

# JULY 2 SET FOR GRADS

More than 155 graduates from various schools will be honored with sheepskins on July 2, according to the latest program released.

A wide interpretation was given to the status of prospective graduates to include those pupils and students who would have received their diplomas had they not been evacuated.

It is not necessary to have diplomas from schools to be eligible for graduation exercises on July 2. Dr. Terami will interview students under this classification.

A huge dance open to the public will honor the graduates on July 4 followed by a social for elementary graduates.

## come on, stags

All stags and stagettes of high school age will be permitted to attend tomorrow night's dance at the Administration Building from 7:30 to 10 p.m.

The dance committee asks for full cooperation in your conduct at the dance as this will determine the policy of future dances.

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## ELECTION VOID!

### march of time

Movies, which are designed for both the old and young, will be shown tonight at the Grandstand at 9 o'clock. Previous to this, Rev. Hashimoto will lead the audience in community singing, beginning at 8:30 p.m.

Selections to be shown are "March of Time--Uncle Sam, the Good Neighbor," "The Adventures of Bunny Rabbit", "Freischultz Overture", and "Conquest of the Air." All movies will be sound.

### NIMONGO BOOKS TABOO!

On the list of things taboo was added all books and magazines written in Japanese. However, the Bible and hymn books are an exception to the rule.

Because of revised instructions received from the WCCA Office in San Francisco on Thursday morning, the results of the election held on Wednesday evening have been annulled. See Tuesday's issue of the Mercedian for full details.

### break for issei

Two full pages of Japanese news has been added to the "Free Press", the Manzanar center newspaper, beginning June 18.

The only Japanese language news, carried among the 15 old journals, printed news of general interest and featured the industry of camouflage net-making now undertaken in the settlement.

## TO LOVE, HONOR, CHERISH...



The first nuptial rites of Merced Center came to light in a gala fashion when Norman Taro Satow took Miss Margaret Miura as his pretty June bride.

The wedding, officiated by Rev. Harvey of the Merced Presbyterian Church, was held at the Administration Building.

Over 200 relatives and friends greeted the couple at the elaborate reception which followed.

Josephine Miura, sister of the bride, was maid of honor while Herman Kishi was best man.

Mrs. Satow is formerly of Monterey, where she was the clerk in a Carniel Gift shop. She is now employed in the Administration Building as secretary to Dwight Darrow. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Miura.

Satow is from Livingston and is now chief steward of mess halls. He is the son of Mrs. Roku Satow.

The newly-wedded couple are now honeymooning on Broadway.

## are you there?

The daily check-up of residents, following in the steps of other centers, began here with 7-8 p.m. reserved for ward monitors to complete the check-up.

A very liberal allowance will be made so that the 'nose counting' will not interfere with other activities, it was officially stated.

## last rites

Last rites for Kakuzo Kifura, 62, will be conducted this morning at 9:30 o'clock in the Administration Building.

He died Tuesday evening after a stroke. He is formerly of Modesto.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Kifura, and children, George, Togo, Harumi, Asayo, Sotsubo and grandchild, Georgianna.



# HERE'S HOW WE DO IT



"I WANNA LIVE HERE!"

Here is a letter written from the inside which appeared in "The Mill Valley Record" of recent date. It was written by "Scoop" Merced.

## Improvements On Hospital

Extensive alterations are now underway at the hospital. Carpenters are building ramps between the three buildings. A centralized kitchen is being constructed in #3. Building #1 will be for the administrative staff, clinic and emergency cases. Patients are confined in #2.

Residents are asked not to consult the doctors for unnecessary minor ailments. Clinic hours are from 2-5 P.M. daily, except Saturday and Sunday.

Medical supplies have been ordered and are expected to arrive in the near future.

"Morning feed is ok, cause they give coffee. Afternoon feed is no good because no coffee. They have a wire fence around the company."

"When we eat, we stand in line. If you not have a ticket you not eat. You buy soda and newspapers with tickets."

"Everyday new people in, pretty soon it will full. It was not last everybody had to take their clothes because was llo one day. It rained hard and every place flooded."

"I got lost three times so I asked the guy with 'P' on his arm and showed me my place."

## NO MORE POPS!

Suppose the above sign was posted in front of the Canteen on some hot afternoon....What a lot of heads there would be. Don't get excited!! The sign isn't there YET.

Like other Center stores something must be done about those pop bottles lying around the yard, under the bed and in every remote corner of the Center. The Boy and Girl Scouts have been collecting them by the hundreds, but that is not the way it should be done.

What are YOU DOING ABOUT IT?

## Official Notices

### COD INSPECTION

If you receive COD packages in the mail, items will be inspected by the interior police from 10:45-11:45 a.m. and 1-2 p.m.

### SELECTIVE SERVICE

Tuesday, June 30, is the day that all men from 18-20 years old, inclusive, will register for the Selective Service. Registrars will be in the Administration building from 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

### SENTRY, NOT POSTMAN

Since mail boxes are located in each ward office, residents are asked not to give letters to the sentry to post. They are not a part of the US Postal Department.

### WATER! WATER!

This is really serious!! The drain pit under the faucets located here and there have been dug and filled with gravel. Now nobody knows what happened to the knobs or handles which were removed from the faucets.

Persons having same in their possession, please return them to the ward office at once.

"STAGS AND DOES" ARE WELCOME AT THE DANCE SATURDAY.

Natural attachment of a lonesome puppy to the loving carress of a young lad transcended all Army rules. Wading thru a heap of garbage, scathing barbed-wire fence and sentry, this little "inu"--a living hanger of a long-parted pet successfully entered this veritable "animal-paradise" last week. The huge reception which followed can be easily imagined as a small mob of youngsters immediately began claiming the canine visitor.

In less time than it takes to say "Richard Mitchell", at least half the neighborhood kids were kissing and petting the condescending little "inu", as all small tots will do.

How long did this drama last? Not very long, for the dutiful "green pt" (policeman to you, please) soon took charge; but only after a great deal of chasing, howling and coercion did the protesting "inu" let itself be taken. The howls of protest from the children's row lingered for hours.

For special information to the kiddies whose short-lived dreams did a mean fadeout, it may be of interest to know that their little "inu" is in custody of the Merced City Pound.

## to tulelake?

Evacuees who would like to transfer to Tulelake to be with other members of the immediate family are asked to include the following information in their request:

1. Names of all members of the family desiring the transfer, ages, weight and height.
2. The names of relatives with whom they wish to be united and the relationship. Of course, these transfers will only be granted if family members were domiciled prior to being evacuated.

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*Moving Reporter*  
by Guyeo Sako

Who would believe there is a gold mine in this Center? Yes, there is at the Center PO where facts and figures prove that approximately \$1,000 a day of money orders and COD's pass out of this Center. That tremendous amount is certainly not what is commonly termed "chicken feed".

**GOOD GOING**

Down in Recreation Building #2, where the Issel-Kibei English classes are held from 1:30-4 p.m., our mothers are fighting the heat and attempting to learn the puzzling English language. Thus far they have learned the alphabet.

**THOSE BOTTLES AGAIN**

There are still too many soda bottles lying around and everyone should return them. It certainly wouldn't surprise your reporter if strict regulations were enforced.

**PITY POOR 'EM'**

Those individuals who make wise remarks about our hard-working police force should have their heads examined. One should realize the longsome hours they spend patrolling the Center while we attend the recreational activities at the baseball park.

**nize, eh what**

The familiar sights our hometown parades that caused the crowd to "Ah!" and "Oh!" are now in the making. Gracefully prancing drum majors and majorettes may soon be beating their front street in rhythmic step, as there is a call for persons interested in this activity.

In room F-2-10, Saturday morning from 10:30, Bette Sato will conduct a meeting to organize this activity.

**FRED ARIMOTO**

Fred Arimoto was elected president of the Christian Endeavor group recently.

Assisting him with activities are Emiko Hinoki, vice president and George Kashiwase, sec'ty-treas.

**BOYS' HULA A PANIC**



"TEACHING IS FUN"

"Teaching the Kibei English class is fun," so admits instructor Dave S. Sugimoto, "because they are engrossed in their lessons and their IQ is naturally higher than other groups."

Word pronouncing is their chief difficulty and much time is devoted in that line. Among the 27 students now attending classes, the oldest is 55 years and the youngest is 20.

Miss Miyo Masuda is in charge of the women Kibei class with an enrollment of more than 60. The object is Americanization and good citizenship.

**10 Move In**

Ten evacuees from Marysville and Sacramento joined their families Tuesday.

Noboru Murakami, an ex-Medestan, coming from Marysville, was united with his family.

Miss Dorothy Kawamoto and family, also from Marysville, came to join her father, G. Seo.

Confined in a Sacramento hospital when the family evacuated, Mitsuru Uyamoto joined the family.

Mrs. Taka Shimada and baby from Sacramento also were united.

**rec. fund grows**

A liberal contribution from the Miss C. Hashimoto Memorial Fund added \$75 to the Education and Recreational Department resources.

The Recreation fund also increased by \$28 as a result of passing the "let's chip in" can at the last talent night program.

The highlight of Tuesday night's talent program was the guest artist, Mrs. E.T. Martin, who gave several vocal selections which received a tremendous applause.

The roof-raising, comical performance was put on by the J moss Hall quartet of Kawamura, Matsuioka, Watanabe and Kinoshita. Honorable mention goes to the odori by Mrs. M. Higaki and vocal selections by Sumi Kawamura.

A record crowd of over 4,000 people jammed the Grandstand and bleachers for the event. Master of ceremonies was Buddy Iwata.

**orange juice!**

Pre-school nursery tots do not have to go to their respective mess halls as orange juice is served at classes at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

New phonograph records were purchased by the recreation department for tots and rubber balls were donated by individuals.

**WOODCRAFT NOTES**

Instructor Lydia Tanji announced that equipment and materials for the wood craft classes have arrived.

Everyone interested should go to Ward A, Recreation Building #2.

**YBA officers**

Leaders elected to head the Young Buddhist activities are Aki Yoshimura; president, Mona Hirooka; vice president; Den Nishida, second vice-pres., Chizu Kanda, corres; secretary; Utaka Adachi, recording sec'ty; Sam Kurihara, treas; Aiko Tomiye, SS supt; Minoru Yonchita, research; Thelma Yatabe, public relations; Mary Kai, social chrmn; and Jean Sueoka, social chrmn.

**IN APPRECIATION**

Harry Isamu Nakano and his sisters and brothers express their deep gratitude to their many friends who were so kind to them in their hour of bereavement.



## SUMO TOURNEY OPENS

**SOFTBALL BATTERS**  
The outcome of the pennant chase in the class "A" softball seems to be coming to light. Although the Livingson ten winning over the probable contender in Colusa, Yuba and Sebastopol, have only Cortez and Yolo who may upset them. Cortez, also on the undefeated column, may be the team to beat.

In the "B" competition, Yuba City, Sebastopol and Yolo will be fighting to keep their top position. This race is still a wide open affair, although the Yuba City leads seem to be a hard bunch of players to stop.

With heavy sluggers dominating the line-up, the Transportation boys are taking the Industrial League teams with ease. But the G-men of the Sanitation office have a rugged way of winning games and may give the truck drivers a little trouble.

### TWINGLE TOES

The Marced Twilight Olympic committee is having a headache in planning the event, but is assured that the affair will be held as soon as the track equipment arrives.

As the evacuation and curfew laws hindered the Mised cinder stars to perform the past season, this track and field program will give them an opportunity and the public a chance to uncover the trackstars.

### judo-yawara

Judo enthusiasts are asked to contact F-2-2, or Mr. Sakamoto, G-4-8.

Yawara fans are to see George Nakano, E-2-3.

### can be had

Athletic equipment may be taken out by anyone for playground activities. The equipment box is at diamond #2.

James Kubochi will be there to check out the necessities.

AT LAST THE MUCH PUBLICIZED HODA-WOODSIDE BEEF-TOSSING BOU WILL TAKE PLACE. WATCH FOR NEXT ISSUE.

### browns top lge.

The Modesto Browns eked a 13-12 victory over the Cortez Tigers to take the American League leadership.

Yul Yotsuya, who did so well against the Turlock Senators, failed to stop the hard socking bats of the Browns. The Tigers were outhit, 11-8.

Modesto's first sacker, James Miyashima, snacked the horseshoe pellet over the left-center field fence with two on board. He is the first "B" leaguer and second batter that cleared the ball over the fence top.

S. Urekubo of the Browns banged out a double and two singles to take the batting honor of the day.

**BATTERIES**--Modesto: Shibusawa, Ogawa and Iwanaga; Cortez: Yotsuya and Kubo.

### how they stand

| NATIONAL LEAGUE     |       | W | L |
|---------------------|-------|---|---|
| CORTEZ CUBS         | ----- | 1 | 0 |
| SEBASTOPOL GIANTS   | ----- | 1 | 0 |
| COLUSA REDS         | ----- | 1 | 0 |
| LIVINGSION DODGERS  | ----- | 0 | 1 |
| WALNUT GROVE BRAVES | ----- | 0 | 1 |
| YOLO PHILLIES       | ----- | 0 | 1 |

| RESULTS |       |    |          |      |   |
|---------|-------|----|----------|------|---|
| CUBS    | ----- | 10 | BRAVES   | ---- | 9 |
| GIANTS  | ----- | 5  | DODGERS  | ---- | 4 |
| REDS    | ----- | 15 | PHILLIES | ---- | 3 |

| AMERICAN LEAGUE    |       |   |   |
|--------------------|-------|---|---|
| MODESTO BROWNS     | ----- | 2 | 0 |
| TURLOCK SENATORS   | ----- | 1 | 0 |
| MARIN ATHLETICS    | ----- | 1 | 0 |
| YUBA CITY RED SOX  | ----- | 1 | 0 |
| YOLO WHITE SOX     | ----- | 0 | 1 |
| COURTLAND YANKEE   | ----- | 0 | 1 |
| SEBASTOPOL INDIANS | ----- | 0 | 1 |
| CORTEZ TIGERS      | ----- | 0 | 2 |

| GIRLS SOFTBALL    |       |   |   |
|-------------------|-------|---|---|
| SEBASTOPOL        | ----- | 2 | 0 |
| LIVINGSION-CORTEZ | ----- | 2 | 0 |
| YUBA CITY         | ----- | 1 | 0 |
| YOLO              | ----- | 1 | 1 |
| WINTERS           | ----- | 0 | 1 |
| COLUSA            | ----- | 0 | 1 |
| MODESTO           | ----- | 0 | 3 |
| WALNUT GROVE      | ----- | 0 | 0 |

**CORRECTION**  
Claude Kennedy, supply supt, was omitted from the admin. staff list.

Fans and contestants alike are looking forward to the tournament of sumo muscle men set for tomorrow afternoon at ball park from 2-5 p.m.

There will be 160 contestants in the A, B, and children's classifications, wrestling to win the crowns of the old Japanese sport. Useful everyday needs will be the element to inspire the tenders.

The ever energetic ranging from 9-15 years will start the event. 25 tusslers will compete in Class "C". With 75 participants, the "B" division anticipated to give a day's affair. Palms (coach), Hanisaki, Mori, Hirigahara, Miyadogawa, Shimada, Yama and Matsuda are scheduled to compete for the varsity honor.

The Sumo Committee headed by Mr. Tsugawa and Sakamoto are planning tournaments.

### week's schedule

| LEAGUE     | TIME | DATE      |
|------------|------|-----------|
| Mess Hall  | 7:00 | Tues.     |
|            | 8:00 | Mon. Wed. |
| Industrial | 7:00 | Mon. Wed. |
| Married    | 8:00 | Tues.     |

### MEDIATION BOARD

A Board of Directors formed to arbitrate league issues to be clarified. They are Claude Kawaoka, B. Takamata, Otani, G. Tashiro, H. Toronaka, M. Hoshino, Matsuda, T. Kimura, Sasabuchi and K. Ono.

### CIGARS PASSED OUT

Cigars via long distance were passed out at Ward by Mr. Kanki formerly Mill Valley who became proud grandfather of a boy on "father's day" daughter, now Mrs. S. chiya, of Arizona, birth to a son.