

"I'LL EARN RESPECT"—BLACK



A man of varied occupations—such has been the career of Mr. Harry L. Black, Center manager. Before coming here, he helped organize the Menzies Center. Previous to that, he was WPA administrator and personnel trainer at Washington, D.C.; school teacher, supt. of a military school, army officer, and Boy Scout executive.

He received his sheepskin at Colorado College in 1912. While there he played football and was a distance runner. He also was editor of the university paper.

Black saw foreign soil when he served overseas in the last World War as Capt. of the 89th Infantry Div.

His hobbies include dogs, cats and gardening. His home is in Burbank, where his wife now resides.

IN SYMPATHY

Condolences extended to the family of Chiyoko Hashimoto, 16, who died Wed. afternoon. She is survived by Mr. and Mrs. R.G. Hashimoto, Takako and Masatoshi Hashimoto, Sato, 67, school teacher, died Tuesday. Funeral services were held Thursday.

It is with the utmost humility and sense of obligation and responsibility that I have assumed the duties of Manager of Merced Center. The sense of obligation and responsibility is all the greater because I recognize the splendid organizational work which had been carried on by the coordinated and cooperative efforts of the Japanese residents and the Center staff under the leadership of Mr. Miller. The values which have grown out of your united endeavors are too important to be disrupted by serious changes in management.

It was a fortunate circumstance to me that I could work for a time with Mr. Miller prior to his departure. This experience, undoubtedly, will be of advantage to all of us who are concerned, and it is my aspiration to provide, to the limit of my ability, the kind of leadership that will continue the excellent programs already initiated; and to undertake new efforts for the welfare of our entire community.

In these efforts, nothing could make me happier than to earn and retain the same respect, confidence and support on all hands that Mr. Miller counted his greatest blessing here. I realize this attitude must be earned, cannot be demanded. I propose to earn it.

With these thoughts in mind, I undertake the responsibilities of my job, confident that our combined efforts will provide for all of us the kind of community we wish to have at Merced Center. We must make our work reflect credit on us, and provide satisfaction to Mr. Miller to



DR. HIGAKI

The first voice of inspiration and confidence in a familiar language came to us from Dr. Higaki, formerly of SF. As we entered, his words of greeting gave us a striking faith in our new life.

As Commissioner of Welfare, he was the first to be here.

The splendid cooperative spirit between the WCCA officials and the American-Japanese are the result of Dr. Higaki's unselfish efforts. Making this center an example of Americanism is his object to show the gratitude of the Japanese people.

Dr. Higaki has resided 43 years in US. Graduating the UC Dental College in 1910, he practiced 32 yrs. in the fog city. He is the oldest UC graduate here. Organizer of the N.Y. Japanese Dental Ass., he tutored and inspired 7 apprentices into outstanding dental personnels.

His family consists of his wife and two sons, David and Paul.

Casting the line for a big catch is his greatest pastime.

compensate for the necessity of leaving us.
HARRY L. BLACK
Center Manager

Editorial

In this Center we have a cross-section of a typical American community—a democratic assembly of personages representing every walk of our routine life; and, furthermore, we have something definitely in common. No one can deny that, after all is said and done, we are "In the Same Boat."

It needs no fancy rhetorics to convince you that our boat is as frail as an egg-shell and crowded to the crows' nest. In plain words, "THERE'S STANDING ROOM ONLY."

The rich and the poor, the banker and the beggar—none of them has reservation.

5,000 passengers crowded in a ship which has a capacity of less than that—you can get some idea about the great strain under which this good ship Merced Center is sailing.

It takes but a fractional degree of tilting to throw the ship off balance, leading to destruction on the rock of discord.

Remember, there is not even elbow room on this crowded ship. Instruction to passengers should read: "Don't poke your fist out—it might land on your own face." If your head is getting just a bit too big for the hat you have been wearing at home—a larger hat will not remedy it. Instead, take out some of that "hot air" in that area of the swollen compartment.

We have set our compass on just one guiding landmark and that keystone is marked HARMONY—if we miss it, the ship is lost at sea. So far the sailing has been smooth.

Let us not forget this—
"DO NOT ROCK THE BOAT."

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HELLO DEAR

Something new has been added to the Administration home front in the personage of Mrs. Steve Schramm and of Mrs. Dwight Darrow, who arrived in Merced to join their husbands, last Thursday. Mrs. Schramm arrived from Salt Lake City, while Mrs. Darrow gave up the cool and invigorating breezes of SF to join her better half.

MAYBE GO...

Evacuees who wish to transfer to the same relocation center as their relatives will only get this chance if it is for the purpose of reuniting members of the immediate family, who were domiciled together, prior to being evacuated.

This is the last statement issued by the SF office.

LIBRARY OPENS TODAY--2-5 PM

Round the Center...

'Notice---We have changed from the Good Neighbor Policy to the Isolationist. In other words--Keep Out!!'

This proclamation, plus others just as dogmatic, is carefully affixed to the exterior of "Plaza de Esquire", unique back-quarters located in Ward H (look for it yourself, huh!), which proves beyond a doubt that a sense of humor is one item that few internees left "at home."

Other provocative name-plates are 'Lonky Palace,' 'Bachelors' Paradise,' 'Tar Paper Palace,' 'Paradise Inn,' 'Reno, the Littlest Big City.....'

Among the many makeshift rock, vegetable and flower

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SCHOOL AGAIN!

Close to 1,000 students registered in various classes since the opening of school, according to Dr. Terami, head of education.

There are 43 teachers teaching 30 different subjects. The classes are informal and no academic credit will be given.

with "Taxie" Kusunoki

gardens currently adorning Center de Merced are 2 unusually attractive and unique gardens located in A and J Wards.

Some features of local horticultural display include gladiolus, 'mums,' cactus, morning glories, nasturtiums and geraniums.

Tomatoes, radishes, peppers, beans, squash and the 'hold-your-nose-kids' vegetable, the odious onion--are a familiar sight.

Without sliding into sloppy sentimentalism, it can, nevertheless, be said that evacuees see a special kind of beauty in every thin geranium and in every smelly scallion that helps create a feeling of 'home'.

Draft Signup—

Men, from 18-20 years old, incl., and who have not registered before will sign up for the draft under the Selective Service Act on Tues. June 30.

Registrars will be in the Ad. Bldg. from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.



GO HAS 'IT

There must be a reason why the Go and Shogi recreation room is filled to capacity each day.

According to Mr. Kobayashi in charge, the game of Go has come from China. About 7 centuries ago, politician Abe played the first game with the Chinese and returned to introduce the game in Japan.

The reason for its popularity seems to be the strategy of the individual ability to out-wit his opponent. Mental calculation, foresight and reasoning power are the basic talents needed to be an expert.

The ranks are from shodan (first) to hachi dan (eighth). There are 3 shodans in the professional class here. They are Messrs. Yoshino of LA, Kawasaki of Mod., and Kobayashi of Cortez.

SWEET 'N LOW

A concert will be presented by the mixed chorus in the near future with Frances Tsuchiya conducting.

Selections will include popular songs, negro spirituals and semi-classics.

All those interested are invited to attend on Tues. and Thurs. from 7-9 p.m. in the Center Rec. Hall.

More instrumentalists are wanted by the orchestra and studio band. Those with brass, clarinet, string and arrangement experience are needed by the studio band group.

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VARIETY USHERS SOURCE



Take tonight!

Sound films obtained from the UC Extension group will be shown this evening at 8 o'clock in the Ad. Bldg.

The pictures, include "Stephen Foster," Cal. Giants (trees), Falling Waters of Yosemite and Aesop Fables, 'a nursery scandal' or substitute selections if these are not available.

If the crowd cannot be accommodated at one show, the same group of films will be shown the next night.

Ballet Dancers

Men qualified as ballet dance partners may now put their talents to practice.

For details go to F-2-2.

ENJOY RECREATION ACTIVITIES

The first baby, a girl, born June 5, and reported unnamed at time of first publication of this paper, has been named Patricia Kazuko Agatsuma.

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

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Before a huge crowd of 4,000 people, the first talent show was held under the chairmanship of C. Kameyatsu at the huge ball park.

Considering the fact that no auditions were given, the program was surprisingly well-balanced.

Among the great number of talents the feature attractions were 12-year old S. Ioka, a talented pianist and the famed nisei Kate Smith, Sumi Kawamura.

Other honorable mentions were: The studio band, numbers by Ben Kuraya, Reiko Habu, Ralph Sugimoto, Misses Lily and Chieko Nagatoshish, Teruo Uyemoto, Terry Mae Murakami, Jiro Sumida, Aki Yoshimura, Hideo Fukugawa, M. Suyeoka, Isaac Matsushige, H. Sagara, Tom Honda, Dorothy Sato, and Eri Mizutani.

The communities with the outstanding talents were Walnut Grove and Woodland.

In conclusion, Jack Noda, on behalf of the people of the Center, presented a gift to Mr. Dean Miller, who left for Idaho on Mon.

LOCK DOORS!

All residents are advised to take down the Case No. of all their valuable articles for future reference in case they are lost or stolen.

According to W.H. Bachman this is the only way a check-up can be made by the police department.

Residents are also asked to padlock doors everytime they go out.

Comm. Art Class

Want to learn about Commercial Art? If so, contact Sakae Kawashiri, in F-2-2. A class is open to all those interested in learning the fundamentals of lettering and layouts.

Classes are held on Mon. Wed. and Fri. from 7:30-8:30 p.m.

CLAIM YOUR P.O. ARTICLES

Working in a far corner of the Ad. Bldg. is a group of "behind the scenes men". They are the ones who bring us news from the outside.

Four clerks, one, Chester Ogi, postmaster, and 3 men sort thousands of letters daily. 7 mail carriers give prompt and courteous service.

According to Mr. Ogi, there is a daily average of about 100 lbs. of letters, both incoming and outgoing or approximately 1600 letters. Parcel post and express packages average 1000 lbs.

Items range from iron-boards to candy resubbling fresh fish. One interesting package was the super-order of Fitch shampoo-----someone is going to have 50 lbs. of it.

Unclaimed parcels include a package to a Mr. S. Kawashima from Bernhard.

The postmaster wishes to stress that the duty of his staff is to give quick efficient service.

On Monday, June 1, the cashier sold \$81 worth of postage stamps. The daily average totals \$50.

One day's sale of defense bonds totaled \$450.

Contrary to rumors, COD packages may be sent in if they do not contain contraband. Evacuoes are asked not to have packages sent in by railway express unless it is pre-paid. Items sent in by parcel post come in one day sooner.

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O.K. on Posters

Even if you are artistically inclined-----please do not tack up posters of your own creation! Please don't remove posters to decorate your own 'Home Sweet Home'.

Posters must be written in English only and must be approved by Mr. Mitchell before being posted anywhere in the Center.

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JOINS FAMILY

Harry Matsushita, who was confined in a Sac'to hospital when his family evacuated, joined his relatives Saturday.

FIRST AID

With accidents occurring so frequently, police dept. and recreation leaders are attending first-aid classes.

At present, they are learning the fundamentals to apply in case of emergency in their respective areas.

The instructors are



Scoutmasters Jim Miyano and George Tashiro.

Everyone is asked to cooperate with the Recreation Dept. leaders in eliminating the injury hazard out on the ball field.

Spectators are asked to sit in the grandstand or bleachers.

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KEEP YOUR \$

"Do not collect money from friends," warned Mr. Mitchell who is clamping down on series of collecting fivers which will eventually drain the already-burdened money bag.

"You will need all the money you have with you when you get re-located elsewhere, and we do not want you to go out broke," he emphasized.

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IN MEMORIAL

Sympathies are extended to the relatives of Mr. K. Tabata, 50, who died Fri. evening after a lingering illness. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Tabata and 2 daughters, Mrs. Elsie Hashimoto and Elma Noguchi.

Memorial services were held Sat. in the Center Church with Rev. Haratani officiating.

The last rites were conducted by Rev. Yahiro on Sun. afternoon in the Ad. Bldg.

BANK DAYS ANNOUNCED

Two representatives from the First National Bank and Bank of America will have office hours on Tues. and Fri. from 9-10 a.m. to accommodate the evacuees.

They will cash checks and receive deposits at office located at Ad. Bldg.

Mr. Johnson, representative of the Fed. Res. Bank, will assist residents with settling business affairs on Monday, Wed. and Fri. from 1-2 p.m. He will also act as a notary public.

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100 GALS. PER-

'100 gallons of water per person are being used daily' Mr. T. Konno, head of the sanitation dept., declared.

It is very obvious what that amounts to when there are over 4,500 people in this Center. We all must use the least amount of water possible.

In a crowded community, the sewage system is not ample; therefore, we must cooperate by keeping it clean.

Equipment in shower rooms are not playthings and it should be strictly left alone. Also, individuals washing heads in laundries should see that the remaining residue is cleaned.

If these rules are not followed, more strict ones shall be enforced.

Full cooperation with the sanitation dept. for the safety and welfare of our health is very vital.

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GIRL ATHLETES

Recreation for the fairer sex is now underway. Each morning from 9:15 to noon there are supervisors at the south end of ball park to conduct athletic activities of the feminine type.

When the full equipment arrives, batball, volleyball, basketball, tumbling, badminton, ping pong, croquet and horseshoes will be added to the girls' sport events. All girls are welcomed to participate.

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DON'T MISS THE
NEXT TALENT SHOW
TUESDAY EVENING

TEAMS SELECTED TOILES...

BONECRUSHERS

A paradise for the girls' admiration of men with Herculean torso and strength is the nitely sumo practice at the ball field.

Big Geo. Fuchiyama, instructor, has 40 students, large and small, twisting-contorting each other --- as the Issai cheer the old Japanese sport.

A tournament with prizes for the winners will be staged soon according to chun. Sakamoto.

Twilite Meet

Due to conflicting activities, the Merced Olympics may be a twilight affair. The date will be announced later. Several contests will be staged each nite throughout the week.

CENTER GOVT.

A committee of two, Dr. Higaki and Jack Noda are considering plans for election of center ward representatives.

They will also suggest candidate recommendations. As soon as action is taken by the present temporary ward group, election plans will be underway.

The constitution by which this Center will be governed will be set up by the newly-elected body.

ATTENTION!

Parents are asked to keep small boys out of the showers after 3 p.m. This is to prevent waste of water and also to have hot water for the workers.

Schedules

All managers and players of each softball and baseball team are asked to take notice of the schedules posted at mess halls and the recreation office.....

As the various team managers met, the names were selected for the National and American League members.

The respective leagues are as follows:

NATIONAL LEAGUE OR "A"	
COLUSA.....	REDS
LIVINGSTON.....	DODGERS
WALNUT GROVE.....	BRAVES
CORTEZ.....	CUBS
YOLO.....	PHILLIES
SEBASTOPOL.....	GIANTS
AMERICAN LEAGUE OR "B"	
COURTLAND.....	YANKIES
YUBA CITY.....	RED SOX
MARIN.....	ATHLETICS
TURLOCK.....	SENATORS
YOLO.....	WHITE SOX
MODESTO.....	BROWNS
SEBASTOPOL.....	INDIANS
CORTEZ.....	TIGERS

GIANTS WIN



A nip and tuck tussle started the National League baseball debut.

Altho' out hit 11-6, the timely hitting of the Sebastopol Giants nosed out the Livingston Dodgers 5-4, Sunday.

K. Ohki of the Dodgers starred at the plate with 4 hits in 4 tries. One of his hits bounced over the backfield fence for a home-run.

Batteries---GIANTS, M. Arishita, G. Otani and T. Ono; DODGERS, H. Makita and K. Ohki.

COSTLY SHOWER

\$280 is the price paid for 5 min. under a shower.

A certain resident of Ward H will have a costly "I was there" story to tell his grandchildren, as a result of taking his fat roll of green-backs to the shower room.

There's a big reward out for it, but to date no Mr. Diogenes has shown up.

Sparkie are flying at the firehouse, as the aggressive firemen-horseshoe artists take on the stiffest opponents with sophisticated ease. This item is served to see the day when the cockiness is beaten out of the confident firefighters.

Predictions are questionable, as the six evenly matched National League teams make a mad scramble for the gonfalon. Teams formerly of the NC class-A are WC' Braves and Sp. Giants, both weakened by regulars missing from last year.

Liv.-Dodgers, Class "B" champs for 7 yrs., and Cortez Cubs are strengthened to have equal rating. Yolo and Colusa looked good in practice tilts.

A keen interest and rivalry predominate the outcome of this pennant chase. May the best teams win.

The injuries occurring on the athletic fields are creating a problem. To carry on the sports activities as liberally as possible, it would be a good slogan for every player or spectator to look out for himself.

Softball RULES-

1. No player can change from one team to another team after he plays in one league game.

2. All players who have not reached their 18th year on June 8, are eligible for "B" softball competition.

3. First game must start play at 6:30 p.m. The team not having 10 players at this deadline shall forfeit the game to their opponent.

4. Only regulation softball shoes may be used in league play by any player.

"Too hot!"—Noda



Sweltering weather caused "man mountain" Jack Noda to postpone the wrestling challenge of "broadside" Woodside for a fairer day.

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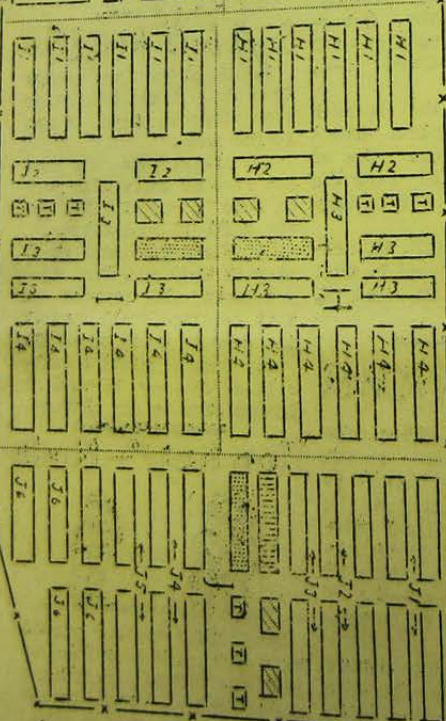
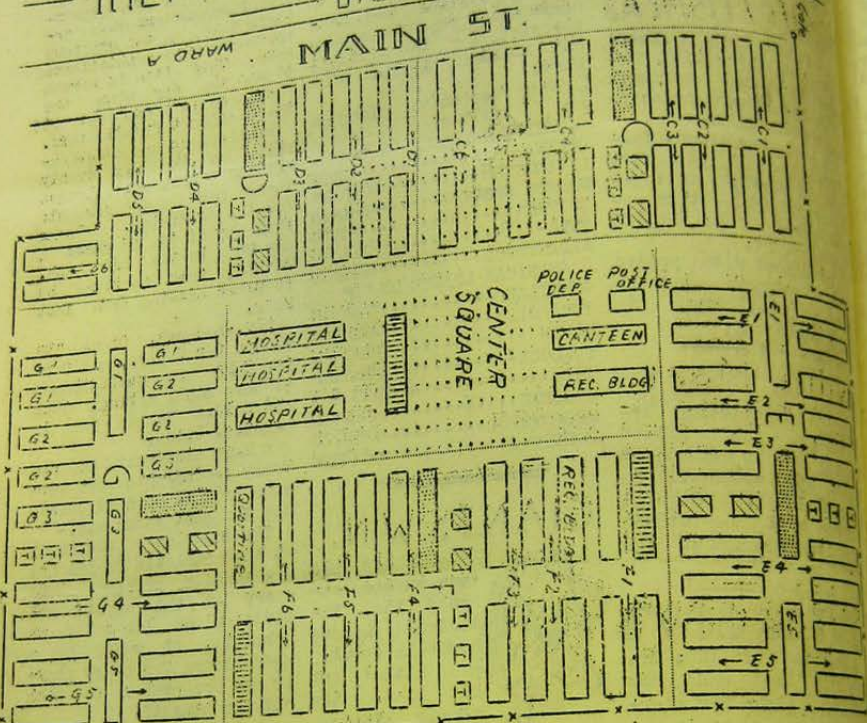
FORMAL MAP OF MERCED ASSEMBLY CENTER

PART 2

WARD A

MAIN ST.

WARD B



by Sumao Torakawa
and Richard Okuda

— LAUNDRY

— SHOWER

— MESS HALL

