

CO-OP STORE OPENS TODAY

The Topaz Dry Goods Department Store is having its grand opening today at Rec 12, the Consumer Enterprises office announced this morning.

Notions, household items and clothing for adults, children and infants are being sold at co-op rates.

Shopping hours are: Monday through Saturday from 9:30 AM to 12:45 PM and from 2 to 5:45 PM, except on Wednesday when the store will be open from 2 to 5:45 and from 7 to 8 in the evening.

The store will be closed on Sunday.

The Consumer Enterprises Office stated in addition that from today the Barber Shop situated in Laundry #8 will operate with reduced prices of 15¢ for adults and 10¢ for children.

CALIFORNIAN ARRIVES TO AID XMAS PROGRAM

Mrs. Harry L. Kingham of Berkeley, Calif. arrived at Topaz yesterday afternoon, Miss Emily Minton of the Community Activities Section disclosed this morning.

To assist in the preparation for the Christmas festivities, the visitor brought plans and materials for the Community Activities Section.

Mrs. Kingman is one of the outstanding members of the American Committee on Fair Play, and has devoted much of her time to aiding evacuees.



INTERVIEW

By Harumi Kawahara

Though he noted the tenseness of military conditions in Japan, he did not anticipate open conflict with America, declared Dr. J.L. McSparran, principal medical officer of the WRA in San Francisco, in an interview Thursday. In Topaz for a 3-day observation tour from Wednesday to Friday last week, Dr. McSparran spoke from a background of 25 years in Japan from 1917 to 1942, a period embracing the two eras of global conflicts. Last attached to the Yokohama General Hospital since 1929, he served as chief physician for two years. Previous to that he was acting director of the St. Luke's International Hospital in Tokyo.

Stating that the Americans, English and Dutch in the country were taken into custody on Dec. 8, Dr. McSparran was confined till June 16 for a 6-months and 9 days imprisonment. After release, he went to Africa on a Japanese steamer, from which he transferred to the S.S. Gripsholm, Swedish diplomatic exchange ship, and traveled via South America for New York. The voyage lasted 70 days.

"I liked Japan very much, and if it hadn't been for the war and the evacuation program in Japan I would still stay there," he reminisced. He asserted that all his associations in that country had been pleasant previous to the enmity between America and Japan.

Dr. McSparran observed that the Topaz Hospital is not as advanced as the Tule Lake or Minidoka medical centers. Indicating that the retardment of the Topaz center was due to the lack of supplies and equipment, Dr. McSparran said that with the establishment of certain vital attachments the hospital should be one of the best of its kind.

He is a native of Virginia, and received his medical training in that state. His family, who left Japan in 1940, is now in Pasadena, California.

News Briefs

CONTRABAND: Residents who have had their hatchets confiscated as contraband at the WCCA centers are asked to call for the receipts for the tools at the Wardens' office, Rec 11. Upon presentation of the receipts at the Internal Security Office located in Administration Building 2, the owners may reclaim the articles.

CHURCH: The mid-week Protestant Service will be held tonight at 32-I2-C with Rev. J. Tsukamoto as speaker. Special music is also included in the service.

ADULT EDUCATION: With the completion of winterization, Rec 35 is now the official building for the Topaz Sewing and Knitting School. Registration for new students is being conducted this week at the school.

OPEN HOUSE: Pre-School department announces an Open House at Rec 13 this afternoon, and at Rec 9 tomorrow evening from 7:30 to 9 PM. This is to celebrate the re-opening of schools after the completion of winterization.

Parents and friends are cordially invited.

USO: 15 soldiers from various Army camps were feted by the new local YWC A last Sunday night at Rec 29 in recognition of their services to the United States. An evening of folk dancing, mixer games, song-fest, refreshments and social dancing was offered to the 70 people attending the gay affair.

Official welcome was extended by Mrs. S. Fujita.

Among those who planned the USO program were Nobu Kumekawa, Doris Hayashi, Yoshi Moricka, Amy Kajiwara, Martha Nozawa and Toshi Koba.

WEATHER REPORT

Maximum Temp. 41° F. and
Minimum Temp. 12° F.

