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BASIC ENGLISH CLASS STARTS, 250 ENROLLED

With more than 250 Issei and Japanese educated young people enrolled, the education department under the supervision of J. P. McVey has launched the basic English classes.

Basic English, a simplified method of learning to converse with a knowledge of 850 words, was originated by C. K. Ogden. Experiment on the course has been tried in 30 countries. The Fresno State College is cooperating with the department in this enterprise, and Dr. Earl Lyon of the school has donated books on the subject to the Center.

THREE CLASSES SCHEDULED

Classes are held three times a week and include sessions in the morning and evening. The course is open for now enrollees who may register in the education office in the C Women's Shower Annex.

Directing the project is Kiyoshi Hamanaka, assisted by the following instructors: Mrs. A. Tsukamoto, Lily Ota, Thomas Tanabe, Yoshiharu Matsumoto, R. T. Ono, Albert Hirohata, Fusako Matsui, Kinuyo Sumida, Kooru Otani and Rose Matsumoto.

WE'RE NOT LEAVING YET

It's a mistake!

The broadcast on Monday morning by a local radio station that the Fresno Assembly Center was to be relocated by July 23 was erroneous, as it is the Pinedale Center which is to be evacuated.

IMPRESSIVE CEREMONIES FEATURES CENTER FOURTH

By Carl Kurihara

Old Glory, a proud symbol of the democratic principles for the last 166 years, fluttered over-head while an impressive Independence Day ceremony was held in the Center Bowl last Saturday evening.

The performances, followed by a dance on Butler Avenue, marked the climax of the Center's Fourth of July events, which included a sumo tournament, watermelon feed by the Works Division and a baseball game.

A flag ceremony, followed by the national anthem and invocation by Rev. Hideo Hashimoto, opened the evening performance.

"Encoo" Fred Koyama introduced the honorary chairman, E. A. Dunn, Assistant Center Manager,

who complimented the people on the various programs presented by the Center thus far and in turn introduced the main speaker, Dr. T. T. Yatabe, chairman of the Center Advisory Council.

"The fireworks of this Fourth are of an altogether different type from those of past years," said Dr. Yatabe. He brought home the importance of cooperation and loyalty to the American government as our contribution towards insuring the continuance of Fourth of July celebrations for endless years to come.

YATABE PAYS TRIBUTE

In closing, Dr. Yatabe paid tribute to the Center Administration for their tireless efforts in furthering the welfare of the Center and thanked the Center residents for their hearty cooperation.

A red, white and blue patriotic card stunt, climaxed by a "V" for Victory during the singing of the Marine Hymn, was well presented on a stage filled to capacity by small grade school children.

Rinko Shinasaki, with her clear enunciation, gave emphatic meaning to the reading of the Japanese American Creed.

BOY SCOUTS PERFORM

With stirring and colorful airs the Fresno Assembly Center's Troop 16 Drum and Bugle Corps made their debut before the Center audience.

The girl scouts spelled out "Fourth of July" with cards while singing several patriotic numbers.

The finale came with the singing of "God Bless America," and the Boy Scouts buglers then sounded Retreat and Taps.

PAY CHECKS WILL BE ISSUED SOON

Coming soon! What?

Our next pay checks for the May 29 to June 28 period amounting to \$12,089.65 are expected within a week. The amount involves the issuing of 1,545 checks.

The many errors in the last check issue are the result of confusion and congestion arising from the induction of thousands of evacuees in such short time.

To speed up the arrival of checks for each period, the Finance Division has been working Sundays and evenings compiling the payroll figures to be sent out to headquarters in San Francisco.

CONCERNING JAPANESE PRINT

Japanese print of any kind directed to evacuees and transmitted by U.S. mail will be turned over by Center postal authorities to the internal police at each Assembly Center for delivery to the evacuees.

Center Post Office authorities will notify the addressees of the disposition of the articles and the evacuees may take delivery of such from the Center police. Upon completion of delivery, the Center police will immediately relieve the evacuees of the articles delivered.

RECREATION LEADERS PAVE WAY FOR ORGANIZED PLAY

(The following article is the second of the series of detailed write-ups being given to various Center activities as covered by staff writer Howard Renge. The third of the series on the work of the Service Division will appear shortly.---Ed. note)

It is apparent to everyone that the recreational activities have played a predominant role in making this Center life more interesting and varied. It has been one contributing factor in enabling us to spend our leisure moments both for the participants as well as the spectators.

The recreational directors, composed of S. Nakano, N. Masuda, T. Domoto and J. Omata, are head-in-charge of adult, youth-boys, youth-girls and children's divisions respectively, who have the general supervision of their departments.

General supervision of all the recreational activities fall under the jurisdiction of this group composed of K. Zenimura, F. Yoshikawa, E. Tsukimura, T. Fujita, M. Noguuchi, K. Hamanaka, N. Masuda, H. Kurima, T. Domoto, J. Omata and S. Nakano.

The sport that is presently attracting interests of many people is baseball which is under the direction of S. Nakano. A and B leagues have been organized with six and eight teams represented respectively. The baseball committee is made up of K. Zenimura, F. Yoshikawa, E. Tsukimura, T. Fujita and H. Kurima.

SOFTBALL LEAGUE SOON

As for softball, a tentative plan for four diamonds is being contemplated. In the near future four or five leagues will be organized for various ages and sizes. E. Iwamoto and N. Masuda are the respective leaders for the girl's and boy's divisions.

The tumblers who performed on the Fourth of July were students from the gymnastics class under the tutelage of T. Yonaki, T. Yoshimura and S. Ego. Horizontal bars and parallel bars were recently installed across Rec. 2.

K. Kunishige and M. Masuda are directing the boxing lessons for approximately 55 boxers. A boxing tournament will be held as soon as the ropes and the canvas arrive. All those interested are requested to sign up as soon as possible.

The sumo enthusiasts have been training under the instructions of T. Kunishige, H. Abe, K. Namba, M. Hamanaka and H. Miyamoto. Under the direction of Sam Nakano, sumo was one of the first sports to be instituted at the Center.

Volleyball league for boys has been under way for some time with Y. Chono in charge. Also, girl's league will be organized in the near future under T. Domoto.

CASABA TOURNEY PLANS

Regardless of the weather, basketball league will be formed for the boys and the girls with M. Domoto and G. Morikano in charge. Two portable basketball courts have been erected for use by section C.

Judo classes are being held daily with approximately 60 boys learning the fundamentals. M. Noguuchi, director, is planning a tournament and is calling for those interested to sign up immediately.

H. Yoshikawa, Y. Miya, S. Tomimaga and D. Maruki are instructing the beginner's and advanced social dancing classes. Three hundred have signed up for the beginner's class. Two hours are devoted to this class on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. There are one hundred in the advanced class. Ballet is taught by D. Maruki. Wednesday will be the last day for sign-up.

Tennis, badminton and croquet courts have been installed. A plan for shuffle board has also been formulated.

Baton twirling class is under the supervision of Miss T. Domoto and S. Nakano. Instructors are T. Hoshiko and S. Sakaguchi. ---Howard Renge

Inside Center

The Voice of the People

YOUR VISITORS

Remember your visitors! Consider their victorious upon coming to the Center with eager anticipation of being met only to suffer disappointment because their Center friends have forgotten about the appointment.

Everyday it has been necessary to send messengers after residents, who are not always easily reached. Consequently time is lost and the visitors have to be satisfied with a short visit.

Aside from the courtesy due our visitors by meeting them on time, thus avoiding confusion and disappointment, we will be able to talk with them for an ample period.

So let's be more considerate and meet our friends punctually.

Remember the visitor is consuming valuable rubber for each visit. Do your part to make it worth while.

LIFE

We live in deeds, not years; in thoughts, not breaths; in feelings, not figures on a dial. We should count time by heart throbs. He most lives who thinks most, feels the noblest, acts the best.

--Philip James Bailey



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IMPROVEMENT HIGHLIGHTS IN A NUT SHELL

Graveled walks, flowers, shrubs and lawns have distinctly improved the appearance of the grounds around the administration buildings.

Lawns have been planted in the plots between the buildings with Japanese plants for a background for the shrubbery. The newly planted lawn of Kentucky blue grass has been covered with straw as a protection from the heat.

The children will soon "break" with the opening of two wading pools this week, one between I and J and the other at the west end of C. The sprinkling pool is already available from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Center bowl.

A sprinkling system will be installed on top of Hospital 1 to aid in cooling the building. If this experiment is successful, sprinklers will be installed on the other two hospitals.

Bagouts have been made at the baseball field and a fence will be constructed this week.

Flowers will form a background to the Center Bowl as the maintenance crew under George Mayeda is improving the grounds.

NEW EVACUEES ARRIVE

Newest arrivals in the Fresno Assembly Center from Bismarck, N.D. are Y. Nishi and F. Sasaki both of Florin. They joined the family Friday afternoon and are now residing in A Section.

1000 EATERS SEND MELONS DOWN ALIMENTARY CANAL

What would you do if a piece of watermelon was placed in front of you devour it? That's exactly what over 1000 hungry people did at the watermelon feed which was sponsored by the Works Division on the Fourth.

Within a few hours not less than 680 melons were in the stomachs of the enthusiastic melon fans. The mess halls and the hospitals personnel were treated by the Works Division to 30 to 60 melons

MEETINGS

The Boy Scouts will meet this Friday in Recreation Hall 3 from 7:30 p.m.

Frank Ferrar, special field commissioner for the Saguola Council, attended last Friday's meeting. He is assisting the Boy Scout movement in this Center and in Pinodolo.

The Bridge Club will hold its regular meeting tonight at Recreation Hall 3 beginning at 7:00.

Section C, E and the Brownies of the girl scouts will meet tonight in Recreation Hall 2 at 6:30.

DIPHTHERIA SHOTS STILL CONTINUING

Diphtheria immunizations will be given to children living in sections J and K and to those who have missed the immunization in other sections. Children from five months to six years will be treated at Hospital #2 from 2 to 4 p.m. Friday.

Diphtheria tests will be given to children from the ages of six to thirteen years at the same time.

Dr. Taira, head physician at Hospital 2, says "that whooping cough vaccines for children from the ages of six months to three years are being planned and the schedule will be announced soon."

Tomorrow will be the day for all completions of typhoid inoculations at Hospital 2 beginning at 8:00 a.m.



NEW MAN ADDED

Our boss, W. E. Pollock, boasted to us last week about one of his employees, Teugio Nakagawa, who types 90 per and knows all about clerical work. That night the editors plotted and planned. How to sneak Teugio away from the Service Division, was the question. The next day we approached Mr. Pollock very diplomatically, and with a few persuasive remarks from Teugio himself, we succeeded in obtaining him. After all, Teugio happens to be our ace-reporter San Nakagawa's brother and the WRA believes in uniting family members.

YUMMY, OH BOY!

Last Sunday I rated a batch of milk (lot's not bother to find out why) from the waitress at Mess "E". Then they passed me my ration of strawberry ice cream. Putting two and two together, what do you suppose was my concoction? First strawberry shake of the year.

OF PIES & MELONS

The Press people are always appreciative. We had two pie feasts so far as compliments of Mess E and I, and we all join in saying thanks. We also extend our thanks to the Works Division for unloading part of their melons at the press room where they found us slaving away on 4th of July. We can't understand why we rate so much, but if we didn't, you know what would happen again!

MONEY NEEDED

We of the GRAPEVINE staff have many ideas on how to improve the make-up of our paper, but we need something like fifty dollars to purchase the much needed equipment. If any of the Center residents are interested enough in the paper and wish to donate, we would be grateful. Incidentally, our bouquet of the week goes to Bill Ishida for buying us a letter guide (we need ten more), valued at two dollars. Thanks, Bill!!!

SABURO KIDO VISITS CENTER

"Although the nisei are going through trying times, all of us must make sacrifices to help towards upholding American ideals," declared Saburo Kido, president of the National Japanese American Citizens' League during his visit to this Center Thursday.

"Since we are being called upon to do our part by leaving our homes, let us do it in the proper spirit," stressed Kido. "By our conduct and cooperation, we have a chance to show the other Americans that we too can take it and serve our country in its job of winning this war."

Kido, a writer in his own right with his "Timely Topics" column in the former New World Sun Daily and his frequent contributions to the National J.A.C.L. organ, the Pacific Citizen, found a common interest in his brief stop at the GRAPEVINE office.

Accompanying Kido were Sim Togasaki, former National Treasurer of the J.A.C.L., and Dale Okazaki, Visalia J.A.C.L. chapter secretary.

PACIFIC CITIZENS ARRIVE FOR J. A. C. L. MEMBERS

For the benefit of the members of the American Loyalty League, Fresno chapter of the Japanese American Citizens' League, the last three weekly issues of the Pacific Citizen have arrived at this Center and are now available at the information centers on Avenue E and I.

The members are also reminded that the 25 cents subscription previously paid by the members will have expired July 1, 1942. The new rate effective for a year will be \$2.00 for members and \$2.50 for non-members. Subscription renewals are needed by National Headquarters. All those desiring to renew the Pacific Citizen are asked to contact the following JAQL leaders: Dr. T. T. Yatabe, E-11-2; Tom Shimasaki, D-2-5, or Sam Nakano, J-1-2. Details can be obtained from them.

FROM THE CENTER MANAGER

Policy governing transfer of evacuees under jurisdiction of W.C.C.A.

A. General

1. The instructions contained below will govern for the transfer of evacuees between W.C.C.A. Assembly Centers and to W.R.A. Relocation Projects, except for those evacuees transferred to W.R.A. Relocation Projects under official numbered Transfer Orders issued by the Civil Affairs Division, Headquarters WDC and Fourth Army.

B. Conditions under which transfers will be authorized:

1. Except as noted in Paragraph B-2, transfers will be made only for the purpose of reuniting immediate families, the members of which resided together prior to evacuation (see Paragraph 4 below for definition of the term "Immediate Families").
2. Consideration will be given to transfers of individuals who do not come within the classification given in B-1 above, only when such individuals or individuals are physically or mentally dependent upon the family for maintenance.
3. Transfers between assembly centers will not be authorized when both assembly centers involved will be evacuated to the same relocation area within a reasonable length of time.
4. An immediate family is defined as follows: "Husband and Wife, their children and such other relations as actually resided with the family as a member of such family prior to evacuation". Except as indicated in paragraph B-2 above, this does not include persons unrelated to the family. Neither does it include married children who prior to evacuation maintained a separate household.

C. Applications for Transfer:

1. Individuals desiring transfers for any reason coming within the purview of Paragraph B above, will make application only to the Center Manager of the Center in which they are residents. In order to insure that applications are made only to Center Manager, the provisions of this paragraph of the Operation Manual will be placed on Center bulletin boards and otherwise disseminated so that all evacuees are acquainted with the contents thereof. At that time evacuees will be informed that requests received in this office from sources other than through the Center Manager will be returned, without action, to the Center Manager for proper investigation and submission.

BATON CLASSES STARTED

Baton twirling classes got under way last week with Sachiko Sakaguchi and Miss Toshi Hoshiko as resident leaders. A class of approximately 30 youngsters

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are enrolled.

Those interested should come out to the Center Ball each evening at 7 o'clock. This class is open to older people and youngsters.



"EAST AND WEST" BATTLE TO DRAW IN SUMO TOURNAMENT

"There is no decision! A rematch will again pit the EAST team with the WEST aggregation," declared Mitsugi Hamanaka after a lengthy conference with the judges and the score-keepers of this sumo tourney.

Climaxed by the hotly contested EAST vs. WEST match, the Grand Sumo tournament on the 2nd and 3rd of July was witnessed by over 1500 rabid wrestling fans.

In the special matches five of the strongest A class men went down under the powerful muscles of Takeo Kunishige, and five B class men were easily thrown by Dr. Inada.

IRASUNA IS A CROWD

F. Ikoda, the powerhouse from Clovis, was crowned as the Class A Champ. C. Nitte and B. Matsumoto placed second and third. Coming out as champions in the B and C divisions were H. Nagata of H. Fresno in the C's and A. Miyamoto of Elk Grove in the B's. M. Ishida of Hanford and J. Hirasuna of W. Fresno were runner-ups respectively.

In the division A five men "free for all," B. Matsumoto, H. Sugimoto, S. Tsukiji and K. Kunishige each tossed four opponents to win top honors. Four men were spilled by F. Watarida, the victor of the B group.

HIRASUNA TOSSES SIX MEN

By defeating three men in a row, eight grapplers were accredited with victories. J. Hirasuna, tough boy from W. Fresno, was outstanding with two wins. Breaking the ice in the A group was H. Kunishige who threw three strong A men. Winners in the B's were S. Akiyama, S. Ego, H. Nagata and F. Harada. Young Akiyama and F. Takoda of Elk Grove were the titlists in the C division.

Victors in the special matches requested by the crowd were: Tsukiji who defeated Matsumoto; Nakao who defeated Yamataka; and Sugimoto who edged out Ikoda.

Practices are held nightly in the sumo arena from 6:30 to 9:15.

The date of the rematch is still indefinite according to the committee who arranged the tournament.

Luck is an ignis fatuus. You may follow it to ruin, but not to success.

CENTER LEAGUE

Diamonders of the Fresno Assembly Center finished the first round of the league baseball game last week.

Frank Urabe, Dolano pitcher, walked nine Elk Grove batters and was relieved by Goro Muryama with one down and the bases loaded in the 7th inning. However, the northerners failed to score in an exciting game Sunday. Muryama smashed a three bagger with one on in the 3rd inning. K. Norikane and Tabata specialized in the beautiful "squeeze play" in the third inning and topped the batting honors, 2 for 4 and 3 for 4 respectively. Tanabe, Elk Grove catcher, batted 2 for 4 for the losers.

LEADER BATS SOLIDS

The Madera "B" outfit Bowles to win the first game 14 to 6. Tanaka and Kubo took the batting honors for Madera, while S. Doi slugged a triple in the 4th inning and J. Nishimoto, Bowles catcher, received two clean singles for three times at bat.

Y. Matsubara, led the Hanford Dodgers to a victory over their brother Cubs 8 to 1 with three hits for four trips to the plate and his teammate S. Satoda got 2 for 4. Fujii bingled 2 for 4 for the losing "Cubs".

W. Odaka, Fresno "B" first baseman, sent the ball over the center fielder's head in the 6th inning for the first home run by any class B player in the Fourth of July game to enable the North Fresno team to tie the score in the 7th inning, 11 to 11. The Fresno Bees edged the North Fresno aggregation 6 to 5 Sunday afternoon to play off the tie game.

When you get into a tight place, and everything goes against you, till it seems as if you couldn't hold on a minute longer, never give up then, for that's just the place and time that the tide'll turn.

--Harriet Beecher Stowe

Meet the Sports personalities of the week:

GEORGE NAKAMURA was a star left halfback and all around athlete for Central Union High School.

YUKI MASUDA, star basketball player from Edison Tech, was a member of the Fresno Bronco's which won the YMSA Northern California "B" championship in 1936-7; member of the Central California "A" basketball championship team in 1937, is now a member of the Fresno "Bees" baseball team.

MARY KUBO, an outstanding nisei girl who entered the intramural sports program at Central Union High School, is now a member of the Fresno Eagles softball team.

HARRY YOSHIDA, a lineman on the Elk Grove football team which won the Sacramento County Championship in 1942, participated in varsity tennis and basketball.

KEN ZENIMURA is credited with the arduous task of laying out the diamond and organizing a baseball league. Many players like to play ball, but who's willing to lay out the diamond?

VOLLEYBALL RESULTS

Yogores (Forfeit)
Bulldogs

Electricians	15	15
Emblers	6	10

Ground Crew (Forfeit)
Printers

Olympic	15	15
Office Crew	11	4

Fowler Girls	1	Games
Firefighter	2	

SOFTBALL RESULTS

Police	20
Finance	20

Fowler	9
Contract	10

Girls

Fresno Eagles	22
Rich Ugs	2

If all the year were playing holiday,
To sport would be as tedious as to work.

--Shakespeare

CENTER PENNANT PUSH

"A" DIVISION				"B" DIVISION			
TEAM	W.	L.	PCT.	TEAM	W.	L.	PCT.
HANFORD	2	0	1.000	HANFORD DOGS	2	0	1.000
FLORIN	1	0	1.000	FLORIN	2	0	1.000
BOWLES	1	0	1.000	MADEIRA	1	1	.500
DELANO	1	1	.500	HANFORD CUBS	1	1	.500
ELK GROVE	0	2	.000	FRESNO	0	1	.000
FRESNO	0	2	.000	ELK GROVE	0	2	.000
				BOWLES	0	2	.000
				N. FRESNO	0	2	.000

FARM LECTURE CLASSES BEGIN

Lecture classes on different phases of farming are in progress under the vocational education program of the Agricultural Department.

Tom Shimasaki is conducting a class on the essentials and methods of fertilization. This series was started Monday and will be completed by next Thursday.

Insect and pest control methods have been taken up by Takashi Morita in the class which will be completed with meetings on Thursday and Monday.

Next week a course in soil will begin, followed by marketing methods. Night classes are being planned for those who are unable to attend during the day. The dates of these meetings will be announced later.

MUSIC LOVERS TO HAVE NIGHT

The public is invited to attend the musicale at Recreation Hall 1 from 8 p. m., tonight.

Schubert's "Unfinished Symphony" and the "Nutcracker Suite" by Tschai-kowsky, the famous Russian composer, will be in the music appreciation program.

Mary Kasai, music major graduate of Fresno State College, will act as the commentator.

LOTS OF TIME FOR COUPONS

Have you been standing in line under the burning sun to receive your free coupon books?

Eligible persons may apply for a part or all of the present issue, which includes the allotments for June and July, as any coupons received by anyone is credited against him by the Center cashier, M. E. Johnson.

The following example of the amount families are entitled to is given to settle the confusion arising from the question of the \$7.50 maximum family limit.

For instance, a family of eight with four children under 16 years of age and two 16 or over will receive \$12.50 in all.

The parents and the four children under 16 years old will receive the \$7.50 limit while the two children 16 and over are eligible to a \$2.50 book each.

CASH THE PAY CHECK FRIDAY

Banking service will be conducted by the Bank of America every Friday morning from 9 to 10 a.m. in the Center bank in the portable building in front of the Center store.

While a charge of ten cents for local and 25 cents for out of state checks will be charged, all government checks and checks from any branch of the Bank of America will be cashed without charge.

MESS HALLS, LATRINES, SHOWERS INSPECTED DAILY

Regular sanitation inspection of mess halls, showers, latrines and general additions are conducted daily by a detail of three inspectors, Ima Abe, Nobu Renge, and Lewis Toshiyuki.

Complete reports of the inspection are made to the Service Division from where they are referred to the different departments. From these reports any necessary repairs and adjustments are made.

STUDENTS RELOCATION MEETING SCHEDULED

A meeting of interested and eligible high school students will be held in the guest house tomorrow at 7:30 p.m.

A representative of the Student Relocation Committee will be present and will answer questions.

Questionnaires are available at the Education Office—C Women's Annex. Students are asked to bring the questionnaires to the meeting.

CENTER FIREMEN FLASH SHINY NEW BADGES

Shiny new firemen's badges arrived yesterday to be worn on the chests of 15 proud owners. Costing two dollars each, they are the results of contributions and also the personal donations of the firemen themselves.

Imprinted on the badges are the words "Fresno Assembly Center Fire Department" with the rank and name of the wearer.

Actual fire fighting equipment will arrive soon according to Captain Larry Nitta.

Live as though life were earnest, and life will be so.

