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## Santa Anita *Pace-maker*

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### TWO DAILY COUNTINGS

#### Privacy Assured By Wilkinson

Acting upon orders from Lieut. Gen. John L. DeWitt in San Francisco, a count of all residents in the Santa Anita Assembly center was made at 9:30 o'clock last night.

Twice daily, 6 o'clock in the morning and 9:30 at night, clerks will check with residents throughout the Center for the actual number of people living in each unit, it was decided at a meeting of the Self-Assembly yesterday.

At this special meeting called by H. Russell Amory, Center manager; Guy E. Wilkinson, Personnel Relations officer, assured those present that no violation of the privacy of the home would be made. He urged volunteer clerks to be polite and courteous.

Last night 28 clerks were assigned to each district, four clerks for each 400 persons. The head of each family was checked for the number of people in his particular unit.

Amory, in thanking the Assembly in behalf of the administration for the fine cooperation the residents had shown in the past, said, "We appreciate your whole-hearted cooperation during those difficult days of the past six weeks. We are looking forward to a quieter future."

Amory also added, "I count on your loyal cooperation in the future."

## POPULATION REACHES 18,527

### Work Offered

### VITAL JOBS CALL MANY EMPLOYEES

With work offered in a core of departments, Center residents are now occupied with hundreds of tasks necessary for Santa Anita life and activities.

The largest division is the mess hall section in which more than 2200 persons are employed. Among the mess hall duties are cooking, waiting, portering, dishwashing, and serving.

Center maintenance is handled by a crew of 700 in the Utility department which includes gardeners, barrack inspectors, carpenters, draftsmen, electricians, janitors, landscapers, mechanics, sign painters, plumbers, truck drivers, and oilers.

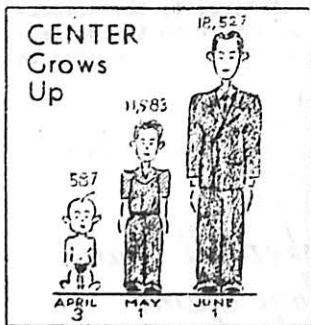
Schooling for children and adults is given by more  
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### Center Passes Eureka in Size

It isn't listed in the official 1940 census, but Santa Anita ranks as the 32nd community in population in California today with a total of 18,527.

Santa Anita opened April 3 with 587 entering from the Los Angeles harbor area. This was more than quadrupled in the next two days with inductees from the same place.

The next groups were from the furthest points repre- (Cont. on page 4)



## DESIRES FOR KNOWLEDGE BRING 2470 TO SCHOOL

Converting recreation into education, the department of education under Edward J. England, recreational director, has made it possible for Santa Anita residents, both young and old, to satisfy their craving for mental activity.

The supervisor, Mrs. Lillian Oye, has the responsibility of 2470 enrollees and 130 teachers. Working under her are Frank Takahashi, elementary group; David Fukushima, junior high, and Ichiro Furuta, high school.

As supervisors of the Special Activities group, Moto Asakawa and Chizuko Kitano were pioneers in this educational work.

After the initial organ-  
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## CONSTITUTION EDITION

The Constitution of the Santa Anita Self-Assembly, approved by authorities in San Francisco, is printed in full in this special edition of the PACE-MAKER.

The first business of the new Self-governing body to be elected Friday will be to ratify this Constitution.

This Constitution is the keystone to a democratic way of life.



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The number 13 is one that is not used lightly around here--horsemen being what they are. We're not superstitious either, but we figure, why take a chance? We had all our fingers crossed while this issue of the PACEMAKER was being run off.

There's either nothing to this superstition about number 13 being bad luck--or maybe there's everything in keeping fingers crossed. **SHEAR SPORT**

The Walerga Wasp, in a story of a man being bitten by another, says the assailant sank his 'in-scissors' in the victim. **PROBABLY WALKED AWAY**

The Fresno Grapevine in its 'lost column' lists the following item:

'I rice sack with shoes and overalls.'  
**SCANSION DEP'T**

Miyuki Aoyama writes:  
 The Thrift of Gab  
 (or Dinner is Swerved)  
 I believe that if women  
 Were ordered to choose  
 Betwixt chatter and platter,  
 The latter would lose.  
**SEMANTICS**

And we bristle with indignation over a letter in the S.F. Chronicle to Herb Caen which accuses us of not having an American sense of humor.

Of what sense of rumor does the letter-writer brag?

## Editorial

### Pacemaker, Leader in Democracy

"The greatest single morale-builder in the Center" is the consensus of the readers of the four-page semi-weekly PACEMAKER.

And impartial critics outside the Center heap further honors on the paper by judging it the leader of all center publications.

The PACEMAKER first appeared on April 18 with a circulation of 1800. Today's issue, seven weeks later, with a circulation of 5000, is read by almost four times that number of Center residents.

The reason for this is obvious. This is a newspaper that fulfills the basic principle of a publication in a democracy--it is a paper that is of the people.

Thus it is that this number of the PACEMAKER is a "Constitution Edition" in which the constitution under which the residents of Santa Anita will participate in self-government is printed in full.

Under this self-government plan, the people of the Center will elect their representatives to the Government house. Here, all problems dealing with the welfare and the well-being of the residents will be handled on the floor in weekly sessions.

This is Democracy in action!

Santa Anitans want to show to the world that they know how to live democratically in a democratic world, sharing its responsibilities.

Given the chance, they will prove it!

### Three Youthful Basketball Fans Invent Miniature Cage Game

The miniature basketball net that catches your eye when you pass behind Bar. 28, Ave. D, was put up by three boys who wanted to play basketball but couldn't, and decided to do something about it.

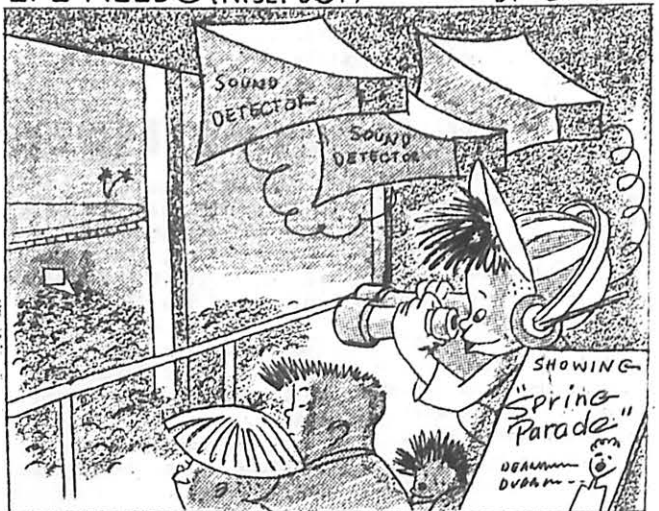
With a piece of wire and some string, the three, Masayoshi Nagamoto, 14; Masa Taketoshi, 15, and George Yamada, 13, all from San Francisco, rigged a mighty fancy little net and nailed it up.

Its size is such that a passerby would think, "Clever," but wouldn't give it any credit for being practical. But it is. It serves very well for the game of tennis basketball which the boys and their many associates get together to play.

Until such time as they are given a place to put up the real cage net they possess, the boys are getting a lot of good use from the Lilliputian, but not to be sneezed at, basketball net.

### LI'L NEEBO (NISEI BOY)

BY CHRIS



## Cupid Scores

# CENTER HAS FIRST WEDDING

The first wedding in Santa Anita took place yesterday afternoon when Toyo Matayoshi became the bride of Pete Miyashiro in a ceremony at the Government house with the Rev. Donald Toriumi officiating.

The June bride, the 21-year-old daughter of Mrs. Yuri Matayoshi, was given away by her brother, Seizen. She was dressed in a simple soft green dress, with a four-strand pearl necklace, and a large brim hat with a brown veil. She wore a corsage of gardenias.

The groom, son of Mrs. Kiyō Miyagi, was attended by Deo Tanahara as best man.

Tomio Yagura played a violin solo, Traumerei, and Yoshiko Arimatsu sang Because. They were accompanied by Grace Imamoto, pianist, who played Wagner's and Mendelssohn's Wedding marches.

After the wedding, refreshments were served and guests were given slices of the two-tiered cake topped with a tiny bride-and-groom couple.

The new Mr. and Mrs. Miyashiro left the "church" amid a shower of rice to take up new residence.--- by Miyuki Aoyama.

## Services Observe Memorial Day

Regular Center churchgoers, augmented by recent evacuees, attended the religious services commemorating Memorial day over the weekend in the Grandstand and Recreation hall.

Father Clement, M. K., who ran the projector at Friday's movie, officiated at the Catholic mass. Highlights of Holy Communion were filmed for the Army's documentary records by the U.S. Army Signal Corps.

### SPECIAL EDITION

A special edition of the PACEMAKER containing all names of the candidates in Friday's election is planned for tomorrow.

## Resident Builds U.S.S. Kearny Replica

The U.S.S. Kearny, one of the destroyers which survived the bombing of Pearl Harbor, is in parts unknown, but a miniature six-inch replica of the gallant ship is now reposing in the boys' handicraft room in the new District recreation hall.

The model is complete even to tiny torpedo tubes,

depth bomb racks, and propellers made of a filed nail.

"I used the end of an apple box," Masaji Iwata, the builder, said.

"After I carved the ship with a penknife, I painted it. I have everything on the ship," he joked, "except the soap the sailor dropped on the deck."

## FARMERS LEAVE FOR IDAHO

### Personnel

(Continued from page 1) than 300 Recreation department leaders.

A staff of 235 in the Medical unit cares for the ill. Dentists, dieticians, laboratory technicians, physicians, optometrists, nurses, orderlies, and matrons compose the staff.

More than 200 secretaries, clerks, typists, messengers, stenographers, and accountants are utilized in the Operation, Information center, Finance, and Personnel offices.

Employed in the three canteens are about 40 persons. The Police and Fire departments are manned by 280 and 54 persons, respectively. Under the Time-keeping section are 200 workers while 70 assist in the commissary.

### Education

(Continued from page 1) ization was completed, the department was turned over to Henry Kakaji and Amy Furuta, director and co-director.

Problem children and those who are deaf and dumb are given special attention by Miwa Kai.

The high school seminar courses including English, health education, mathematics, science, history, art, and dancing are offered in both the morning and afternoon classes.

About 125 three and four-year-olds go to the nursery. This department is supervised by Maki L. Kawakami with two teachers in charge of each of six groups.

### Second Group To Go Tonight

The second group of Japanese to pass the other way through the Center gates, 150 workers with their families, will leave Santa Anita tonight at 6 o'clock to work in the Idaho agricultural fields.

The first group left Sunday night for Idaho.

Another group is scheduled to leave at the same time Thursday night. This will be the last group to leave for the sugar beet, potato, and pea fields. Wilfred Y. Cannon, general superintendent of the Utah-Idaho Sugar company said.

Cannon and Clifford Britton, U.S. Employment Service, recruiting these workers, stressed that all applicants for the Thursday group must register at Barrack 36, Unit 12, by not later than 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, to be included.

These workers will be paid the prevailing wage as set by the Secretary of Agriculture Wickard. This wage is the same paid to any other worker.

A telegram from Army authorities last night clarified the question of single men recruits. An unmarried youth may leave his family to work under this program but a head of a family may not, the wire stated.

"Men who spoke the international language of commerce but are woefully unable to express themselves in the tongue of their adopted country" attend English classes now. Five hundred persons had turned out when classes had been in progress only a week.

# GOVERNING BODY TO COPE WITH PROBLEMS

## COURSE IN DEMOCRACY TO BEGIN

Courses in "Democracy Training" to help both the issei and nisei to understand the principles of democracy will begin tomorrow, the Recreation department announced today.

The course will be given daily, except Saturday and Sunday, both in English and Japanese at 9 a.m. The former will meet in Sections I-J in the Grandstand while the issei will meet in Sections C-D.

## Were State's 32nd Largest

(Continued from page 1) sented in the Center. A San Francisco delegation of 637 arrived April 7; 1131 evacuees from San Diego came the next day.

At the end of the first week, April 9, the population was 4223.

A total of 2492 from the Downey and Lawndale areas April 13 and 14 sent the figures up to 6715. Arriving on four successive days, April 28 through May 1, 5204 from Beverly Hills, Hollywood, Westwood, and western sections of Los Angeles boosted the total.

May 6 to 9 saw the figure climb to 16,340. There were no more mass inductions until last week when 2112 were added from Santa Clara and San Jose sections.

## Artists, Writers Hear Islanders

Hawaiian music played by Doc Yamada and his Surf Riders featured the meeting of the Writers and Artists group Sunday.

Alfred Tanaka, Harry Ogawa, Charles Kuma, and George Kobayashi played, and diminutive but dynamic Dianne Endo hula-ed to the tune of Little Brown Gal.

The public is invited to tonight's meeting at 7 o'clock in the Recreation office.

## Charter To Be Used as Model FIRST ELECTION SLATED FOR FRIDAY

Problems common to any community arose with the growth of Santa Anita to a full-size town. To meet this situation, a conference of legally trained men was called to set up a people's government.

A constitution was drafted with the emphasis on the "welfare and well-being" of the residents and sent to the Regional WCCA office in San Francisco where it was approved. It is also to be used in other Assembly centers.

On May 13, the first meeting of voluntary sectional representatives was held in the Government house to formulate plans for the immediate realization of a self-government body.

This Friday, residents of the Center who are 21 years or over, will go to the polls to elect sectional candidates to the Self-Assembly.

Once this government is set in motion it will have the task of maintaining the high morale of the people, spokesmen said.

Through this program of self-government of the people, these spokesmen added, a much desired cohesive and well-coordinated working understanding between the Santa Anita Center management and the residents may be achieved.

## Eighty-one Teams Active After Month of Organized Baseball

Although organized softball began at Santa Anita Center only a month ago, 81 teams are now playing under the guidance of the Recreation department.

Officially, softball began on April 24 with an elimination tournament to determine the caliber of the Center's teams which then numbered 16.

Girls opened play on May 11 and now have two leagues.

With the influx of Los Angeles teams early in May,

## THEFT MAY HALT USE OF P.A. SYSTEM

Because an amplifier box and eight classical records have been stolen from the sound department, couples at Thursday's sweet music dance and subsequent affairs may not have use of the public address system, warned John Ty Saito of the Recreation department today.

"The public address system will not be used unless the stolen equipment is returned," Saito emphasized.

The sweet music dance, Thursday in front of the Grandstand, is open to couples only. For the policemen and firemen who are on duty when regular dances are held, there will be a special affair in the near future.

Thursday's dance will be open to couples only.

### VITAL STATISTICS

To Mr. and Mrs. Kiyoshi Honda, a boy, May 29.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Kotaro Kotate, a boy, May 29.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Masao Serisawa, a boy, May 30.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kobayashi, a girl, May 31.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Tomonari Morikato, a boy, May 31.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Kichi Yamasaki, a boy, May 31.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Perry Oishi, a girl, June 1.