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---Second Storm Damage Small---

The Friday night's dust storm that hit Camp 1, did only little damage here, toppling over a few power poles and damaging some roofs weakened by the Wednesday's storm; although in Parker, where the main force was concentrated and rain mixed in, roofs were blown off. However, as the storm was similar to that of Wednesday evening, the outcome was feared at first by the residents.

The roofs damaged Wednesday are still being repaired.

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WEINER BAKE HELD RECENTLY

A successful weiner bake was held recently, to celebrate the return of Dr. Powell from San Francisco, three miles west of camp, near the bee hives, in the evening.

The group was entertained by Frank Masamori's guitar and harmonica playing, a skit by Harry Minami and George Uchida, and community singing.

Refreshments of weiners, marshmallows, potato chips and watermelon was served.

Special guests of the evening were Miss Finley, Miss Cheney, Dr. Leighton, and Mr. Haas. The admission price was 25¢ for all, except the guests. Approximately 150 people attended.

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Blk. 31 Residents Donate Cooler

The spirit of cooperation under the blazing sun was brought to realization when the people of Block 31 contributed an air cooler to the block kitchen to ease the discomforts for the toiling cooks who are working long hours over the hot stoves. As the first block to take such an initial step in the quad-council much credit is given to the people for deep consideration for others who are working to make camp life more enjoyable for the duration.

The contribution of the air cooler was made on the bases of voluntary donation from the people with contributions ranging from two dollars to two dollars and fifty cents. No set amount was specified for each individual to contribute towards the purchasing of the cooler. The cooler contributed to the kitchen is an modern General Electric Shasta Cooler with blower type fan, rotated by one-third horse power electric motor, capable of producing 3,500 C.F.M.

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MOVIE--Starting Monday, July 27, at Blk. 22, featuring, "Peck's Bad Boy At The Circus", starring Tommy Kolly and Ann Gillis.

FEATURE GAMES.

Next Tuesday, July 28, on Fld. 43, the public is invited to witness one of the outstanding softball games of the season when the Poston Issel Old-Star team will challenge the Girls sport staff team. Players in the Old-Star team are composed of men ranging in ages from 40-55.

The postponed Army Signal Corps softball team from Camp 2 and a revamped Dynamiters team game will be played Sunday evening on Fld. 43. Frank Miyata, mayor of Westmorland, will be the honored guest and will toss in the ball beginning the game. A large crowd is expected to attend this great event. The people of Poston will be able to see many other celebrities.

If the weather is permissible, the mighty Blockheads-Arizona game will be played on the Fireman Fld. Block 30. The tension is almost at its breaking point due to the fact that this game has been postponed twice previously.

Granada Director Visited Here

Mr. J.K. Lindley, Relocation Project Director of Granada, Colorado, paid a hurried visit to Poston, Friday, July 24. He has been visiting the various relocation centers to see what the problems are.

"I'm favorably impressed with this well organized community. The evacuees are taking things with their chins up, which will help in every way," quotes Mr. Lindley.

More Internees Arrived

Two more internees arrived here recently from internment camps to join their families. They are:

Misao Watanabe from Sharp Park and Chuhachi Yamaguchi from Santa Fe., N. M.

BIRTH

To Mr. & Mrs. Takeo Sumida, of Blk 211-12-B, a boy, July 24.

Poston Streets To Be Paved

A definite plan has been submitted for the construction of the streets in Poston. Present plan calls for pavement of all streets used for transportation of foods from the warehouse to each Mess Hall before the rainy season.

In the city proper there are 26 miles of gravel, of which 10 miles is to be paved. In each Camp, 2 and 3, there are 13 miles of road. Pavements to be done on five miles.

The maintenance of three camps totaling 20 miles of pavement, 32 miles of gravel is to be done largely by the operators from the city of Poston.

Dental Clinic

Dental clinic is open during the following hours:

Week days: 8-11 A.M.; 1-5 P.
M. and 7-10 P.M.
Sundays: 9-12 A.M.

SPECIAL MEETING OF BEAUTICIANS will be called Monday, July 27, 1942, at 1:30 P.M. in the Old Hospital Annex building.

ATTENTION: ALL HUNTINGTON BEACH HIGH SCHOOL UNDER GRADUATES

All those who wish to continue on with their courses may do so by writing to Raymond M. Elliott, vice-principal of the Huntington Beach High School.

LOST: Small green fountain pen. Has a glass tube in it. Ret. to Block Manager 27.

POSTON STORY

A MEDAL FOR 'CHEESY'

Ichiro Yoshimi, 18, and Russell Cleary, have known each other since the third grade, when they went to the same grammar school. During junior high they went separate ways, Ichiro going to Willard, earning his All-Star letter; and Russell working for his sports laurels at Julia Lathrop in Santa Ana.

Senior high school saw them together again, both of them trying out for pole-vaulting, with Russell always encouraging 'Cheesy' (as he called Ichiro), lauding him when he surpassed the others by clearing 11 ft. and when he won his All-Star sweater.

They were both looking forward to the CBL Championship when they could match poles with vaulters from other schools. But in May, just before the event, Ichiro, with his family, suddenly became a resident of Poston, Arizona (38-10-A). Instead of gripping the slim, strong bamboo in his hands, instead of his body agilely soaring through the air, Ichiro took a firm hold on a paintbrush and he and his 5'6", 130 lbs. went to work in the Sign Dept.

The other day Ichiro came home to find a letter waiting for him. It was from Russell. As he tore it open, a piece of metal attached to a yellow ribbon fell out. The inscription read that this medal was for the 4th place winner in pole-vaulting.

Puzzled, Ichiro read the letter. "Dear 'Cheesy'..." it said, and after some boyish banalities came this simple paragraph, "I got 4th place in the meet with 10'6". I am sending you this medal because you deserve it. I know you could have done as good or better."

Today, Ichiro Yoshimi wears a bronze medal on his watch chain proudly.

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* "And The Rains Came" *
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It was music to the ears of many a homesick cool-climater--that rainstorm--despite the deafening thunder and threatening spasms of lightning, which accompanied it. As "crickets snatched the edge of dawn," barrack doors were pushed open; and with full-mouthed yawns, neighbors cheered one another with:

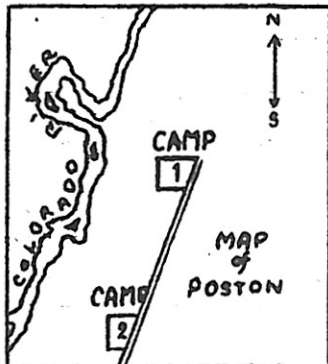
"Feels good doesn't it?" . . . "Like home again. . ." "I'm not kick-in' today".

It was truly an answer to a maiden's prayer. For it is a problem within a problem to keep spick and span when the dust plays havoc to recently-washed tresses, etc. Thru the night as the pellets from heaven bounced on the rooftops, green fields undoubtedly drifted in and out of countless well-earned dreams. Tho' a fierce gust sent a bevy of loose sand swirling and skimming thru the air precluding the rainstorm, the distress was momentary. . . .but a dustorm is a duststorm.

We wondered when we'd ever appreciated rain before. Did we ever? At the Assembly Center an overnight drizzle meant traipsing thru the sticky muck and mire to a.m. mess, or a hectic search thru unpacked boxes for galoshes and boots--or when we were still on the "outside", rain meant cancelling a tennis match or a few rounds of archery--

But rain--it's wonderful!

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Camp 2, Poston, Arizona Sun., July, 26, 1942

DIRECTOR CRAWFORD BUSY MAN

Perhaps, James Daniel Crawford would deny it, but the consensus of opinion among the personnel of Camp #2 is that he is burdened with the most arduous and responsible position in this 2nd unit and is turning in a swell job. As the administrative director of Camp #2, it is Mr.

Crawford's duties, among a multitude of other matters, to co-ordinate and work with the various divisional officers.

Eventually there will be approximately 5,000 Japanese under his supervision in Camp 2. But he modestly claims that "he's staying in the background and the actual and bulk of the work is being performed by the residents themselves".

Coming under his immediate supervision are the following departments and work programs: building up of the block manager system; progression of the work program; agricultural subjugation; development of the open areas within Camp 2; garbage and trash disposal system; division of operations; fire and police departments; and the post office.

Among the divisions with which Director Crawford has been constantly and perseveringly co-ordinating and their respective heads are: Recreation, Dr. John Powell; Employment, Miss Katherine L. Mahn; Education, Dr. Miles Carey; Irrigation and Engineering, Robert Rupkey; Maintenance and Work Crew, C. A. Perkins; Social Welfare, Miss Nell Finley; and Stewards, Earl Best.

While the over-all work program and the administrative system may impress one as being slow in spots, it is Mr. Crawford's contention that the general progress has been encouraging and the bottlenecks are gradually being ironed out.

In a statement in this regard, Director Crawford said, "We have made favorable progress, in spite of the many and varied hindering circumstances caused by such as the lack of necessary supplies of machinery. The Japanese residents

have all been cooperating splendidly, and I can truthfully say that I have never had so much enjoyment in my life."

At present his office force consists of Miss Allyce Hirabayashi as the receptionist and Miss Kay Nakamura as the secretary and the administration headquarter is located on Block 215.

TEMPORARY P.O. OPENS

Temporary Post Office, Camp 2; is now operating behind Ad. Off., 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., week days and 9 a.m. to noon Saturdays. Stamps are not now available but will be when permanent quarters are occupied in new Ad. Bldg. Mail deliveries to Block Managers will be made daily except Sunday.

COMMUNITY ENTERPRISES HERE

Community Enterprises is now operating three store in Camp 2. Canteen No. 1, Blk. 219, largest store here, is temporarily managed by George Okamoto, assisted by Herbert Takata and staff of 18. Canteen No. 2, Blk. 209, is in charge of George Ninomiya, assisted by Mrs. Chiyoki Yagi. Newest unit, Blk. 229, 8-A, opened Thursday.

A GROUP OF 23 MUSICIANS, most of them formerly of Salinas Assembly Center, has already begun practicing for future entertainment purposes under the guidance of Mrs. Chizu Iwanaga.

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Camp 2

Camp 2 Employment Bureau Handles 400 Cases Daily

Between 300 to 400 cases concerning employment are handled daily by the Employment Bureau of Camp #2, located on Block 210, Recreation Bldg. That significant statement made by the bureau's temporary manager in charge, Hiro Yamamisaka, may serve to give the readers an idea of the immense amount of work undertaken by the interviewing and clerical staff.

Despite the fact that the Unit No. 2 bureau has been in operation approximately three short weeks ago, the entire staff has made rapid advancement in the procedure of its work. This, avers Mgr. Yamamisaka, is due to the effectually basic organizational standards set by the Director of Employment, Miss K. L. Mahn, and to the assistance lent by Henry Kanegai and his staff from Camp #1's Employment Bureau in setting up Unit No. 2's bureau.

"Our job," says Mgr. Yamamisaka, "is to see that qualified persons are placed in their particular lines of endeavor and to assist others to determine for which position they are best fitted."

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Sports For Camp 2 Planned

While the recreation dept. of Camp 2, directed by Dr. John Powell, from his administrative office at Camp 1, is still in the process of basic organization, the temporary division leaders here have been endeavoring to formulate, for the time being, a workable plan partly based on the Salinas Assembly Center model.

All persons interested in recreational leadership are requested by Dr. Powell to register with him as soon as possible.

"We have not, as yet," stated Director Dr. Powell, "made any appointments as to who the divisional and departmental officers will be. Inasmuch as we desire to place the entire program on an equitable basis and assure the resident participants a complete and worthwhile recreational program, it is necessary that we withhold making any permanent choice for Camp 2 leaders until the unit is filled and allow all qualified persons for responsible positions to sign up and prove their capacity for leadership. The field is yet wide open to all interested."

In the way of outdoor athletics, softball, volleyball, horseshoe pitching and swimming, with checkers, shogi, go, and ping pong among the contemplated indoor sports.

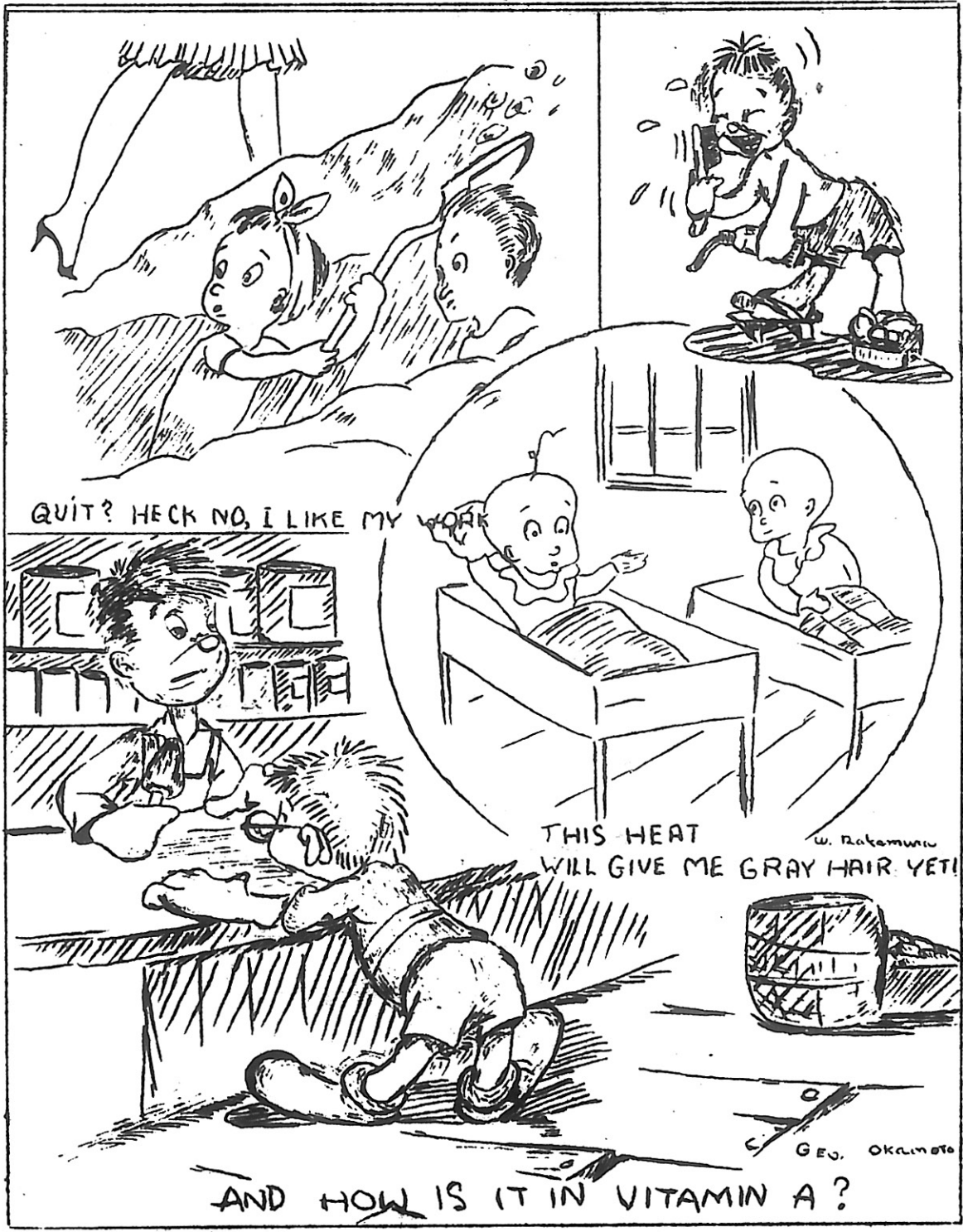
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Medical and Dental Clinic Staff

A clinic staff of two medical doctors, three dental doctors, one chiropractor, one optometrist, and two pharmacists are available to the residents of this camp in Block 216, Barrack 7A.

The establishment is temporary and except for minor cases, all medical and dental work will be done in the hospital in Camp 1 until the completion of a hospital here.

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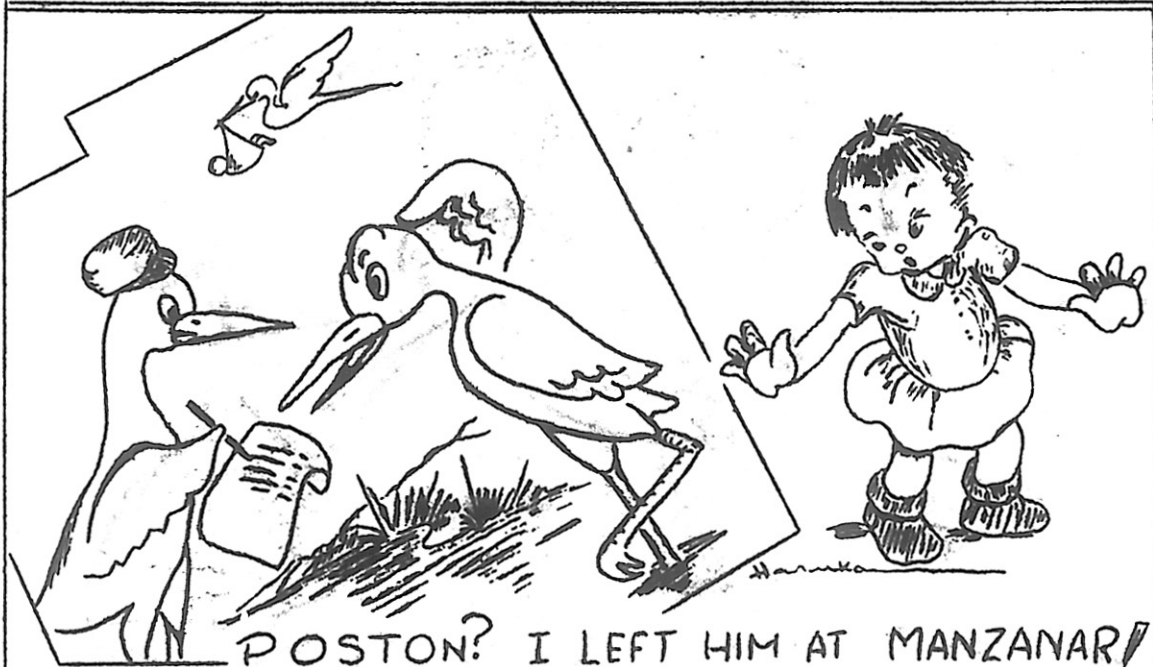
WORK

THIS HEAT
WILL GIVE ME GRAY HAIR YET!

W. Nakamura

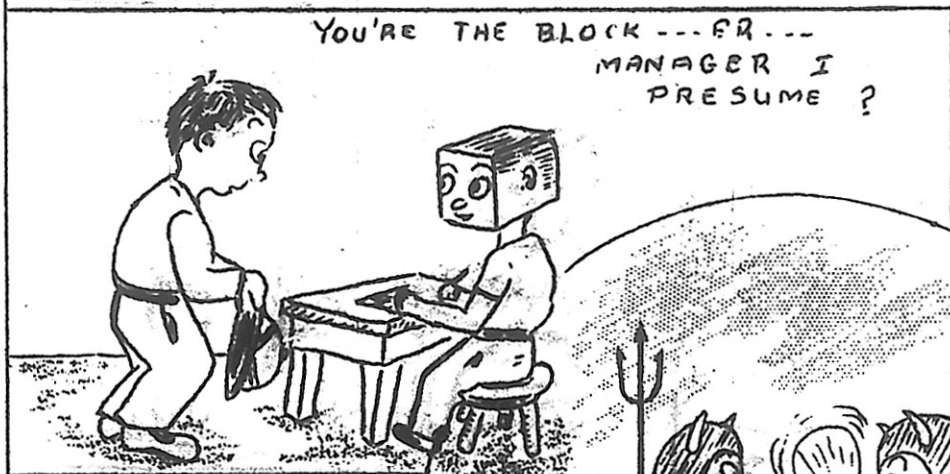
Geo. Okamoto

AND HOW IS IT IN VITAMIN A?



POSTON? I LEFT HIM AT MANZANAR!

YOU'RE THE BLOCK --- FR ---
MANAGER I PRESUME ?



ME? HO? ... I'M FROM POSTON!