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COMMUNIQUE

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COUNCIL ELECTION TODAY

VOTE TODAY

FOR _____ ☒

YOUR _____ ☐

COUNCIL MAN

Block Delegates To Be Chosen For Temporary Community Body

The Center's first election got under way at 7 o'clock this morning to climax a week of campaigning by residents for their block representative on the Council.

Campaign posters dotted a few of the blocks but an unusual feature of the election was the fact that many of the candidates were campaigning vigorously for their opponents.

The election is to name block representatives to the Temporary Community Council which will function until a more permanent form of local governing body is authorized and established.

New names, added to the list by petition, are James Murakami and Akira Shintaku (12) and Jiro Omata (28).

The following nominees withdrew to enter the Army Military Intelligence service: Shiro Omata and Paul Sumida (28) and Shoji Kaku and Minoru Ichinose (45).

Other withdrawals are Dr. and Mrs. Tom Abe (7) and Kaoru Kamikawa (43) who stated that he wished to continue as block manager.

Block 8's candidates,

A special election-extra of the COMMUNIQUE will be published tomorrow with unofficial final tabulations as compiled by the COMMUNIQUE staff, complete with all details of our first election.

Nominees Thursday, are George Yamagata, George Suyenaga, Harry Kitahata, Alfred Sako and James Hashimoto.

Block 9's nominees, listed incorrectly for Block 8 in Friday's COMMUNIQUE, are Alfred Tsukamoto, Yoshio Kuno, Harold Ouchi-da, Sam Nakano and Charles Nishi. Another correction is for Kiyoshi Minami (17) not Mrs. Kiyoshi Minami.

SCHOOLS OPEN MONDAY

The two Center elementary schools and the high school will open Monday at 9:30 a.m. for registration in Blocks 23 and 33, respectively, announced Amos G. Thompson, superintendent.

Elementary school pupils, first grade through the sixth grade, living in Blocks 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 14, 16, 17 and 18 will report to Block 23, Barracks 1 through 6.

Other elementary pupils living in Blocks 15, 19, 20, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 38, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46 will go to Block 23, Barracks 7 through 12.

High school students, including those in junior high school, are to report to the Block 23 dining hall.

Kindergarten and nursery classes will start at a date to be announced later.

Eleven Nisei Leave for Army

Eleven qualified nisei left the Center Friday for intensive service at the Military Intelligence Service language school, Camp Savage, Minn., after passing the entrance examinations here.

"I wish to thank the people for the fine attitude

Pre-School Meet Called Success

Accomplishing the purposes of acquainting members of the faculty with the background and needs of the Center and developing policies and procedures for a desirable program, Superintendent Amos G. Thompson pronounced the five-day Pre-School conference which ended Saturday a success.

Opening Nov. 10 at Hall 3, the conference was attended by noted educators of this state and from Washington, D.C., the Education staff, administrators and Center residents.

Dr. Lester K. Ade, U.S. Education department consultant who was featured, gave a series of inspirational talks.

"I want to express my appreciation for the fine attendance and attitude shown by Center residents," stated Thompson.

and cooperation given us," said Major Karl T. Gould, personnel director of the school, who supervised the three-day recruiting. He and his staff left Saturday for Poston, Ariz.

Enlistees leaving for the school were Paul H. Sumida, Fresno; George Kaku, Lindsay; Yoichi Kamikawa, Fresno; Shiro Omata, Hanford; Minoru G. Ichinose, Los Angeles; George K. Hayeda, Lemoore; Everett S. Sasaki, Florin; Kengo Magasako, Fresno; Naotsuzuku J. Miyasaki, Selma; Roy H. Matsumoto, Los Angeles, and Masaji J. Shirakawa, Corcoran.

DON'T FORGET NAME DEADLINE

We'd like to be able to say that we are snowed under by the thousands of entries submitted in our name-the-paper contest, but our efficient secretary files them all away before they assume the aspect of an avalanche.

Deadline is Thanksgiving eve so get your entries in before that date to be eligible for the surprise prize. More details on the prize in the next issue of the COMMUNIQUE.

Issue Clothing For S. A. People

All former Santa Anitans who have not yet received their government issue clothing from Sears Roebuck are requested to leave their names and Santa Anita address and I.D. number with Joseph K. Ishii, 31-2-B.

This must be done immediately, said Ishii, as all unclaimed clothing will be returned. Alan A. Alexander, in charge of distribution, will return to the west coast at the end of the month.

Armed Guards

Incidents of serious nature reportedly occurring in the Rohwer relocation center area have forced the Army here to take precautionary measures to safeguard local construction crew members.

Military Police details accompanying the construction crew into the wooded area to clear the underbrush for the canal system are now fully armed to protect resident workers.

THANKSGIVING DAY GRID GAME PLANNED

A Thanksgiving day football game is tentatively slated between the Rohwer and the local team with equipment being loaned to the local outfit by their opponents in agreement with the Rohwer athletic heads.

More gridders are needed for the Jerome team, according to Dick Kunishima, head coach.

SCHOOL FIRST

Center employees under 18 years who have not completed high school must quit their jobs today, Paul A. Taylor, Project director, said.

In accordance with the War Relocation authority's policy and Arkansas state laws, school attendance will be compulsory for these people, he revealed.

Judo Training Classes Begin

Judo training classes began Thursday in Hall 16 and all those interested in the sport are to go directly to the hall during the training hours of 3 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 10 p.m. daily or to Toshio Toyama

INDIVIDUAL RECORD CENSUS STARTS

A census of individual record was begun this morning of all residents in the Center.

The detailed WRA form is to be filled at the block manager's office and will be coded and classified according to the individual's skill and ability by the Employment section.

DOCUMENTARY PHOTOS TAKEN

Documentary photos of the Center for WRA files are being taken this week by Tom Parker, official photographer, working out of the Denver office.

Parker has covered picture stories from Canada to Mexico for newspapers and magazines.

His work for the WRA has already taken him to

First Center

Baby Dies

While only 21 days old, Stanley Sunao Miyasaki, first baby born in the Center, died of pneumonia Saturday at 2:40 p.m. at the Center hospital.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Morito Miyasaki, and a sister, Marjorie, residing at 46-6-E.

FOUR WILL ATTEND UTAH JACL MEETING

Four Center residents left Friday for Salt Lake City to attend a JACL meeting at which Dillon Myer, national director of the WRA, is to be guest speaker.

The four are Dr. Thomas T. Yatabe, Frank Ishii, Tom Shimasaki and James Yoshinobu.

LOST

740 checks with I.D. No. 2151-C. Return to Yoshihara Momura, 31-7-A. GREEN Schaeffer pen with name "June Kawakami." Return to information desk, east administration building.

HOSPITAL RECRUITS MAIDS, ORDERLIES

Recruiting of 24 hospital maids and three orderlies for employment in the St. Mary's hospital of St. Louis, Mo., was conducted locally yesterday by Mother Irene and Sister Sylvester of the staff.

The jobs are to be permanent for those who prove satisfactory.

Heart Mountain, Granada and Topaz. To complete his documentary photo series, he will not only cover all the relocation centers but will make periodic returns to record the progress in each center.

Even his Christmas holiday will be spent in one of the centers to film the holiday activities.

WHAT'S ON

✓ TODAY
6:30 p.m.--Troop 68 (ten-derfoot test), 6-12-F
7 p.m.--Dance (couples only), Hall 4

DELINQUENTS ASKED TO PICK UP PAY

Several workers still had not collected October wages by yesterday, Agent Cashier Thomas B. Lyle reported. These persons are asked to call at the north Post office window at once.

BLOCK SUPPLIES

Orders for necessary block supplies must be placed ahead of time, said Larry Kataoka, housing supplies clerk.

All the blocks are covered each morning by his crew but there are no weekend deliveries, he stated.

Police Need More Men

Six to eight volunteers are needed immediately for permanent positions on the Internal Security force.

Those interested should see William C. Love at the placement office.

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Natsuto Kawaguchi, a girl, Nov. 13, at Dermott hospital.

To Mr. and Mrs. Takashi Hirasuma, a girl, Nov. 14.

DEATH

Stanley Sunao Miyasaki, 21 days, Nov. 14.

Three Life-Size Busts Feature Conference Exhibit

Three life-size busts, among a number of other ingenious creations, attracted much attention at the hobby display which enhanced the setting for the Pre-School conference in Hall 3.

The sculptor is Jintaro Shimizu; the figures, modeled of plaster and cement.

Several water-color and oil paintings depicting center life were shown by Eiko Wakagawa.

As an example of feminine talent in wood carving, Tat Shinno's contribution of book ends, plaques and dress accessories showed professional finesse.

Adding a touch of gaiety to the five tables laden with displays were the crepe paper flower arrangements by Midori Miyamoto.

From the unique to the useful, other exhibits included samples of miniature rock gardens, needlecraft and ornamental flowers.

TEACHERS EAGER TO SERVE

Eagerness to serve was expressed by Caucasian members of the Center school faculty attending the Pre-School conference last week.

"I was impressed with the friendliness and eagerness to cooperate on the part of the residents. To feel that this is our opportunity to apply our theories fully," said Jimmie Lee Mayhan, vocational adviser formerly of Little Rock.

"This is a challenge for us teachers to prove our value," declared Vance Martin, social science instructor who previously taught in Banks, Ark.

Describing the conference as "grand," Mrs. Vance Martin expressed enthusiasm over the "instructive and helpful talks."

Optometry Service Starts

A temporary optometry service is available to Center residents at 14-G-B, announced Dr. Donnell W. Boardman, acting chief medical officer.

Service which started

yesterday includes making minor adjustments and repairs and arranging for broken lens duplicates.

Hours for the temporary clinic are 9 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 to 4 p.m.

Complete eye examinations will not be available until hospital facilities are open.

Arrival Notices For Ward Goods

Notices of the arrival of goods purchased through the Montgomery Ward mail order service bureau will be sent to purchasers, said Manager Ed Shintani.

"The service bureau is making arrangements to have goods delivered to the door," Shintani stated.

SOLDIERS VISIT FROM 17 CAMPS

Forty-five nisei soldiers from 17 army camps in 11 different states have visited the Center since Oct. 7.

The men in the armed services have come from Camp Robinson, Ark.; Camp Crowder and Fort Wood, Mo.; Fort Warren, Wyo.; Fort Leavenworth and Fort Riley, Kan.; Fort Sill and Fort Bliss, Okla.; Fort Harrison, Ind.; Fort Sheridan and Camp Grant, Ill.; Camp Polk, La.; Camp Berkeley, Fort Thomas and Fort Houston, Tex.; Fort Snelling, Minn., and Fort Custer, Mich.

Additional Saw Operators Needed

To prevent a possible fuel shortage, an urgent call for more saw operators for the wood yard was issued by W. H. Ballard, agriculture department chief.

"The fire wood accumulated so far is not nearly enough to supply the need and unless an immediate response is received, an acute fuel shortage will result this winter," warned Ballard.

SOCIAL SERVICE STAFF INCREASED

The Public Service office which opened two weeks ago has been renamed the Social Service office with an increased staff.

Situated at 32-6-A, the office assists residents concerning personal welfare, business matters and other problems.

New members on the staff are Shinji Saito and Yayo Machigashira.

TROOP 68 LEADERS

Patrol leaders for the recently-organized Scout Troop 68 are Michio Tanaka, Koson Kuroda and Manabu Minami. Assistant patrol leaders are Ted Wshimura, Yuji Kobayashi and Kunio Yamashita.

Eddie Sakaniwa is scoutmaster; Paul Saito, assistant scoutmaster; Hiro Oyama, junior assistant scoutmaster, and Fujio Tanaka, senior patrol leader.

COMMERCIAL APPEAL ADDED TO PAPER LIST

The Memphis Commercial Appeal has been added to the list of newspapers to be delivered door-to-door, according to Sam Hiranaka, manager of the newspaper subscription service.

Subscription rate for the Commercial Appeal is \$1.15 a month in advance.



'No Pampering,' Says Adkins

Governor Adkins of Arkansas, following a visit to this Center, stated to the press that he found "no evidence of pampering."

His statement was in answer to accusations currently going the rounds on the outside that the evacuees were being accorded privileges denied to

the general public.

"I talked with the management and the guards," he said, "and I believe that they realize that the best thing to do is to keep the evacuees confined to the camp."

He expressed gratification at the progress being made in the Center.

Nisei Soldier Has Close Shave

Private Louis Furushiro, 22, who had a close brush with death in a Dermott cafe last Tuesday, left the Center for Camp Robinson Thursday night. He is a member of the Eighth Ordnance Service company there.

The nisei soldier escaped injury except for powder burns on his face when he dodged as a shot gun was fired from within ten feet of him.

His assailant was W. M. Wood, 72, who has two sons in the armed services, one in the Coast Guard and the other in the Army.

Wood was arrested and lodged in jail on a charge of assault with intent to kill. He was released on \$1000 bond pending action by the Chico county grand jury.

The soldier appeared none the worse for his unexpected baptism of fire. "I never had time to get scared," he exclaimed.

Furushiro's home is in Clarksburg, Calif., a community near Sacramento. His sister, Mrs. William C. Yamamoto, was evacuated here from the Fresno assembly center.

Buddhist

"When we have faith in our friends, we find ourselves one step closer to the Lord Buddha," spoke Chairman Roy Kawamoto at the Buddhist Sunday School service Sunday.

In the sermon which followed, Rev. Gyodo Kono stressed the importance of parental respect.

Plans for the first Bussei get-together for next Sunday were announced by Ayako Noguchi, temporary head of the Denson YBA board.

Center Begins Lumber Production

Lumber production within the Center was started Friday with the logging crew producing an assortment of planks in a number of different sizes.

ART ENTHUSIASTS

Art enthusiasts, students and adults alike, are asked to sign up at their respective dining halls so that evening art classes may be speeded up, announced the Education department.

EVACUEES SHOT AT ROHWER

McGEHEE--A Japanese from the Rohwer relocation center was shot and slightly wounded Friday by a tenant farmer while working in the wooded area, the Arkansas Gazette said Saturday.

M. C. Brown, the assailant, tenant farmer on the Hilliard Stroud farm six miles northeast of McGehee, was jailed at Arkansas City Friday without formal charges after the shooting.

Brown told Deputy Sheriff H. C. Bowles that he was returning on horseback from a deer hunt when he met three Japanese in the woods. He allegedly called

on them to halt but when they began to run, he said he fired one shot from his gun loaded with buckshot.

One Japanese was struck in the hip by a pellet and another was wounded in the calf of the leg.

The Japanese were working in the woods under the supervision of a government engineer when the shooting occurred.

Brown said he fired on the Japanese because he believed they were trying to escape from the Center. He believed the engineer was trying to aid them in getting away.

Army Thanks Civilian Agencies Aiding in Transfer of Japanese

The Army said an official "thank you" last week to the Federal civilian agencies cooperating in the final transfer of Japanese from strategic Pacific coast areas

Protestant

"This Strange Religion" was discussed by Dr. J. B. Hunter, Community Services chief at Rohwer, at the Protestant young people's service Sunday in Hall 3.

The Rev. Kunishichi Inori preached on "The Way of Faith" at the Japanese-language service.

At the young people's fellowship in the evening, Mrs. Mary Tsukamoto presented an inspirational talk on "Living Eternity Day by Day."

Solo numbers were rendered by Anna Sakaizawa, violinist, and George Seno, vocalist.

Representatives of all churches will meet at 1:30 p.m. today in Hall 3.

Prayer meetings will be held tomorrow night at 7, the young people's at Hall 3 and the issei's at Hall 4.

Sunday School teachers and young people's leaders will meet at 7 p.m. Friday at 32-6-A.

to relocation centers, said the San Francisco Chronicle recently.

Particularly cited by Lt. Gen. John L. DeWitt in a formal statement were the Treasury department, the Federal Reserve bank of San Francisco, the Department of Agriculture and its Farm Security administration, the U.S. Public Health service, the Department of Justice and its Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Works Progress administration, the U.S. Employment service, the Department of Commerce through its Bureau of Census and the Office of Emergency Management.

AGRICULTURISTS ATTEND CONFERENCE

Meeting jointly in Rohwer with agriculture officials from Washington and the Rohwer project, Center agriculturists attended a three-day conference recently to work out plans for planting and livestock-raising for the coming season.

The representatives from this Center were W. H. Ballard, L. E. Rice, Charles Nishi, Tom Shinasaki and Everett Sasaki.

WORKERS SOUGHT

A mass opening for 300 workers to clear farm land was announced by William C. Love, placement officer, today.