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SEASONAL WORKERS HUGE PROGRAM PLANNED SOUGHT BY WFA FOR SGT. BEN KUROKI CAMP SUPERVISOR

Wayne Woodmansee, WFA camp supervisor for the northwestern states, arrived this week from Portland, Oregon, to recruit seasonal workers for his area. He is in charge of recruiting labor for Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Utah, Colorado, Wyoming and Montana.

Woodmansee, who will be here until the recruiting of agricultural field workers is completed, will speak at a meeting this evening in dining hall 32 from 7 o'clock. All residents who are planning to go out on seasonal leave are requested to attend. Woodmansee stressed the fact that he is recruiting only field workers and has nothing to do with cannery and packing company contracts.

Topics to be discussed at tomorrow night's meeting are conditions of contracts, nature of the work, types of crops, transportation, housing and medical service, and other matters concerning farm work.

BROOKLYN HOSTEL OPENED MAY 10

The Brooklyn Hostel opened May 10 with the Sato family from the Gila River relocation center as its first guests.

The opening of the hostel which had been protested by several groups in New York took place without any disturbance, according to newspaper reports.

Ralph Smeltzer, former head of the Chicago Brethren Hostel, is director of the Brooklyn Hostel, it was revealed.

Preparations for honoring Sgt. Ben Kuroki, who will arrive here Friday afternoon for a 4-day visit, are being made by the various organizations in the center. Co-ordinators of the program for Kuroki's visit are Vernon Ichisaka and Mas Marahara. Assisting them are representatives of the Red Cross, block managers, selective service committee, citizens' committee, council, boy scouts, education department, farm section, project reports division, girl reserves, CAS and Inter-Faith.

ACLU

WIRIN SLATED TO SPEAK TONIGHT

A. I. Wirin, American Civil Liberties Union lawyer, from San Francisco was expected to have arrived in Topaz this afternoon for a 2-day visit. He is scheduled to address the residents tonight at a public meeting in the auditorium from 7:30 PM.

Wirin is expected to speak on the constitutional rights of the evacuees as well as on the activities of the ACLU.

Tomorrow, the council, citizens committee and other groups will confer with Wirin.

MOTHERS HONORED IN FORMAL PROGRAM

"Mother's Love" was the topic of the main address given by Rev. Motoyoshi at the Mother's Day program held by the Inter-Faith association at the auditorium Sunday afternoon.

The program also included speeches by Project Director Charles F. Ernst, Councilman George Shimamoto, and words of appreciation to the mothers by two high school students, Koji Ozawa and Sachi Kawahara. Following the formal program, Japanese dances and other entertainment were presented.

INTERNAL SECURITY OFFICER ON LEAVE

Harold Russell, internal security officer, is on a 15-day leave. Anyone wishing notary work done will have to go to Delta. Passes can be arranged through internal security.

The tentative schedule for Kuroki's visit, which includes meetings, receptions, and a ball, is as follows:

FRIDAY EVENING: Public reception in the auditorium.

SATURDAY: Meetings with the boy scouts, block managers, council, administrative personnel, draft age boys, and a banquet.

SUNDAY: Inter-Faith YP service, USO luncheon, program for soldiers' parents, and a picnic at the farm.

MONDAY: Visit schools, lunch with high school group, appearances at the Delta and Hinckley high schools, dinner with Delta leaders, and inductees' ball in the auditorium.

TUESDAY: Visit hospital patients with the Red Cross, a farewell luncheon and send-off at the gate.

CAPACITY AUDIENCES WITNESS SAVOY SHOW

Capacity audiences attended two performances of the "Evening at Club Savoy" variety show given by the CAS in the auditorium last night.

Presented in a night club atmosphere, the show featured the Savoy Four, with Mabel Sugiyama, Tommy Nakashige, Jimmy Kikugawa and Frank Suzuki. Mike Morizono directed the show which included songs, acts and dances by many of the best performers here. Sam Yamamoto was master of ceremonies.

WEATHER	Max.	Min.
Saturday.....	85°	49°
Sunday.....	85°	42°
Monday.....	83°	47°
Tuesday.....	74°	42°

REPORT FROM

CHICAGO

To make generalizations, especially with few solid facts on which to base conclusions, is at best a risky proceeding. Yet in spite of this we can't resist passing on to you some impressions we've gathered recently about the type of wages nisei are earning here in Chicago.

Unskilled and semi-skilled laborers are, because of the wartime scarcity of labor and prevailing high wage rates, often earning more than professional men. But these high wages usually demand a tremendous amount of overtime so that the total hours of work sometimes range as high as 60 and 70 a week. The average, we might hazard, is better than \$30 an hour. Skilled mechanics in many cases draw well over \$50 a week, but here again only with overtime pay.

Chemists, architects, engineers, pharmacists, etc., and those with business training are almost all in promising jobs which, though usually paying only at the basic wage rates, often have bright futures. We wouldn't know what the top-salaried nisei here makes, but we have heard on good authority of a few in business managerial positions with salaries of \$7000 to \$10,000 a year.

In the case of women the picture isn't quite as encouraging. Our most reliable source informs us that the average monthly salary of the white collar nisei girl is not much over \$100, which in effect is very little better than the center wages of \$16 a month. And we're inclined to believe him when we consider that in this category are office girls, clerks, typists, and switchboard operators as well as high paid secretaries and executives.

We've heard too that ambition runs high among the girls here, many of them taking night business courses. It seems too that an unusually large number are studying fashion designing and related professions---so many, we've been told, that all Chicago couldn't employ them if they were all available.

Another piece of second-hand information is that girls outnumber the men here by about 6 to 4. And this ratio is bound to increase in favor of the women with Selective Service plucking away the men one by one. (We hardly think our correspondent considers this a favor to the women---Ed.)

For your "evacuation library" we recommend a pair of books from the University of Chicago Press: "American Society in Wartime", edited by W.F. Ogburn, and "War and the Law", edited by Ernst Patt-kammer. Both are collections of lectures given on the U. of Chicago campus last year and both contain good chapters on the evacuation of the Japanese. We commend to your attention the treatment of the legal status of the evacuation in "War and the Law" as about the most clarifying we've yet to read. It should keep you satisfied, at any rate, until the Supreme Court gets around to deciding the Endo case.

Look forward, too, to "Prejudice", Carey McWilliams' new work on the Japanese Americans, scheduled by Little, Brown for August publication.

If any of you are tackling the study of Japanese and have found it entirely a foreign language,

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PM INTERVIEWS
TOPAZ ARCHITECT,
JOHN IWATSU

The following interview of John Iwatsu, formerly of this center, appeared in PM last week:

It's hard to write stories which try to tell people that Japanese Americans are no different from them, you repeat yourself so often. But just for the record I'll say once more that it's a shame that Mayor La Guardia, who wants to kick all relocated Japanese Americans out of New York City, can't meet a man like John Iwatsu.

When photographer Arthur Leipzig and I walked into his apartment at 545 W. 11th St., the other night, John was sitting in a big armchair, puffing his pipe, and reading Time.

He said hello, and put it down on the table next to his chair, a table which was already well cluttered with New Yorkers, PMs, Saturday Evening Post, and NY Times. His narrow bookcase, I noticed, contained a thesaurus, a book on semantics, and many impressive architectural titles.

So it wasn't much of a surprise when he said he was an architect, or, to be more exact, an architect-draftsman, working for a firm here. Like a lot of other 30-year-old citizens, he has passed his preinduction physical, and is waiting to see whether he'll be called up.

John and his family lived in San Francisco before Pearl Harbor.

WHILE AT TOPAZ

At Topaz he kept busy working with the Army Engineering Corps, but he remembers that the camp itself was "an abrupt change, and an ordeal." Last September he relocated himself in New York City, and his family soon joined him.

John, who talks quietly and seriously, "was very surprised at the Mayor's reaction to us. I think antagonism to us comes from ignorance about us, don't you? After all, very few know about us."

"I guess this is a racist question," he said. "And my people have suffered so much in the relocation centers that they'll be less able to face the outside world when they get out."

Leaves

INDEFINITE

IDAHO FALLS, IDAHO: Jimmy Uno.

ST. PAUL, MINNEAPOLIS: Sao and Hagiko Teramoto.

CAMP RUCKER, ALABAMA: Margaret Saito.

DETROIT, MICHIGAN: Tom Akagi, Harue Misura, Lillian Kajiware, Marsha Makamoto.

NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK: Shotsu, Haru and Kaoru Gishifu.

SEASONAL

OREM: Akira Tsuno.

FILLMORE: Masatsugu Tawa.

OGDEN: John Miyoshi, Motoki Yatabe, Joseph Yamaguma.

PROVO: George Okano.

ROY: Takeo and Haruki Higashino, Kazuto Okada, Clarence Sunada, Roy Takemoto, Charles Kadowaki, George Okamoto, Takeo Saito.

JAMIESON, OREGON: Mary Okai, Hideo Mayeda, Yoshimatsu Tanaka.

NEW ASSOCIATE I.S. OFFICER ARRIVES

Andrew Kasius, who was formerly with the Washington D.C. police force for 21 years, has recently been added to the appointed personnel as an associate internal security officer. Kasius was with the service division dealing with problems of juvenile delinquency among boys. He is a former resident of Utah.

REPORT FROM CHICAGO

(Continued from page 1)
the article "Nihongo, the Japanese Language" by Bruce Lancaster in the May Atlantic Monthly detailing the difficulties of Japanese may help raise your morale a bit. For a real funnybone-tickler on this new suddenly-popular study, though, delve into "An Affix for Birds" by St. Clair McKelway in "A Subtreasury of American Humor". Note, however, that the Hon. Watanabe-san of this epic is no relation to Frank, nor for that matter, to yours truly.

Warren Watanabe

DRAFT DEFERMENT FOR MEN OVER 26 CLARIFIED

Picnic Planned For Kuroki

Under the management of CAS, a picnic will be given in honor of Sgt. Ben Kuroki on Sunday, May 21, from 4 to 8 PM. Tickets, which are available at rec 3 for 25 cents will be limited to 200 persons until Friday.

Transportation will be provided to the farm kitchen where the picnic will be held. An entertainment program is also being planned.

Teacher Training To Start Soon

A 12-week teacher training program will start in Topaz on June 12 for both elementary and secondary schools, it was announced by superintendent LeGrande Noble.

Miss Mary Neilson, supervisor of the South San Pete, Utah, elementary school, will conduct the grade school training. The secondary instructor has not yet been named. The training will consist of half-days of actual teaching and the other half day on theory.

MIYE OSHIMA WEDS SGT. E. KASHIWASE

Miye Oshima was married to Sgt. Ernest Kashiwase of Camp Savage, Minnesota, on May 13, it was revealed here by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sanshiro Oshima. The marriage was held in Minneapolis, where the groom is now waiting overseas duty.

PERKINS LEAVES

Brig A. Perkins, vice-principal of the local high school, left the project yesterday to retire from government service. Perkins joined the faculty last February.

LOST: Elgin watch with chain was lost last Thursday between blocks 20 and 34. Return to Y. Yamauchi of 34-7-B.

Deferment of draft age men over 26 years in vital war work is explained in a letter to the local selective service office from Hillman Davies of the Millard County Draft Board. Davies' explanation of employment deferments follows:

"In reference to our recent discussion concerning the induction of men over 26 years of age I wish now to inform you that local boards have just been notified that they may expect to receive orders creating blanket deferment of all men past 30 years of age who are in "essential industries", including agriculture. Also "necessary men" 26 through 29 are to retain civilian status for an indefinite period. This period is now estimated at two or three months.

MEN OVER 30

"In considering the above statements I would interpret them to mean that men over 30 years who are in agriculture or other vital work would be automatically deferred, and perhaps the order is given in the hope that it will induce older men to go on the farms, thus releasing younger men for the draft."

EMPLOYMENT STATUS

Davies further stated that there is no way of determining the employment status of the men who are transferred to the Millard County board for induction. He suggested that all men who are in farming or other vital work should inform their local boards of their employment status on form 42 or 42A.

MID-WEEK BIBLE CIRCLE

Rev. Shimada and Rev. Tsukamoto will be honored tonight at the Midweek Bible Circle from 7 in 32-11 CD. Rev. Shimada has completed a lecture series while Rev. Tsukamoto is conducting the current series on Bible archeology. Yuri Sugihara will be chairman for tonight's meeting.

Managers

All baseball managers are requested to turn in the score sheets to their respective block managers directly after the game.

PEPS, OLD TIMERS TIE IN FIRST HARDBALL TILT

In the initial hardball tilt of the current season, the Old Timers and the Topaz Peps fought to a 7-7 deadlock Sunday afternoon on field 15.

Kaz Masuda took the batting honors of the day by garnering 3 for 4, a single, a double and a triple. Frank Sekigahama of the Peps also rapped out 3 for 4, one of which was a triple.

Harry Nakagawara, chucker for the Old Timers, allowed 11 bingles and 2 walks while his teammates knocked starting twirler Mich Takahashi off the mound in the sixth and pounded reliever George Ikeyada for a total of 12 safeties.

The lineup for the oldsters was: Konda, Marubayashi, K. Masuda, T. Masuda, Hashiguchi, Takei, Yamada, Nagai, Hoshi and Nakagawara. For the Peps were: Sekigahama, Hikido, Kiyomura, Ikeda, Maeda, Okamoto, Nakao, Furuya, Nakaso and Takahashi.

1944-45 Financial Baseball Report Revealed By Committee

A complete financial report on the baseball season for 1943 and 1944 has been compiled by Osuke Takizawa, newly-elected treasurer of the baseball committee.

According to the report \$36.52 now remains in the baseball treasury. A total of \$504.77 was collected for the baseball fund in 1943 and 1944. Donations at games brought in \$127.21 and donations from the blocks totaled \$306.56 for the year of 1943. \$70 for the athletic award fund and \$1 from the CAS were added this year.



LOOPS START THURSDAY; THREE LEAGUES FORMED

The Topaz baseball leagues will officially get under way tomorrow at 6:30 with blocks 20 and 1 tangling in a Major loop tilt on field 30. Block 13 will meet block 34 and blocks 37 and 3 are also scheduled.

After several hours of deliberation at the 'managers' meeting on Monday night, the teams were divided into three leagues—Major, Eastern and Western. The final results revealed that seven teams will battle in the Major loop while eight squads apiece are entered in the Eastern and Western leagues.

GOLF

18-HOLE TOURNEY SLATED SUNDAY

An 18-hole golf tournament will be played this Sunday on the local golf course, it was announced by Hideji Hidoshima of the CAS.

The tourney will commence at 8:30 in the morning. Nine holes will be played in the morning and the rest will be run off in the afternoon from 1:30.

The public is invited to take part in the tournament.

TAKEFUJI CAPTURES SUNDAY GOLF MATCH

After taking second place in the last golf tournament held two weeks ago, R. Takefuji returned Sunday to top the field.

K. Kasura, winner of the last tourney, took second followed by K. Yoda and H. Orami.

The blocks listed in the Major league are: 1, 20, 29, 33, 9, 37, and 26. In the Eastern are: 7, 34, 11, 13, 27, 42, 39, and 5. The Western consists of: 36, 3, 38, 10, 4, 30, 16, and 37.

All Major league games will be played on diamond 30 and diamonds 15 and 21 will be utilized for the Western and Eastern loop contests. Two Major league battles are on slate for Sunday afternoon and evening.

MANAGERS' COMMITTEE

A managers' committee was chosen by commissioner Jiggs Yamada at the meeting on Monday night. The committee will pass judgment on any disagreement which may arise at the games.

SOFTBALL SKED

MINOR LEAGUE

THURSDAY		
TIME	TEAMS	PLACE
6:30	37 vs 3	#15
6:30	13 vs 34	#21
FRIDAY		
6:30	30 vs 4	#15
6:30	27 vs 5	#21
SATURDAY		
2:00	38 vs 10	#15
2:00	11 vs 7	#21
6:30	36 vs 16	#15
6:30	39 vs 42	#21

MAJOR LEAGUE

THURSDAY		
6:30	1 vs 20	#30
SUNDAY		
2:00	29 vs 33	#30
6:30	9 vs 37	#30

Block 26--bye

イリノイで日系轉住者の借屋が問題となる

最近シカゴサン紙の報道に依れば、バズ出身の轉住者エドウィン・木藤氏夫妻が、六ノズン市に於て、イースト・スタン・大学教授F. M. マギン博士所有の住宅をリースして移り住まんとした。其の間、中流社会の住民間に被差別系人の居住を黙許すべき否かの問題に就き、甚しい議論が起きた。由なるが、此の事は最初マギン博士が其の住宅を日系轉住者に貸した事を聞いて猛烈な抗議を申込んだ。近所の人の後當ならぬ態度とマギン博士が、彼等隣人達が自ら人に對して、斯かる不遜な態度を執るとせば、當市の人々は一体何を信じがたい。マギン博士の邸宅を、何の爲めに戦つてあるのか、自ら分りなうとするでは、其の不動態を伸張する人々に貸してやる事は、全然

米国的にしてクリスチヤンの其の支拂を受けるべきものであり、而かも現に独逸人に接する人々は會計課の優越感の教義に反し、其の吾等の今次戦争の目的と完全に相合致するものである。と強調された。由を發表した。元ツルレキ在住者に、溜つたオバ・タイムの切れない前に、當所へ仕事を始めたい者は、被服料が貰へる。チヤキは今配られてある。

撤退者の貨物 輸送遅延 桑葉の秋、省爲貨物運輸官C. B. ウィットマンの通告によれば、禁制品の輸送は猶遅延される。警察署吏員手定戦つて、多量面の事故懸念に、極め日本人撤退者の貨物検査の優先権を得るわけに行かない。目下禁制品貨物輸送の要求が輻輳してあるから、可及的速に処理すると、ウィットマン氏は書き送った。

徵兵手續統一要請方々 W. R. A 本局に電託 地方徵兵局により募集したる入營前の身軀手續を異にし、應召者に不便なるを以て、中央徵兵本局へ手續の統一を要請せられた。旨、當所轉住係C. R. カター氏より、S. マーヤ局長に左記電文書簡を以て申請した。加州の數所の徵兵局は、Aに再分類する前に、

運動界 怪球接戦。去月晦、後グレイヤナにて行はれた。オル・ド・タイマス對ヤンカーズの堅球試合は、従来の壯觀であつた。セイズの肉迫戦が終つた。當日オル・ド・グレイの投手は、中河原捕手は、橋口山田、ヤンカーズの投手は、高橋、前田捕手は、曾及國本であつた。

結婚 豫て婚約中であつた、サキのアーネスト・橋本、曹長と元ト・ズの大島美枝嬢とは、五月十三日、ホリスにて結婚式を挙げた。由、花婿は今待機命令中に在る。花嫁の両親大島三郎夫妻は、三十三COに住んでゐる。

才・消防長 轉任 サミル・オ・消防長は、今回ツルレキ消防署長に轉任。ウィリアム・ミラが、當所代理署長として就任した。

退院御禮 和儀入院中は、御親類御見舞下され、奈なく存じます。先日退院、自定にて静養して居ます。御禮を御通知申上ります。

植田善久藏 世七下

1. Racism is Evanston, Ill.
2. Tule Lake pay checks to be paid.
3. Evacuees' property.
4. Reclassifying before examination requested.
5. Sports news.
6. Marriage.
7. Owen named head of Tule Lake Fire Department.
8. Appreciation.

日系人問題に関する大演説

ルドイギス次が太平洋
 沿岸諸州巡遊の際排日
 運動の策源地たる桑
 港のロタリークラブに於て
 (云々而す可) 試みられ
 更に又米國の國家約會
 日派の間に問題となりた

吾等は殆んど全米國市民の同情と支持を受けるべきであらう事を余は信じて疑はないのである。而て被等々種々の職業

吾等として反抗する時に
攻撃すに對して吾等は斷
て爲さしめんとする人々
の爲すが如き蠻行を敢
てある敵國の統治者等
爲をして現に我が國が戰
事良なる行動を期待す
るからである。WRG

病院に数名の
バリエーションを用
所内病院の食堂の壁を
ペイントする為め之を洗ふ
仕事を入る。する人数名
至急入用の由。

退院御禮

私儀長らく入院中親
愛なる皆様方より度々
病床へ御見舞を忝ふし御
苦情の程有り難う肝銘

其基督教的的精神を以て
 啓蒙に力する大なる勇氣と
 する血涙たる像餘言の政
 治的煥然堂の目録に對し
 掲げらるる西部沿岸の
 閩縣及び個人に對し念は
 特に感謝する次第であ
 る。

日英語高専科
 休日

成人教育部日本語高
 専科日英語翻譯クラス
 は教師の都合に依り今週
 水曜不曜の両日大休諸

1. Secretary's talk on WRA policies. 2. Japanese and English language classes closed for this week. 3. SDA church schedule. 4. 5 nisei soldiers convalescing in Utah. 5. Hospital needs volunteer workers. 6. Appreciation.	下され度候 御温情に對し御礼書々 退院御被せ申上り候。 松山庄公卿 四三二〇
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病床へ御見舞を忝ふし御
苦情の程有り難う肝銘