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## MAIL ORDER GOODS HERE

The first shipment of orders placed with the Montgomery Ward mail order service bureau at Store 8 on Oct. 26 and 27 are here, reported Ed Shirtani, bureau manager.

Requests for badly needed items such as certain medicines may be placed with Soichi Honmi, temporary head of the store.

"Candies, soft drinks and anything with sugar are now hard to get because of the sugar rationing. We may be able later to get more of a stock in," Honmi added.

### WHEN TO SEE CHIEF

Residents seeking interviews with the Project director are asked to call between 10 a.m. and noon.

## Pre-School Meet Has Apt Topics

With the realization that schools are the solution in making Japanese Americans economically and socially able to contribute to normal community enterprises, the discussion leaders and speakers in the 5-day Pre-School conference beginning Tuesday have chosen their topics to prepare the education staff for their work here.

Dr. Lester K. Ade, consultant of the United States Department of Education, will talk on "Background of Evacuation and School Status in the Relocation Center."

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## NISEI GIVEN CHANCE TO ENLIST IN U. S. ARMY

Opportunity for qualified nisei to enlist in the armed services of the United States has been made possible through amelioration of rulings under the Selective Service, according to a press release issued by Major Karl T. Gould, Personnel director at headquarters of the Military Intelligence Service language school, Savage, Minn.

Open to both single and

## First Center Payday Monday; All Payment Will Be in Cash

Wages to Center workers for the first fiscal month will be paid starting Monday morning, announced Thomas F. Lyle, Agent cashier.

All payments, to be paid in cash, will be issued from the north window of the Denson post office between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Approximately 1000 workers in the following classifications will be paid Monday and Tuesday:

Maintenance and grounds, drainage and irrigation, utilities, public works, education, community police protection, community recreation activities, music, clothing issue, transportation, highways and bridges, post office, newspaper, fire protection, employment and housing, administration, induction, community enterprises, warehouse, building construction, motor operation.

Mess workers, numbering about 800, will be paid Wednesday between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Wages for the first fiscal month covers the period between Oct. 7 and Oct. 31.

## Info Office Established

To aid Center residents with various problems, a Public Service office has been established temporarily at 32-6-A, announced W. O. Melton, assistant project director.

Information and assistance will be rendered by the office in regard to personal welfare, business matters and other problems.

On the staff are Major Masahide Imai, Soichi Mikami and Amy Murayama.

## LIGHT MUSIC HOUR

Innovating a new musical program, a recorded light classic music hour will be held Monday in Recreation hall 3 at 7 p.m. with Hideo Endo in charge.

## WE GOT WHAT YOU WANT

Although this issue of the COMMUNIQUE is now printed on a good grade of stock, it is still a bulletin. Plans for a Center newspaper, however, are being made -- and one of the important details which must be taken care of before publication can get under way is a name for the paper.

The COMMUNIQUE is sponsoring a name contest for the Center newspaper. We don't know what the prize will be yet, but we do know it won't be a short-wave radio or a California license plate or two tickets to the Rose Bowl game.

The prize will be something you can use. Fair enough?

We can use a good name for the paper -- you can use the prize we'll award you.

More details about this name contest in the next issue of the COMMUNIQUE.

married men, following are the qualifications:

1. High school education in this country and fluent command of English language.

2. Adequate command of Japanese language, both oral and written. Facile use of "hira-gana," "katakana" and a number of "kanji" normally used in written Japanese.

3. Physical fitness.

Recruiting officers will visit the Center in the near future to interview applicants.

Prospective applicants should leave their names and addresses at the Project director's office in the west administration building.

The above material is not to be published in periodicals outside the Center, according to Major Gould.

## EMPLOYMENT OFFICE MOVED

The Employment and Housing division is now housed in permanent quarters in the building directly west of the Post office.

Fred M. Kamioka will handle all problems of the residents in relation to this division.

All requests for supplies in the Housing section will be in charge of Larry Kataoka.

Ernest Nishinaka will handle all changes of addresses and all such changes are to be reported to him by the block managers and approved by the Housing chief.

Head of the division is John L. McCormick with William C. Love as Placement officer and John C. Tucker in charge of housing.

## Diarrhoea Cases Caused by New Plumbing, Says Doctor

The following statement was issued yesterday by Dr. Donnell W. Boardman, acting chief medical officer:

"Cases of gastroenteritis (diarrhoea) continue to occur. It seems likely that this is caused by the water supply, which is, and will be, exposed to contamination while new plumbing is being laid and opened. For this reason it has become necessary to advise the inhabitants of the project to drink no water that has not been boiled, until further notice.

"The kitchens have been asked to supply boiled drinking water wherever possible.

"The source of our water is seven to nine hundred feet underground and is the same as that of Dermott and Jerome. These two towns have had excellent water for many years. We may therefore expect the same here when construction is completed and all the pipes thoroughly washed free of chemicals and bacteria."

## SING PROJECT PLAN

A Center community sing project under the supervision of Fuzzy Murakami is being planned. The Block 3 weekly songfest will be discontinued.

The last Block 3 sing Wednesday featured Velma Yemoto and Kiyoshi Hamanaka as guest song leaders with Mrs. Saohi Toshiyuki as guest accompanist.

## SCHOOL CONFERENCE

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"Effect of Jerome Educational Program on Future Education in Arkansas" is the topic of State Commissioner of Education Ralph B. Jones.

General plans of the educational system here will be explained by Amon G. Thompson, school head.

## WHAT'S ON

- A dance, everyone invited, Recreation hall 3, tomorrow at 7 p.m.
- Japanese recordings at Recreation hall 4, Sunday at 7 p.m. Everyone welcome.
- Tackle football fans to meet in Recreation hall 4 tomorrow at 3 p.m.
- Wrestling, boxing and judo sign-ups in Recreation hall 4.

First Center death was Sanguchi Okimoto, 55, 29-3-D, who died of heart disease at 1 a.m. today.

## Protestant

A full day of religious activities in Recreation hall 3 has been scheduled for Sunday by the Center Protestant groups.

- 8:30 a.m.--Sunday School beginners and primary classes.
- 9:30 a.m.--Sunday School junior, intermediate, senior and young people classes.
- 10:30 a.m.--English-speaking service with the Rev. Hideo Hashimoto preaching.
- 1 p.m.--Episcopal communion service.
- 2 p.m.--Japanese-language service with Major Masahide Imai, Salvation army, preaching.
- 3:15 p.m.--Sunday School teachers' meeting.
- 7 p.m.--Young people's fellowship with singing, games and devotional. Seichi Mikami, chairman. Jane Horino, speaker.

## Buddhist

Young Buddhist Sunday School service will be held Sunday at 9 a.m. in Recreation hall 4 with the Reverends Shizuo Kai and Gyodo Kono officiating. Harry Takouchi will be the chairman. A general Young Buddhist meeting will be held after the service.

The issei Buddhist service will be held at 2 p.m. in Recreation hall 4. The Reverends Kono and Kai will deliver the sermons.

The Center Buddhist church was officially titled Denson Buddhist church last Friday.

## FOUND

MAN'S black leather jacket. See Kaei Kamiya, Block 5 manager, at 5-10-A.

## Center Birth Registrations

Registration of all Center births will be made in the county seats of either Drew or Chicot counties, depending on the exact place of birth, reports Catherine Lerner, acting chief nurse.

The county line runs north and south through the Center with the hospital, Blocks 1, 12, 14, 36, 38 and the western halves of Blocks 2, 11, 15, 23, 28, 35 and 39 in Drew county.

## VISITING HOURS FOR HOSPITAL ANNOUNCED

Visiting hours at the Center hospital, as announced by Dr. Donnell W. Boardman, are from 2 to 3 o'clock in the afternoon and 6 to 7 in the evening. These hours are in effect daily.

## Meeting on Co-ops

An educational meeting on co-operatives will be held tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. in Recreation hall 4.

Roy Sellers, chief of Community Enterprises, or one of his representatives will be at this meeting to answer questions.

## Troop 68 Meets

A meeting of Boy Scout Troop 68 will be held tonight in Recreation hall 3 at 6:30. Games will follow the regular meeting.

All boys interested in Scouting are welcome to attend the regular weekly meetings.