacity of the auditorium, it was emphasized.

Residents should not bring folding chairs and other seating facilities to the auditorium, Nakamoto advised. Chairs are adequate to seat a capacity of 1400 persons at present.

4 PRESSERS NEEDED BY UTAH CLEANERS

Four pressers are needed by the University Cleaners and the Modern Cleaners in Provo, according to the relocation office.

Workers will be paid one dollar per hour. The work is not seasonal. Interested persons may contact Mrs. Iwatsubo at 8-5-C for additional information.

TWO CHICAGO OFFERS CLOSED TEMPORARILY

Job offers from the Cuneo Press company and the Stevens Hotel, both in Chicago, Illinois, will be closed until further notice, it was announced today by Emil Sekerak of the relocation office.

DONOR LIST ASKED

Names of donors omitted from the list printed in the Christmas issue of the Times should be turned in before Wednesday 5:30 PM for proper acknowledgement in the New Year's edition.

LOST: A wallet with identification cards and money between the hospital and motor pool yesterday. Return to 31-5-C.

INSIDE COLUMN

EX-RULE STARS

With basketball season again taking first place in the Topaz sports calendar, it is quite appropriate at this time to mention a few of the recent stellar additions from Tule Lake.

Several smooth melon tossers have been seen playing on the local courts. From Tule's championship Mikado quintet, winners of the class A crown, are Kenji Hosokawa, captain and guard, Arata "Ziggy" Akahoshi, guard and former OME star, and George Nagasawa, forward.

From the runner-up Waks there are Yosh Matsubara, captain and guard, Ryo Kakoun, forward, and Andy Sugiyama, center, who will be well received by the numerous local quintets.

These men mentioned above are of class AA caliber and will provide local stars plenty of competition for all-star honors.

The Poster Artists, industrial league champs (strictly class B) are represented by Terry Watanabe, Mike Hayeda and Iggy Yoshimura. The Posters set a record of scoring at least 60 points in every game while winning the title. They tallied so heavily that a rule of only 15 points per man was enforced. Anyway, that's what they tell me.

Stan Tsujisaka has improved since he played for the class B Mikado Juniors. He looked good in the Tule versus Topaz games last month, being high point man in two contests.

GYM SHOES

All persons using the gymnasium are requested to use tennis shoes or rubber soled shoes in order to preserve the floor. If residents of Topaz wish to have a gym for any length of time, they should comply with the authorities' request so that the floor can be used for many years.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Now that we have a new gym someone ought to organize a girls' basketball league. What do you think?

Sports PARADE

TOPAZ RAMS TO ENCOUNTER BRIGHAM YOUNG HIGH FIVE

Lacking adequate practice and team play, the Topaz Rams will encounter the Brigham Young prep quintet as contenders to-

morrow night at Provo. With only a few days of actual practice in the newly constructed gymnasium, the local casaba cavorers will find playing in an indoor court quite different from prancing in the great outdoors.

Since transportation facilities are limited, only 10 members of the varsity will be able to travel to Provo, according to coach Fred Koba. Still unable to pick out the best combination, the coaches have decided to let the following persons play in the Brigham Young engagement.

Henk Hidekawa, Shig Yoshimine, Hisanori Sano, Vince Momii, Yosh Yamada, Mike Hayeda, Yosh Fujita, Stan Tsujisaka, Ossie Tamaki and George Hamada. Others who are going with the team are Joe Goodman, Drayton Nuttall, and coaches Fred Koba, Mits Saito and Hash Hashiguchi.

Two days after the Brigham Young fracas, the Rams will play the highly touted Wasatch Academy melon tossers here this Friday afternoon in the first basketball brawl ever to be held in the new gym.

The Rams have scheduled contests with the Payson High School next Wednesday at Payson and the Springville High School at the latter's court on January 29. Other games will be published as soon as they are arranged.

3-WAY TIE KNOTS GIRLS' LEAGUE

Block 39 raced into the semi-finals of the girls' volleyball league, southern division, by downing block 42 last Sunday afternoon, 21-9, 15-21, 21-9.

This win throws the league into a 3-way tie. Blocks 42, 33 and 39 are now in the fight for the championship.

Volleyball Finals Set For Tonight

The volleyball semi-finals and finals previously set for last Sunday will be held tonight at the new gym. Games will begin from 7 P.M. sharp, it was stated.

First goes to be played are the semi-finals of the girls' leagues. In the northern league, blocks 10 and 12 will battle for top honors while blocks 39, 42 and 33 will tangle to decide the winner of the southern loop.

The finals in the men's division will be played between blocks 12 and 39 to decide the championship, according to Yosh Inono.

After the men's finals, the winners in the girls' semi-finals will meet in the championship match.

GYM NOW OPEN FOR BADMINTON

Dust the moth balls off your badminton rackets, Rams, for the new gym will be open to the bird-busters this Wednesday and Thursday nights from 7:30 to 10 o'clock, according to information received today.

The gym will be open to out of high school residents only, it was stated. In order to give everyone a chance to play, the gym will be open Wednesday to residents of blocks 1 to 21. Thursday night blocks 22 to 42 will use the gym.

Badminton players are asked to bring their own rackets and birds.

The high school auditorium will be open to badminton enthusiasts during the year, it was believed.

