

# CLOTHING LIST ISSUED

An item list for clothing which is available to residents through the allowance received from the government has been issued. Sears, Roebuck and Company has the government contract for the bid.

Miss Jane Clark, supervisor of clothing, has opened an office in the back of the Center Store and has catalogues for the resi-

dents to use. She is also training a staff of workers to help take care of applications.

If a resident applies for his clothing allotment after August 1, he will be able to spend his allowance up to and including August 31. This account is not transferable to a WRA Center. Residents are advised to first meet the immediate

needs of the family and then to buy clothing which will be suitable to Colorado weather.

Applications for clothing will be made by the father or mother or those who are heads of the family. One day's order is consolidated and sent to the San Francisco office. It will come in a bulk package and will be ready for distribution.

## CURFEW TO BE CHANGED



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### 'SWING YOUR PARTNERS' AT BARN DANCE SAT.

The capture of that much-talked-about and discussed Fench Villa by Sheriff Nicholson will be one of the features of tomorrow night's Barn Dance at the Administration Building. Dancing will be from 8-11 p.m.

The contestants in the whiskering contest will parade before the dancers. The contenders will be classified in five groups—longest, shortest, heaviest, most original and most handsome whiskers. The judges will be Harumi Kimura, Blanche Hoshino, Shizu Fujisaki, Harry Ogata and Joe Ota.

Decorations will include an old farm barn theme with farm tools and implements lying around. Professor Paul (Waldo) Higaki, Master of Ceremonies and his twelve Stardusters will provide the music. The orchestra's theme song for this special occasion will be "Old McDonald Had A Farm." Square dances will be featured.

Stags and stagettes are welcome, but any individual dressed like a gentleman or a lady will not be admitted.

Clothes requirements are: men dress in jeans and old worn clothes, tennis shoes or clodhoppers, and defin-

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Curfew regulations for all Centers have been issued by the San Francisco office.

Mr. Emil Sandquist and Major W. F. Durbin, of the San Francisco office, visited the Center Sunday and announced that the regulations would be materially revised so that the curfew can be arranged at an hour late enough not to interfere with the approved activities.

This Center will operate as usual, according to Harry L. Black, center manager; pending revisions of the regulations to be received from San Francisco. In general, the new regulations are expected not to affect the privileges which the residents have enjoyed in the past.

### HERE'S YOUR CHANCE

ATTENTION! Opportunity for YOU, both issei and nisei, to voice your opinions! YOU supposedly eat three meals a day! Are you eating them? Tell us what you like, don't like, give us suggestions and complaints! Bring them to your Ward Information Office by Tuesday. We'll see what we can do for YOU.

We will also give you reasons and answers in the next Mercedian.

MESS & LODGING DIVISION

### CUBS "ROAST"

Cub packs Nos. 1 and 2, numbering about 120 boys from ages 9-12 years, will hold a bologna roast, Sunday evening from 7:30-9:30 p.m.



Co-chairmen Tom Sasaki and Mike Fujimoto cordially invite all boys from 9-12 yrs. to attend.

### COMICAL MOVIE TONIGHT

A romantic and comical movie will be filmed from 9 o'clock tonight at the Grandstand. The Universal picture titled, "His Night Out," stars Edward Everett Horton and Irene Hervey.

Briefly, the story is about a lowly clerk out on a last fling in mistaken

anticipation of an early death. He goes on many hilarious and thrilling incidents before he reaches an unexpected happy ending.

Added attractions will be a short subject and a cartoon. Community singing will precede the movies from 8:30 p.m.

# Beyond Our Barracks

## The Mercedian off

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## OPEN FOR BUSINESS...

The Center barber shop now has three tonsorial artists and they are really making the hair fly in all directions--especially on week-ends when everybody wants a hair cut.

Residents are asked to get their hair cut during week days to relieve unnecessary congestion in the cubby-hole barber space.

"We are expecting to have two lady-barbers soon, and when that happens, I'm afraid we men will have to take up knitting for a past time," commented jovial Miyahara.

The barber staff now consists of T. Miyahara (Fresno); James Yamamoto (Colusa); Isamu Kuge (Turlock); and cashier, Mabel Yoshida, (Turlock).

The barbers will appreciate the customers washing their hair before coming for service since sand and grime dull the instruments.

## "JAPANESE--MORE LOYALTY"

Before a group of 1,000 the first in a series of Town Hall Forums, took place Monday evening.

"What Should be Our Attitude Toward Evacuation" was the opening topic, with Harry L. Black, J.M. Kidwell and Richard Mitchell forming the panel.

The past history of the evacuation problem was outlined by J.M. Kidwell, whose subject matters were in most part gleanings from various newspapers and official announcements from the WCCA journals.

He stressed, however, that evacuation of all Japanese from the combat zones was a military necessity.

Mr. Harry Black's present attitude on the subject of evacuation delved into the general public psychology of today.

He said in part: "We must set up the pros and cons... We people here have greatly lost in liberty. We all made sacrifices and you made great sacrifices."

In final summary he said: "In my short association with you, in talking and in activities, you are without fault. There is more

loyalty, there is more real Americanism than there is apt to be found in many minority groups in this country."

"Be confident and build those attitudes through these tragic times for those happier times to come."

Mr. Mitchell dealt on the future aspects of evacuation with a touch of dismal and foreboding note. He stated:

"After the war, given a victory by the allied nations, the Nisei are apt to still be classified as Japanese rather than as Americans."

America's failure to solve her racial problems was illustrated with relation to Negroes, Jews, Chinese, (con't, on page 4)

The Japanese American Citizens' League has opened a branch office in Washington, D. C. in order to protect the rights of the Japanese and obtain better coordination in the work.

Tulare Center is one jump ahead of us on this--they have a wading pool which is both for adult and child use. "No diving, dumping, or unnecessary roughness will be permitted." Can't imagine anyone diving in a wading pool. Tulare has the same trouble--asking the residents not to take lines. Community clothes lines were installed to replace fire trucks to pass between barracks quicker. Fans are being installed in the mess halls.

The "Roadrunners" of Yuba Center can be recognized by their distinctive, cool and manly-looking haircuts. And they were created by a member of the male sex, too. Good advice by a columnist is: "Remember that no man is better than anyone else here. Some people are like 'full dress shirts.'--All front with starch in the back."

Santa Anita is also conducting a model airplane contest.... a Troop-of-the-month contest is going on with Troop 27 in the lead. Forty girls are enrolled in an evening judo class. It is anticipated that class will also be conducted in the afternoons.

Amos Alonzo Stagg, the grand old man of football, spoke to the Young People's Church at the Stockton Center.

"Keep 'Em Dying" is the slogan for the North Portland Center residents in their campaign against the pesky house flies.

## HOBBY SHOW PLANNED

The Arts and Crafts Department will sponsor an exhibit by the paper craft, other hobby show on a larger basis in Recreation Buildings Nos. 1 and 2 on August 15 and 16. From various divisions many interesting exhibits will be displayed.

Exhibits are to be displayed by the paper craft, woodcraft, painting and sewing classes. Other displays will include home gardens and model airplanes. Prizes will be awarded to winners in their respective divisions.

# INTRODUCING - Buddy Iwata

Introducing that scholarly-looking gentleman---the President of the Assembly and representative of Ward C---24-year-old Buddy Iwata.

Formerly of Turlock, Iwata is a graduate of Stanford University, Class of '39. While there, he was active in student affairs, serving on the Rally Committee, Peace Day Committee and the Institute of Student Relations.

Twice Iwata was a delegate to the American-Japan Student Conference; once when it was held at Palo Alto and then in Japan in 1938.

Before coming here, he was engaged in the foreign trade business in San Francisco.

Included in his activities were president of the Japanese Student Club, president of the Older Scouts' Association, Troop 12 of San Francisco, president of the Turlock Social Club, a member of the Board of Governors of both the San Francisco and Stanislaus-Merced JACL Chapters.

*Moving Reporter*  
by Suyeosako

YOUR FEMINITY?

Eighteen-year-old Hiroshi Asai, a G-man by occupation of D-1-10, turned in this report to the Center Police Department:

"Found one 1940 Lincoln head penny on Broadway at 7:05 a.m. on July 23."

Wonder if anyone can prove it is his?  
**SMALLEST GETA?**

S. Sunahara, F-5-16, of Woodland has the distinction of possessing the smallest "geta." This small complete geta is one-fourth inch wide and one-half inch long.

Can you beat that?

**THE PROBLEM CHILD**

Ken Kagehiro, 3 years old of D-4-4, is the problem child of the Pre-School Nursery and Ward D.

At school little Ken sits on his classmates' heads, pushes their faces, pinches their ears, and pulls their hair. In Mess Hall D he performs the most unusual things imaginable. The other day, he attempted to undress and bath a frankfurter in a cup of water.

Mother Kagehiro says, "He is just a mean devil!"

**OVERHEARD**

(Waitress coming down the aisle with a plate stacked with toast.)

Young fellow: "May I have a board?"

Pretty waitress: "May I sit down and watch you eat?"  
Young man: "Certainly not, I'm apt to eat my fingers!"

(Discussion among a group of boys.)

One fellow: "She's got 'daiikon' legs!"

Another fellow: "You mean 'tsukemomo' legs!"

**FIRST MORNING GLORY**

Mrs. K. Hoshino, A-2-20 of Livingston, has the first morning glory in bloom. Her three Japanese morning glory plants were planted on May 12, 1942. They are white with grayish tips and are Mrs. Hoshino's pride and joy.

This is contrary to the belief that Morning Glory Avenue in Ward C has all the morning glories.

## BALLET PROVES SUCCESS

By Oski Taniwaki  
It really doesn't help much to "guide the lily", but this writer wished to put his two-cents worth of editor's privilege and hand out a carload of orchids to the Education Department's Ballet and Chorus which put the touch of finesse on the otherwise not-so-colossal talent night of last Tuesday.

The ballet numbers featuring Mitsuko Hattori, director, and Seiji Iwanuma were introduced with refinements from the gay and romantic "Beautiful Blue Danube" waltz. An eight girl chorus in snow white costumes studded with shimmering silver tinsels ably added support to the background for the three waltzes.

An odori by Mary Kobuko,

## BARN DANCE

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itely no oxfords or sport shoes. Ladies should wear slacks or gingham dresses, tennis or work shoes. No sport or high-heeled dress shoes will be permitted.

A special event will be a whiskerino contest among the ward representatives, Commissioners and coordinators. They will be judged on scantiest, longest, heaviest and handsomest.

Yuri and Kenomi Shinozaki was of the lighter mood. Madame Higaki received ovation on her "Tobi Uma no Fu", an odori of the classical line. Madame Kuge's biwa uta made a big hit with the Issai group.

## KITE FLYING CONTEST

Color galore over the Center sky is in the air, as a kite flying contest is being planned. Proudly-made kites by artistic hands will bring fancy designs, bright colors, long and short tails, small size and big size kites to the public eyes.

Registration is now under

way at the Recreation Office, F-2-2. There will be two divisions for the contestants. The senior class comprises those 16 years and over. Competitors, 15 years and under, will be classed as juniors.

Prizes for the most beautiful, the highest flying and the longest flying kites are being made.

### Committees Named

Committees which will carry on the work of the Center were appointed by Buddy Ivata, president of the Assembly.

**PLANNING** group are Commissioner Jack Noda (ex officio member), George Okada, chairman; Tim Sasabuchi, Mona Hirooka, Charles Kameyatsu, George Kawakita, Yuki Demoto, Ernest Yoshida and Sada Ozawa.

**MESS AND LODGING**—Commissioner Sam Kawahara (ex officio), Mitsuo Kagahira, chairman; Mario Kai, George Harita, Norman Sator, George Miyako and Emiko Hinoki.

**SERVICE AND EDUCATION**—Commissioner Walter Higashi (ex officio), Akiji Yoshimura, chairman; Chiyo Furumura, Mrs. Mitsue Okamoto, Miyo Masuda, Sakae Kawashiri, Kazuo Masuda and Mayme Kishi.

**HEALTH AND WELFARE**—Commissioner Henry Shimizu (ex officio), Mrs. Dorothy Wakamura, chairman; George Matsumura, Mrs. Molly Wada, Delores Nishimura, Kimiko Kimura, Edward Tokunaga and Dr. H. S. Okonogi.

**SAFETY**—Commissioner Takashi Koga (ex officio), Yuki Tanaka, chairman; Tokio Kawashima, George Miyama, Nobuhiro Kajioaka, Mikio Fujimoto and Yoshio Kubo.

**RELOCATION**—Masao Hoshino, chairman; Isaac Matsushige, Mabel Furukawa, Miye Yamasaki, Hideo Ihara, Moto Edward Sugioka and Roy Nakatani.

# Femin-a-lites

by Lily Shoji

**BEAUTY HINTS**  
Enhance the appeal of your beauty by giving your skin a lovelier tone. You can do this with the correct color harmony shade of powder created for your coloring. Once you try it, you'll always like it. It imparts a lovely color to the skin.

Worse than a shiny nose, are those "depressants in dress," a hole in the bottom of your stocking; a skirt that oozes bulbous in the back; hair that has to depend on a hat; fingernail grime hidden under polish (even three layers of it.)

**OVERHEARD PARLEY VOUS**  
Five remarks not to make to the boys on furlough, when you want to make happy are: (1) Do you really make

your own bed? (2) Don't tell me you got up at a quarter of six? (3) You guys got it easy; (4) You mean to say you're still a



private? (5) I'll take care of your girl while you're away. And by the way, how're you doing with the hostess?

**RECIPES FOR LOVE**  
1 cup sugar, 1/2 tablespoon hugs, 4 entrancing arms, 1/2 cup kisses, 4 teaspoons of mush. Mix ingredients in a sauce pan. Heat over low fire and stir well. Mix it well and put it on the back porch to cool. Beat it when the old man comes home. Serve while cool.

## NOTICES

### WRA WAGES

The pay scale for workers in a WRA Center is as follows: \$12 per month for unskilled; \$16, skilled; and \$19, professional and technical. The wages are higher than those paid at a WCCA Center because no script books are issued.

### GRANADA DIRECTOR

Mr. Clarence L. Moore, director in charge of housing and employment in Granada, Colorado, visited Center manager Harry L. Black on Sunday. Mr. Moore requested a copy of the Merced Center employment list to use as a guide for workers there.

## Town Hall Forum

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and Japanese. Even among Americans there are the Okies and the Arkies.

Charting a future course for the Japanese, Mr. Mitchell enumerated and elaborated:

"Seek a place in the war effort, volunteer for military service, salvage defense materials voluntarily. Demonstrate your desire to continue to live the American ideal of living.

No matter what the discouragement, don't give up."

### DRAMA CLUB

Dramatics Club meeting will be held today from 7-7:30 p.m. in F-2-10 to get organized.

## Education NEWS

George Toriumi, teacher of commercial subjects, and Juna Yamoto, needlecraft and etiquette instructor, will be the speakers at the teachers' meeting tomorrow. The purpose of these meetings is to exchange ideas and informally discuss the problems of each teacher.

Forty-five seconds was the time that it took 350 children to march out of their class rooms during a practice fire drill last Friday. The orderly conduct of the students during the drill was highly praised by the fire inspector.



# SPORTS SCRAMBLE

by WALT FUCHIGAMI

**SOFTBALL**  
The second half of the West League got under way in great style last Sunday as two initial upsets were registered via Livingston and Yolo.

This second half pennant chase is really going to be a razzle dazzle, unpredictable affair with revised lineups, imported players, and graduated "B" stars participating.

**"B" STARS?**  
What happened to the pre-season favorites? Marin with a formidable lineup--Yuba with a good all around team--Modesto with Togo Kimura--all have slipped into mediocre positions in league standing.

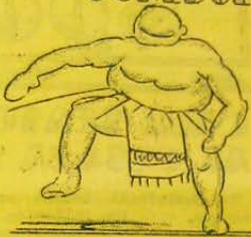
In the meantime, the "dark horses" of the league, the Sepol Indians and the Turlock Senators played tight ball, working their way unheralded to the top of the standings. Both teams owe much to their ace chuckers, Jack Otani and Johnny Mizawa, two of the finer pitchers in "B" class competition.

**BASKETBALL**  
The selected favorites of the maplewood came through with impressive wins in the opening games of this season....The Fishouse Dwarfs, (what dwarfs!) that titanic quintet, starring "Tiny" Rukuzama and Ping Oda, easily floored the Modesto Old Timers, 32-19. The hustling Modesto lads toppled Woodland to keep in the running for the "A" crown. Sepol, a "shady" entry, seems to have plenty of scoring power going on a rampage over Yuba City, 30-3.

In the "B" division, the Yocoros and the Yuba team came through with wins. Yuba with a tall, well balanced team may provide plenty of trouble.

In the "C" class, the Walnut Grove five presents a fleshy, star-studded outfit, composed of Junior High sharp-shooters, which seems to be a hard team to stop.

# THIRD SUMO TOURNAMENT SCHEDULED SAT-SUN.



The third in a series of lively Sumo Tournaments will draw its ardent supporters to the sumo pit as the brawny tusslers go to it Saturday and Sunday from 8-10 p.m. A, B, and C class champions will be competing for laurels. To the victors will go a pennant and a perpetual trophy.

With many new entries and old favorites participating, this third tourney is hailed as the best ever. Popularity of this national pastime of Japan is growing and a great crowd is expected.

## Hashimoto Stops White Sox

In a close, fast ball game, Modesto Browns defeated, the Yolo White Sox, 6-4, Tuesday.

The game developed into a pitcher's duel between "new discovery" Mark Hashimoto of the Browns, and S. Daikai of the White Sox, who relieved S. Furukawa. The former fanned 9 men, while the latter 8.

Modesto collected 9 hits, while the Yolo men got 6.

Center fielder, Calvin Ishida of the Browns lead with 3 out of 4, followed by M. Hashimoto with 2 out of 3. Right fielder S. Nakamura of Yolo had a perfect day getting 2 out of 2.

**BATTERIES**---Modesto, M. Hashimoto and K. Miyoshi. Yolo, S. Furukawa, S. Daikai and H. Yamagiwa.

## DEADLINE SET

Today is the last day that contestants can sign up for the ping pong tournament which will start tomorrow. All those who are interested, whether they are amateurs or professionals, are urged to enter at F-2-2.

There will be two divisions for the men and two for the women. The Junior class is for the 16 years old and under and the Senior, for the 17 years old and up.

An elimination tournament will be conducted according to Kay Matsuhira, chairman.

## Marble Starts

Girls and boys who aspire to be marble champions should attend marble practice. There were two groups--9-12 years old and 6-9 years old.

The marble playground is located behind the baseball fence.

**OTHER CENTERS**  
North Portland Center boasts a 9 hole golf course open to public....Tulare Center has a croquet tournament underway, also a horseshoe contest....Santa Anita is contemplating golf. A judo Tournament is in line for mat fans. Marble tournaments are held for youngsters up to 12....Amos Alonzo Stagg, C.O.P. mentor and revered sports personality was guest speaker at the Stockton Center....

## CUBS MEET SATURDAY

The Cub Field Meet will take place at the baseball park tomorrow from 9-11 a.m. The opening ceremonies will consist of the "Pledge of Allegiance," Cub Oath, law and motto, singing of "God Bless America," and an opening speech by Mike Fujimoto.

Chairman Tom Sasaki and Assistant Tak Date have arranged many varied contests. Drills, antelope race, steal the bacon, treasure hunt, relay hoop race, pyramid, leap frog relay and dragon race are scheduled.

The closing ceremonies will begin with the singing of "Goodnight Comrades," followed by cub yells and clapping. Tak Date will deliver the closing speech.

**BARN DANCE TOMORROW NIGHT**

# 'A' TEAMS VIE FOR LEAD

# Sports

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## CAGE SEASON OPENS AS CASABA STARS SHINE

**SATURDAY----**  
The National League baseball team, the Walnut Grove Browns and the Livingston Dodgers, will meet this coming Saturday, in what promised to be a thriller. Livingston squad will be favored.

Walnut Grove will field a veteran team which will put up a strong bid for victory. The Dodgers defeated the Sebastopol Giants in the first game, whereas the Braves dropped theirs to Yolo.

In the preliminary "B" League contest, the Cortez Tigers who have won two straight, will be up against stiffer opposition when they meet the Marin B's.

**SUNDAY----**  
In a pair of class "A" games Sunday, the Colusa Reds tangle with the Yolo Phillies, recent victors over Walnut Grove. Both teams will be out for a win to keep their second half slate clean. At 3 p.m. the Sepol Giants will be out to make up for their defeat at the expense of the Cortez Cubs. Cortez with new faces on the diamond may prove a tough opponent.

### TULARE VISITORS

Mr. Nils Aanonson, Center Manager of the Tulare Center, and two supervisors, Mr. G. R. Carter, service division and Mr. R. E. Caviness, personnel and records, visited here Tuesday on an inspection tour. The visitors were favorably impressed with Merced Center conditions.

The Basketball League went into action last Monday evening, with the following results:  
In the A League, Sebastopol dumped Yuba City, 30-3. A. Yamazumi and Chick Runyo of Sepol scored 8 and 7 points respectively.

Modesto A's conquered Woodland after a tough tussle, 24-20. I. Iwanaga and M. Hashimoto of Modesto got 7 and 8 respectively, while M. Yamagiwa was high for Woodland with 6 points.

In the B League, Cortez B's won by forfeit over Colusa B's; Yogores won by forfeit over Sebastopol B's.

Industrial League: Fleahouse Dwarfs trampled Modesto Old Timers, 32-19. Guard Tosh Shimizu scored 14 points, followed by Tashiro and One with 10 and 6 respectively for the Dwarfs.

Tuesday's games saw Modesto B's fall prey to the Yuba City five, 19-13. H. Noda was high man with 8 for the Yuba team. The Walnut Grove C's defeated the Sepol C's, 22-12. Kay Yamaga was high with eight points.



Wednesday evening in the A game, Kau Kau Lane defeated Woodland A, 24-16. A. Matsuno and G. Yoshiwara scored 12 and 8 points respectively to lead the Lakers. Yamazumi was the high man for Woodland with 6.

Walnut Grove A's won by forfeit over Turlock A's.

In the B game, Walnut Grove B's trampled the Turlock B's, 51-7. Jack Ito and M. Hamada scored 13 and 10 points respectively for the victors while Archie Yoshida of Turlock scored 7.

In the Industrial League, the Rambling Rocs upset the Mercedian Scoopers, 21-14. G. Yoshida, 8 points; H. Nishimura, 7, helped the Roc crew win, while Puma Sako scored 5 for the Scoopers.

Next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday again bring the League games to the public.

## CAGE Schedule

Monday, August 3, 1942  
West Court

Cortez B vs. Modesto B  
Colusa A vs. Modesto A

East Court

Yuba City B vs. Turlock B  
Yuba City A vs. Turlock A

Girls' Court

Yuba City C vs. Turlock C  
W.G. Girls vs. Colusa Girls

### BATHING FOR CHILDREN

Boys and girls who wish to bathe in water on hot days are asked to come out to the baseball diamond Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 2 to 4 p.m. Sprinklers will be on.

## EXTRA INNING RALLY NETS WIN FOR CORTEZ

The Cortez Tigers came out in the extra inning to score three runs and defeat the Courtland Yanks, 16-15, Tuesday.

The wild game was brought to a conclusion when with two men on, Cortez's star catcher, Freddie Kajioka, banged one out to the fence for a clean triple, scoring two mates. Kinoto followed with a fluky hit on the third base line to bring in the winning tally.

The Tigers banged out 14 hits and the Yanks 11. The

out come of the game was never known until the final out, as the two teams battled on even terms.

For Cortez, Tom Kajioka, 3rd sacker, got a triple, double and two singles in 4 tries. For the Yanks, George Iseri lead with a triple and 2 singles and John Tsuruta got two for four.

BATTERIES--Cortez, Y. Yotsuya, J. Shiro, T. Sugiura, R. Kitagawa and F. Kajioka. Courtland, G. Matsuda and M. Hamada.