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RESIDENTS VOTE FOR MANAGERS TOMORROW

Inaugurating self-government here as in other WRA centers throughout the nation, residents 18 years of age and over will cast their ballots for 32 block managers in Rohwer project's initial general election tomorrow. Center mess halls will be utilized as polling sites.

BROKE? CHEER UP! PAYDAY IS NEAR

Payroll for October (total, \$24,000) will be ready on November 5, Francis H. Mangham, senior administrative officer, announced today.

Wages for professional service (\$19), skilled labor (\$16) and unskilled labor (\$12) will be paid during a five-day period.

Workers must show employment slips and identification numbers, Mangham said.

Although the majority of nominations were made last night in mass meetings, a few blocks were to have selected their managers at combined nomination-election assemblies, it was learned.

Accorded free rein in election procedures by the Administration, voting methods will vary with the different blocks, investigation bore out.

"We are leaving self-government entirely in the hands of the people—that is true democracy," administration (More on Page 2)

STORE: PIES, POP WILL BE ON SALE SOON

Pastries from Pine Bluff will be on sale in the canteen within the next few days, Manager Tek Wakimoto revealed today.

Soft drinks (Coca Cola, R. C. Cola and Hire's Root Beer) will be added to the present stock as soon as contracts can be completed.

With ice cream cabinets unobtainable due to wartime curtailment, doubt was expressed concerning sale of ice cream. However, all efforts are being made to procure them, Wakimoto said.

MORE WILL ARRIVE FROM SANTA ANITA

A contingent of approximately 200 evacuees from Santa Anita assembly center is en route to Rohwer, Ray D. Johnston, Project director, was unofficially advised today.

The group, comprising the remaining key personnel, was to have entrained yesterday, and is expected to arrive by the end of the month, according to the reports.

"The Administration has not received any official notices regarding further movements to this Relocation center," Johnston made known.

EDUCATION: PLAN PRE-SCHOOL CONFAB FOR CENTER TEACHERS

Preparatory to registration of elementary and secondary classes on Nov. 9, a pre-school conference for the orientation and instruction of teachers will be held from Nov. 3 to 6, J. A. Trice, superintendent of Education, announced today.

Conferences will be conducted in Mess hall 31 from 9 a.m. to noon daily for three days.

Plans and procedures for development of community schools will be discussed by WRA and administrative heads and by state representatives.

Principal speakers will include Ray D. Johnston, Project director; Dr. J. B. Hunter, chief of community services; Dr. Lester K. Ado, WRA Senior Educational advisor;

T. M. Stinnett, assistant commissioner of Education for Arkansas; W. A. Lawson, secretary of the Arkansas Education association; and Dr. Roy Roberts from the University of Arkansas.

Special music by Center talent has been arranged for the conference.

SOME NERVE! INTRUDER FORCES SELF ON STAFF

"Hey! What's my name?"

The staff stopped, looked up amazed. There standing in the doorway was a miniature frontiersman with a coonskin cap tilted cockily over his head. "What is your name?" we asked.

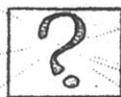
"Hey! What's my name?" he repeated.

This was getting monotonous.

We finally managed to worm him into a corner and after hours of grilling obtained the following facts:

(1) He arrived at the center with the final trainload of evacuees; (2) He liked Arkansas; (3) He liked the OUTPOST; (4) He had a persistent habit of shouting; "What's my name?"

Since the little intruder had adopted the OUTPOST as (More on Page 2)



Art

OUTPOST MOVES

Editorial and business offices of the OUTPOST are now located at 42-6. Tucked away in a remote corner, southeast of the lumberyard, the OUTPOST will occupy one barrack.

FIRST ELECTION DAY IN CENTER

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istrative heads stated today in expressing hope that residents will make the wisest choice.

Australian balloting will prevail in the majority of blocks, but in many instances, numerous sections will resort to nominating committees comprised of one representative from each building who will make the final selection, it was learned.

Tenure of office has been set for six months, effective November 1.

HERE'S MORE ON STRANGER

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his home, we had no other choice but to accept him as our mascot.

But the little whelp is without a name. We call him Lil' Dan'l. The OUTPOST would welcome any other name that the people of this Center might consider appropriate for this important character.

The staff wants your suggestions. Give your names to any member of the staff or bring it to the OUTPOST offices 42-6, on or before Tuesday.

The person submitting the best name will receive an original drawing of the new character by its originator, George Akimoto, staff artist.

NISEI SOLDIERS FETED AT PARTY

Six Camp Robinson, servicemen were feted at an informal dance held at Daisy Uyeda's home (28-2-D) Sunday afternoon.

Hostesses were Lillian and Jennie Uyeda, Susy Shishida, Pat Okuro, Amy Kusunoto, Mary and Margaret Kobayashi. Guests were

Corp. Barton Nagata, PFCs Fred Yasukochi, Tad Urai, Bill Iino, Frank Mizufuka and Pvt. Yas Sugiyama. Others present were Marshall Sumida and George Uyeda.

Soft drinks and cookies were served as refreshments.

C.A. HEADS SELECTED

HUNTER PRAISES SPLENDID MORALE

The Community Services section is seeking first of all to assist in the promotion of the fine spirit which is already manifested among the people of this Relocation center. It welcomes suggestions from every expouse who has a word of advice which will benefit even the least individual in this new city, the largest town in south-east Arkansas.

Dr. J. B. Hunter, Chief of Community Services

CLUBS REQUIRED: TO FILL FORMS

Newly-formed clubs and organizations and those desiring to continue their programs should contact Paul Shimada at the Administration building to fill out Forms CA-COL, Club formation requests; and CA-3, Weekly activities reports, it was announced.

LIBRARY WILL OPEN

With the first batch of 3000 books already here, the Center public library in Recreation hall 19 will be open to the public within a month, Bessie Guye, assistant librarian, reported today.

Three branches are tentatively under consideration.

FILL EIGHT POSTS; MORE STILL OPEN

Eight directorships have been filled in the Community activities division, with an urgent call for more applicants pending completion of the current block survey for potential personnel.

Irene Young, who recently left the Center to be married, has been replaced by Paul Shimada as director of the Clubs and Organizations department, it was learned.

Director of Arts and Crafts since the Center opened, Adeline Loo will continue her activities in that field.

Social activities will be headed by Ty Saito, with Gary Nagai in charge of Adult activities. Others named are George Suzuki, Men and Women's athletics; Thomas Uyeda, maintenance; Sholohi Yamada, signs and posters; and Ken Hamagawa, library.

FORM Y.B.A. NUCLEUS AT SUNDAY SIGNUP

The nucleus for a Center YBA was formed with a signup of attending Busseis at last Sunday's services, it was announced today. Rose Ito was in charge.

Sermons were delivered by the Reverends E. Unno and S. Mizutani.

GOOD CROP POSSIBILITIES AT DELTA PROJECT

Located 140 miles south of Salt Lake City, the Central Utah Relocation community lies 4700 feet above sea level on land formerly in private ownership as well as state-owned land.

The area (19,900 gross acres) is capable of good yields of alfalfa, sugar beets and grains. With a

growing season of 120 days, 10,000 acres (9000 previously cultivated) are considered suitable for agricultural development.

Irrigation water will be provided through the Abraham and Desert Water companies' canals. Evacuees will repair and recondition laterals extending over

the area.

Annual rainfall is only eight inches, half of which falls in the spring and little or none during the summer. Temperatures have ranged from 30 degrees below zero to 106 degrees above. First killing frosts occur in late September; final ones in late May.

FOOD: W.R.A. BUYS SUPPLIES IN OPEN MART

All food for the mess halls are purchased in open market by the WRA, which is independent of the Army, according to A. B. Woodruff, assistant project steward.

The Center will be assured of enough foodstuff although Army priorities have left little choice for the WRA, stated Woodruff. This necessitates purchase weeks and months ahead of time.

Paul Yamabe, formerly of the Santa Anita Red Mess, plans the daily master menu.

NECESSARY WOOD MAY BE FURNISHED

Continued philandering of lumber belonging to government constructors was deplored by the Center Police department today, as the Administration assured residents that "every effort will be made to furnish wood wherever necessary."

Saw mills will be constructed to facilitate carpentering and to procure an adequate fuel supply, it was learned.

TRANSFERS, LEAVES AIRED AT MEETING

Transfers to other centers, permits to accept outside employment and short-term leaves were discussed at a meeting of administrative heads recently.

HOSPITAL: ONE WING WILL OPEN SOON TO RECEIVE PATIENTS

With construction virtually completed, one wing of the new 200-bed hospital will be opened as a clinic within a few days to admit and examine patients, Dr. L. L. Neher, temporary head of the medical staff, announced today.

Comprising 17 buildings, including dental and optical clinics, the extensive hospital will have various medical wards, quarters for doctors and nurses and a mess hall.

The present staff includes four doctors (more

POLICE EXAMINATIONS NO NEED TO WORRY OVER TESTS, HATCHETT ASSURES CANDIDATES

Reports, that the announced competitive examinations for Police force positions may be holding back aspirants, are troubling Chief Lindsey Hatchett.

"There is no need for excessive concern," he declared, "as the tests will be the regular police adaptability examinations drawn up by the International Federation of Police Chiefs and will stress common sense."

TEACHING STAFF IS WELL QUALIFIED

Quartering and induction into Center educational services of approximately 50 teachers, will be completed by November 1, J. A. Trice, superintendent of Education, announced today.

All Caucasian instructors have met qualifications of the Arkansas Board of Education, the Civil Service Commission, the WRA and the North Central Association of colleges and universities, stated Trice.

The superintendent reported that students who graduate the Center high school will be able to enter any higher educational institutions in the United States.

Naming five men as candidates from each block is not a guarantee that any of them will be selected, Hatchett added.

Fifty-one mature men, with a speaking knowledge of both Japanese and English and without police records, will be chosen. No age requirements have been set.

Police personnel will be on three eight-hour shifts to provide the Center with a 24-hour, round-the-clock watch. Starting wages will be \$16 a month, according to Hatchett.

STUDENTS: DR. N.R. GRISWOLD NAMED TO DIRECT PLACEMENT

Appointment of Dr. Nat R. Griswold, Director of Adult and Continuation Education, to direct placement of Rohwer students in U.S. colleges and universities, was announced by the Administration today.

Outside of military areas in Western states, more than 260 schools located throughout the country have been approved by the War department and the WRA.

"About 200 to 220 student applicants are already on college campuses," Edward B. Marks Jr., assistant director of Community Management for the WRA, stated on a recent visit to the Center.

"Permits for 150 more students are pending, and a sizable number is expected to leave for the spring semester."

are contemplated) and four nurses.

"Until we are fully organized, it will be very difficult for the doctors to make sick calls," Dr. Neher stated, "in requesting residents not to ask for a doctor, except for an emergency."

According to tentative plans, persons who need glasses will be fitted by the optical clinic upon application, only if they are needed.

Dr. Neher, who was in charge of the medical pro-

gram at the Minidoka project, will remain in Rohwer about three weeks before returning to the Idaho center. Appointment of a new head is expected soon.

NAME ACTIVITY HEADS

FIRE FIGHTERS DRILL DAILY

Daily drills are conducted by the Center Fire Department under Chief Hays Miller to prepare for any emergency. Pending arrival of three new fire engines from Buffalo, N.Y., the department now employs a pick-up type fire-truck borrowed from a construction company.

Eighteen men under Captains Yukio Fujikawa and Henry Shiozaki comprise the present force with a staff of 40 to 50 contemplated when the department



is fully organized. Fire inspectors are Yatsuma Fujimoto, Tsutomu Kumagai, Hajime Nishimori and Tokito Okura.

Three months of training will be necessary before the members reach full competence, but he is more than pleased with the progress of his men, Miller said.

INSTALL OFFICERS IN SERVICE CLUB

An installation social was held by 54 members of Block 7's unnamed Service club Sunday evening in Mess hall 7. Dancing and refreshments featured the event with Yoshio Kuno as master of ceremonies.

Installed into office were Marshall Sumida, president of the mixed group (ages 15-30); Minoru Maruno and Doris Kambara, vice presidents; and Leona Nakamoto, secretary.

POST OFFICE REQUESTS UNCLAIMED LETTERS

Residents are requested to check with B.W. Spears, superintendent of the Center post office, for unclaimed letters and parcels.

Names of some 50 addressees are listed on the bulletin board.

BLOCK, DISTRICT LEADERS PICKED

Names of 24 block activities leaders and four district directors were released by the Community activities division today.

Seven block leaders and two directors remain to be selected.

Block leaders are Muizy Morita (1); Kingo Tasugi (2); Gary Kikuta (15); Roy Uno (16); Shig Yasuda (17); and Frank Nakashima (29).

Diok Shibuyama (3); Katsuji Uyematsu (14); Mrs. Bessie Otani (19); Mitsuye Seno (20); Tosh Nishimura (27); and Mary Funamura (28).

Joe Chino (4); Teruko Kobayashi (5); Richard Doi (6); Isao Hazama (11); Toru Suzuki (12); Terushi Naritoku (13); K. Muraoka (7).

T. Nozawa (8); Art Hisaka (10); Tom Noma (23); Ted Mirikitani (25); George Horita (26); Jimmy Ishida (39); and Henry Sato (40).

District directors follow: Roy Uno (I); George Uyeda (II); Dave Sato (III); and Ray Ishida (IV).

CENTER TO GROW OWN VEGETABLE

Truck crops for center kitchens will be grown on 1000 acres of present timberland lying west of the Center, revealed J. F. Rains, chief of the Agriculture and Industry division. Non-farmers are to be employed in making army tents.

Due to allotment difficulties, cotton will not be grown, Rains said, although soy bean is a crop possibility. The first task will be to clear the farm land, estimated at 9000 acres.

THE LORD GIVETH, THE LORD TAKETH

Rohwer center's first baby was born on Oct. 16, but joy was turned to sorrow when the infant succumbed a few hours later.

The grieving parents are Mr. and Mrs. Fumio Masaki of Burbank, Calif.

The community recorded its first death when Jiniohi Nakatsu, 60, of Whittier, Calif., passed away on Oct. 13. He is survived by his wife, Mitsuno.

KHAKI FAMILIAR SIGHT IN CENTER AS SOLDIERS IN REGULAR VISITS

If the number of soldiers (140) who have visited the Center is any indication, relocation projects are the favorite destinations of nisei servicemen on furlough.

FIREMEN CONQUER FOREST BLAZE

Despite a stiff north wind, six Center firemen battled a miniature forest fire six and a half hours last Sunday night before its threat to the camp was extinguished.

The firemen fought the blaze, origin of which is unknown, from 8 p.m. to 2:30 a.m., Hays Miller, Fire chief, revealed today.

SPEARS ADVISES PARCEL POST ORDERS

When buying from Sears and Montgomery Ward companies, Center residents were advised by the post office to order by parcel post, rather than by express, to facilitate handling.

Bulky and large packages, however, must be

ordered by express, and must specify Rohwer instead of McGehee as the destination. The following is the correct return address for express:

Blk., Bar., Apt.
Rohwer Relocation Center
Rohwer
Arkansas

Top-ranking soldiers included 8 sergeants, 8 corporals and 23 first class privates.

NEW ADVISERS SET FAST PACE

Organization of YWCA and Girl scout affiliates are progressing ahead of schedule under the direction of newly-appointed advisers, Mrs. J. B. Hunter and Mrs. Amy Yayoshi, C. E. Price, director of Community Activities stated today.

More than 40 girls who have volunteered to date will receive leadership training soon from Mary Esther Brooks, Regional Director of the Girl Scouts of America, Price revealed.

Seven scout clubs which will be reorganized into Girl scout troops, have been established to date, with various social and service clubs being formed rapidly, it was learned.

THIRD MARRIAGE

The Center's third wedding was solemnized Tuesday, October 20, at McGohee when Charles Hashiba, formerly of Los Angeles, and Asano Nakatani, Downey, were married by Dr. J. B. Hunter, chief of Community Services.

The couple are making their new home at 13-3-B.

ART GROUPS MEET

Life classes for art enthusiasts are conducted in Recreation hall 27 every Monday and Thursday nights at 7 o'clock. Classes are open to both beginners and professionals.

Instructors are James Tanaka and Martha Kagawa, graduates of Chouinard Institute of Arts and the California School of Arts and Crafts, respectively.

Issei instructors in Japanese style of painting are needed, according to Olivia Lee, Youth activities leader.

GIRLS GET TOGETHER AT INFORMAL SOCIAL

Stockton girls from Block 8 played hostess to Santa Anita girls from Block 7 at a get-acquainted tete-a-tete recently at Recreation hall 8.

"Shooter" Nagaoka was master of ceremonies for the program, which featured all-male entertainment. Keiko Takamune and Doris Kambara were chairmen for Blocks 8 and 7.

POOP-OUTS IN 19-11 WIN

RED YANKS EDGED BY BLOCK 4 NINE

In a high scoring softball thriller, the Stockton Poop-outs humbled the Santa Anita Old Timers by 19-11 margin Sunday.

Rival outfielders ran themselves ragged, as five homers and four triples rattled off the bats of the punting has-beens. George Yamachi, Old Timer third baseman, poled for two four-taggers, as Fred Ito, "Shag" Muraoka and Sam Fumura of the Pop-outs blasted a circuit clout apiece. Old Timers' Eddy Grada hit two triples, while teammate Oshiki and the



Poop-outs' Ted Shironaka garnered one each.

R H E
Poop-outs..... 19 14 0
Old Timers..... 11 15 2
Batteries: Ito and Baba; Muraoka, Oshiki and Naka-shima.

Placed by Takeshi Kawagoe and Shiro Hayashi, the Block 4 softballers nosed out the Red Yanks 7-6 in the other Sunday game.

LOCAL ATHLETE WAS TWO-YEAR MAINSTAY OF UCLA VARSITY

One of the few nisei ballplayers to make the grade on a major college baseball team is modest Tak Kobayashi, temporary maintenance director of the Recreation department.

At the time of his evacuation to Santa Anita, Tak was sparking the UCLA varsity nine to a first place tie, with a nifty .448 batting average and flawless fielding in centerfield.

Prior to this stint on the Bruin varsity, Tak was an all-round athlete at Montebello high, winning four letters in baseball and basketball and three in football. In 1938, he was named Montebello's best all-round athlete. He also rounded the outfield for the Montebello Merchants, a semi-pro outfit.

In an exhibition game between the Bruins and the Los Angeles Angels, he received recognition from Jigger Statz, then manager of the Angels and one of the Coast League's all-time greats.

Johany Moore, heavy-hitting Angel rightfielder, sent a screaming liner deep into center. Kobayashi, who was off with the crack of the bat, made a sensational one-handed running catch, robbing Moore of a possible homer.

Afterwards, Statz complimented Tak by saying that it was one of the best fielding plays he had witnessed in his 20-odd years of baseball.

An outstanding athlete, an excellent sportsman and a regular fellow. That's Tak Kobayashi. --Yuk Kimura.

FOOTBALL

PACIFIC COAST CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pct.
U.C.L.A.....	2	0	0	1.000
Wash. State...	4	1	0	.800
Stanford.....	2	1	0	.667
Washington....	2	1	1	.667
Oregon State...	2	2	0	.500
U.S.C.....	1	1	1	.500
California....	1	2	0	.333
Oregon.....	1	2	0	.333
Montana.....	0	2	0	.000
Idaho.....	0	3	0	.000

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

California 19, Washington 6
Stanford 14, USC 6
Oregon 28, Idaho 0
Wash. State 26, Ore. State 13
UCLA 14, Santa Clara 6

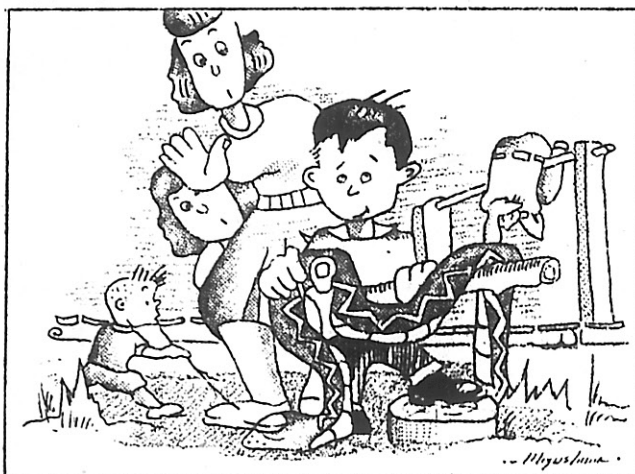
KID GRIDDETS TIE

Rohrer relocation center's juvenile gridiron season got off to a flying start Saturday, when the Block 28 Aircobras and Block 16 gang battled to a 7-7 deadlock.

A last-minute touchdown saved the day for the Aircobras.

Block 16 tallied its score in the first quarter.

FAMILIAR SIGHTS



EDITORIAL

SALUTE TO THE NAVY

Speaking this week on a national hookup commemorating Navy day, which was observed yesterday, Secretary Frank Knox declared:

"We all know that there will be many dark days ahead. But the American navy has a tradition of victory, and we shall not let that tradition die. With justice on our side, we shall fight in the spirit of Lexington and Concord."

Loyal American Japanese, too, are not unmindful of the great part our navy is playing in this grim struggle against oppression.

We, too, feel a surge of pride in the heroic accomplishments of our fighting men of the sea in the world's far-flung battle fronts.

We are in hearty accord with the sentiments of Secretary Knox, who concluded:

"Damn the torpedoes. Full speed ahead!"

SPEEDING

A speed limit of 20 miles per hour is supposedly a regulation in the Center.

But one would never know it by the manner in which the trucks and cars dash about the streets.

Careless driving and unnecessary speeding should be discontinued.

Let each driver take caution and assume a personal responsibility in the safety of the residents.

Let those charged with enforcing the regulation do it strictly and unhesitatingly.

In this Center there must be no traffic fatalities.

We cannot afford to wait until a child has fallen victim under speeding wheels.

The time to begin is now.

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These cold mornings seem to indicate that old man winter is about upon us. Arkansas is all right. But chilly morns like these make me long for the warmer climes of dear old California.

I'm one of those thin-blooded, warm weather creatures, and the slightest cold snap brings goose pimples sprouting forth like gossip at a sewing bee.

OUT OF TURN

While we're on the subject, I might as well admit that I spoke out of turn when I compared the climate here to California's and allowed as how we were enjoying warm weather.

No sooner had I commented on it than the mercury dropped forty degrees and sent me rummaging in my trunk for my long-bottom underwear.

Guess that will teach me to keep my mouth shut.

APPREHENSIVE

My favorite sport these mornings is to sleep till a quarter to 8, then scramble up, dress, rush through my ablutions, dash for the mess hall just in time to catch breakfast.

I'm just a bit afraid that some fine morning, in my haste and semi-conscious state, I might dash out minus my trousers.

PREDICAMENT

Block 5 had just gotten its hot water system rigged up Saturday. So Asataro Kubo decided to take a nice hot shower.

He stepped in, turned on the water, lathered himself from head to toe, prepared to wash off the soap. Suddenly the water stopped. The pump had apparently gone haywire.

Kubo fumbled with the knobs, waited vainly for water to spout out, finally looked around helplessly for aid. Luckily, Block Manager George Yamauchi happened to be on the scene, fetched hot water from the mess hall, and Kubo finished his interrupted bath.