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CAMP QUOTA NEARLY FILLED

HOLLYWOOD STAR IN CAMP

Performing feats beyond our realm such as slapping Gene Tierney in the face or helping kill Bette Davis and being paid off for his "dirty work" has been but mere routine for Mr. Tetsu Komai, Hollywood's leading Japanese actor, now residing at the Tulare Assembly Center.

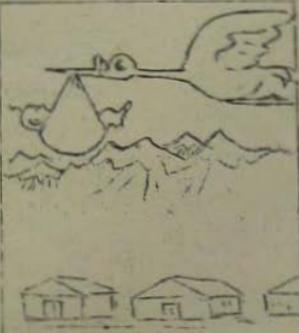
More recently, Komai has been seen on the screen alongside such stars as Bette Davis and Herbert Marshall in "The Letter" or in "Sundown," acting with such prominent members of the movie colony as Gene Tierney, Bruce Cabot, George Sanders and Reginald Gardiner.

His screen career has gained momentum ever since his initial appearance with Rudolph Valentino, "America's great lover of the screen."

Immediately following World War No. 1 Komai faced an uncertain future. Penniless and jobless, he worked at odd jobs during his first few years in America.

His big break came from an artist friend in Seattle who at the time was member of the little theater group. Following his role with Valentino, Komai portrayed one of the villains in the "Thief of Bagdad." Bigger and better roles were immediately in the offering with the portrayal of a Negro chieftain in "The Road To Glory" which starred Gary Cooper, winner of the coveted Academy Award last year.

Moviegoers will undoubtedly remember Komai as the half human, half dog character in the "Isle of Lost Souls" which starred Charles Laughton, and also as the Hawaiian chief with Claudette Colbert in "Four Frightened People." (Don't see page 3 col 2)



STORK PAYS VISIT

Another Douglas MacArthur, Jr.? No, but.....

A strapping nine pounder breaks into print as the big moment arrived at 9:15 a.m. Thursday, May 14, to Mr. and Mrs. Nakashima Nakashima of Oxnard.

The proud parents haven't reached a decision yet as to a suitable name for the boy, as the paper goes to press, but the nameless lad still carries the coveted title of being the first to be born here in Tulare Assembly Center.

Baby Nakashima is the sixth addition to the family list, which consists of Kunio 11, Tadashi 7, Hiroshi 5, Nobuko 4, and Tochio 2.

NOTICE TO PARENTS!

All mothers interested in having a Nursery School, please register Monday and Tuesday, May 18th and 19th at the Tulare Home Office, (Barrett C-3).

With approximately 4555 evacuees now in camp, the quota for this center has almost been filled. With about 250 arriving Wednesday, and 545 and 525 coming Thursday and Friday respectively, our community has finally reached a nearly completed state.

Although there will be no more large groups coming in, a few more will come in to fill out the complete quota.

The estimated figures of arrivals from each locality are as follows: Between April 27 and 30, 1232 came from the Santa Maria Valley, and 1180 from the Santa Barbara Ventura areas.

From the Gardena-Compton area, 1097 people arrived between May 1 and 9.

The latest arrivals are from the Pasadena district, and they number 1510.

SALT PILLS TO BLITZ HEAT

To counter-attack cases of heat exhaustion which will be the result of the hot days, when the temperature rises above 90 degrees, everyone should take at least one sodium chloride tablet with each glass of water.

Doctor T. Watanabe states that failure to take these tablets will result in too many cases, which will necessitate adding salt to the drinking water.

Booklets of tablets may be secured in each Mess Hall or at the Hospital Dispensary.

S.M., elite typewriter wanted by the Tulare News.

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TEMPORARY COUNCIL CLARIFIES PROBLEMS

The second meeting of the temporary Tulare Center Council was held last Monday night to discuss some of the outstanding problems concerning this camp.

In order to improve this camp, distribution of the units, unit offices will be established, unit handles to handle the packages and letters for each individual section.

A unit headquarters will be set up to handle all problems concerning each section. Unit heads will be the representatives of that section to the local government.

Owing to the uneven distribution of persons in the distribution halls, it is requested that all persons eat in their own messes.

The planting of victory gardens will not only be permitted, but will be given an added impetus when seeds will be distributed to all those who desire them. These gardens will not only provide fresh vegetables, but will help to beautify the camp.

As to the problem of having essential places as barber shop, shoe shops, those experienced such lines will be employed in same manner as other workers in camp, and will operate accordingly. Dry cleaning and laundry service will also be established in near future.

Address to:

J. A. C. D.
National Headquarters
415-15 Beacon Building
25 East Second Street
Salt Lake City, Utah

A notary public is available in the administration building from 8 to 5 p.m.

The problem of uniting families who have been separated by the evacuation orders will be cleared up when a letter stating specific cases which was sent to the proper authorities is answered.

The lack of flowers to put on shrines was brought up, and was referred to the religious groups who will contact church leaders on the outside and make arrangements to supply them.

Because of the great delay caused by trying to collect for C.O.D. packages it was requested that all persons refrain from mailing for parcels to be sent in. Cont'd on page 3, col. 1



SOCIAL WELFARE BUREAU ORGANIZED

Under the capable supervision of Mr. Harrood Stump, the Social Welfare Bureau has been organized with Mr. G. Miura of Compton, former insurance men, as staff chief and Helen Kimura of Santa Paul as assistant. Butch Tamura of Guadalupe heads the Family Welfare Unit, which takes care of problems pertaining to births, marriages, deaths, serious illness and relocation of evacuees.

Mrs. George Nishimura of Lompoc heads the Women's Service Unit. This unit will soon begin work of Voluntary Red Cross Work and sewing and handcraft work for the women and young girls.

Mr. Tetsu Komai from Gardena is in charge of the Juvenile Department dealing with delinquency and moral problems.

Miss Kimiko Sakanashi from Lompoc is serving as secretary to the bureau.

All those interested in joining a dance orchestra see Tadao Yamamoto in Barrack C-24-4 or sign up at the Tulare News Office.

Saxaphones, trumpets, trombones, pianists, guitars, bass fiddle, violins, and drummers wanted.

UTAH, SOURCE OF COAL

From the coal fields of Utah the Hanford Fuel Company of Rutherford receives the daily coal needed for the numerous mess houses in the camp. Five tons of the western soft coal have been brought here for daily need.

BUY WAR BONDS AND STAMPS AT P.O.

COUNCIL MEETS
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that manner.

Over-use of electric stoves has caused a shortage in fuses, and it is desired that everyone except those who need them to warm bedding milk or for other essential uses refrain from using them.

Contracts have been let to rebuild the toilets. Also, paid workers will be hired to clean the rest rooms instead of the present volunteer workers. A committee is to be appointed to handle all problems of sanitation.

Visitors will be issued passes by Mr. Anonson to come to the L. Street gate, but to avoid the confusion of locating persons who have unexpected callers, all meetings would be arranged beforehand and the permission mailed to the friend on the outside.

All leaking roofs should be reported, so that they may be fixed in the near future.

The canteen will try to stock all the necessary goods in due course of time. Also, there may be more than one canteen established. A request for beer to be sold in the canteen has been made, and there is a possibility for that item to be on sale in the near future.

APPRECIATION OF THANKS TO THE OXLAID, SANTA BARBARA, SANTA MARIA, Y.P.S' FOR THEIR KIND DONATION OF TEN DOLLARS.

AMUSEMENT AND THEATRE RECREATION DIVISION

Those attending the meeting were Mr. Nils Anonson and Mr. Harwood Stump, from the local administration, and Mr. W. H. Choney, director of operations, and Mr. H. A. R. Carlton, director of mess and lodgings from the main office in San Francisco. The Japanese representing their respective sections were Ken Utsunomiya, May Iwahara, George Aratani, Takeshi Kasamatsu, Akira Kurihara, Masato Iwamoto, Tsuyoko Ota (by proxy), Frank Ninokawa, Tullie Miura, James Nakamura, Harry Miyake, Tom Ota, and Tetsuya Mayeda. Also present was Taki Asakura, who represented the service division.

WANTED: Elite typewriters
Contact Tulare News

STAR IN CAMP
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Tally, suave, middle aged, to be exact, Komai stands 5 feet 11 inches, is 43 years of age and weighs 180 pounds.

In all of his 18 years of character acting he has had but few speaking roles, mostly portraying parts with action. Being a free-lance actor, roles were numerous and he was able to work under the direction of some of Hollywood's finest, such as Walter Wanger and Samuel Goldwyn.

Totsu relates his most thrilling experience during his movie career as taking place while on location in Sacramento with Richard Dix. Not being an equestrian in any sense, he was given a regular farm horse to ride bareback in a scene. The horse bucked and tossed him aside into a crowd of about a thousand spectators who witnessed the scene and applauded over the horses antics.

Happily married, Komai is the proud father of three children, Leo 16, Pola 13, and Sylvia 10. Before going into the acting game he had ambitions of becoming a civil engineer in the old country.

Although acting is a crazy game, he has hopes of resuming his old movie career after the war is over. Once Hollywood and acting gets into your blood it is hard to get away from it and almost sticks to you like a parasite.

His present duties in camp are entirely out of his line, which calls for him to act as a Juvenile Officer which might appeal to the youngsters and it is well expected that they give him respect and more attention due to his past profession.

Like many of his fellow countrymen, his favorite hobby is fishing and reading good fiction books. Whenever his services are not required by his studio, he is usually found relaxing with his rod and reel.

Previous to his taking up residence in Tulare he was a prominent member of the Jordan community. He had planned to operate a chicken farm until the Sino-Japanese conflict upset his plans. The one thing he misses most besides the bright lights of Hollywood is oshoval.

MEMORIAL SUNDAY SERVICES
TODAY

1. Prelude (by choir)
 2. Inspiration (read by church)
 3. Song (by congregation)
 4. Hymn (by choir)
 5. Scripture (Rev. K. Danbara)
 6. Sermon (Rev. K. Danbara)
 7. Fellowship (with Rev. K. Danbara)
 8. Reading by Reverend
 9. Bath (congregation)
 10. Notoke no Modono
- Time: 8:00 A.M.
Place: Bleachers
Those having baths are
asked to bring towels.
(Future Buddhist Programs
will appear in Future News.)

NEW MESS SCHEDULE

UNDERWAY TOMORROW

Early to bed, but not early to rise, for starting tomorrow morning; later hours for meals will go into effect. The mess hall workers especially will get a break. The new schedule is as follows:

WORKERS ONLY

BREAKFAST	7 A.M.
DINNER	12 NOON
SUPPER	5:30 P.M.

ALL OTHERS

BREAKFAST	7:30 to 8:30 A.M.
DINNER	12:30 to 1:30 P.M.
SUPPER	6:00 to 7:00 P.M.

It is requested that all people in the mess hall assigned to their particular section. A given amount of food is distributed to each kitchen according to the population of that section, and anyone eating at another mess hall is depriving people of that unit food that rightfully belongs to them.

SCOUTS AID

IN INDUCTION

"Do a good turn daily."

Carrying out this, their motto, the Boy Scouts from Guadalupe under Scoutmaster Bob Marin have been on the job to help incoming evacuees. Acting as guides and porters, they have given immasurable aid to the tired pilgrims who have come to what is to them a strange city.

The Tulare News Staff acknowledge with appreciation the five dollar donation received from Mrs. J. Schumate and family.

BAPTIST SERVICES
TODAY

TIME: 8:00 A.M.
PLACE: Bleachers

Young People's Worship Service
Rev. Mr. Cook
(spokesman speaker)
choir-Directed by Rev. Matsunaga
Worship Service for Japanese
Rev. Fujima
Music and Young People's Work
Rev. Sam Hugo

CENTER TO BE BEAUTIFIED

With the erection of flower beds under the supervision of Mr. Carter and Mr. Hishida, head gardener, efforts were under way to make the Tulare Assembly Center the garden spot of the valley.

Seeds will be furnished by Mr. Kinio, ex-gardener of the Franklin Seed Company of Santa Maria. Present plans call for the planting of such flowers as marigold, zinnia, larkspur, dahlia, petunias, lobelia and other plants that will flourish in a warm climate.

TYPHOID REACTION TOLD

Reaction on the second, in the series of three, typhoid vaccination probably is the greatest, as the patient is given a double dose of the vaccine at that time. The amount of the third dose is the same as the second; however, the reaction is less severe, by the fact that the patient's resistance to the vaccine has been built up by this time.

Doses are most effective when taken within a 7 day interval; however, if a longer time elapses they must be retaken.

MR. WILKER, Assistant Fire Chief, has lived here for about 17 years. He likes his new job; he will gladly assist in every way. He was former hose man for the Tulare Fire Department previous to his present position. His hobby is sports.

DANCE TONIGHT! 7:30 P.M.

DANCING R-5

LOST: Key case with 15 or 16 keys. Finder, please return to G-14-3. J. Kato.

PERSONALITIES

Arthur T. Duerkson, Supervisor of Supplies, is a Jack-of-all-trades...Worked in hospitals, laundries, taxis...Tramper at fifteen for three years...Married at 21...Traveled in rough eight states on the West Coast....Fishing, boating, and teaching Red Cross First Aid are his hobbies...Reads Literary Digests and Educational articles...Fond of music, plays drums, saxophone, harmonica, and guitar....Has been on the radio and in minstrel shows....At present, is Special Deputy Sheriff of Tulare.

Mr. "Ed" Pixley, Supervisor of Maintenance and Operation Division, was born in Nevada...Has done construction work all his life...Spent two years in the Army during World War I...Worked as logger in earlier years...Was construction superintendent for the Utah Construction Company for 15 years...Several years with Engineering Division of State Highway Department....before coming here, he supervised construction activities with unemployment work programs....

Eugene Hoyt, Fire Chief, was former assistant chief of the Tulare Fire Department. His father was also an ex-fireman. Mr. Hoyt has served in the U. S. Armed forces during the First World War. He appreciates the fine cooperation of the community and expressed the desire to make this a pleasant stay for everyone. Mr. Hoyt warned all residents to use the red buckets for fire only.

The following is a proposed schedule for the immunization of the new group of evacuees from Pasadena, Glendale, and San Gabriel.

1st injection Mon. & Tues.
for Typhoid &
Small Pox. May 18 & 19.

2nd injection Fri. & Sat.
for Typhoid . May 22 & 23

3rd injection Wed. & Thurs.
for Typhoid May 27 & 28.

Do not send for C.C.D. orders.
The post office would appreciate
it very much.

OPTIONAL COURSES TO BE OFFERED

Courses that junior and senior high school students have been signing up for are optional during the summer, Miss Helen Osaka, Supervisor of Education, stated. School will start sometime during the next two weeks.

Credit will not be given for the summer school classes which will be conducted by lectures. Sewing teachers will supply the drafting paper, needles and thread, scissors, and possibly the material.

Courses offered are sewing, general science, mathematics, English, business training, and social science.

Registration will be continued Saturday and Monday May 16th and 18th at the Tulare News office, barrack C-3-1, to accommodate students inducted this week.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. No person shall burn rubbish or build any bonfire within the boundaries of the camp.
2. No person shall throw ashes burning coal, embers, greasy or oily rags, or any other inflammable matters into wooden containers. All inflammable materials must be deposited in metal containers which must be kept at least two feet away from any wooden wall or partition.
3. No person shall at any time try to repair any electrical wiring and devices or change fuses without the aid of an electrician.
4. No person shall throw cigarette or cigar stubs and lighted matches with in the area surrounding the barracks without extinguishing them..
5. No person shall pile dry woods, pieces of lumber, paper cartons, and any other inflammable trash in front of his barrack.
6. No person shall at any time leave electrical stoves and irons connected when not in use.
7. No person shall take the red buckets and water in the barrels for personal use.
8. No person shall fail to notify the fire department on detecting any signs of fire.

E. E. Pixley
Sup. of Works and Maintenance

05/15/2011

REPORTS

ADEQUATE FIRE PROTECTION TO BE GIVEN CENTER

Among the thousands of inhabitants of this city are several outstanding sportsmen, probably the most known is Fred Iwamoto of Guadalupe, who is basketball director, who is director of the Hickory in basketball, with the Hickory in basketball, swimming, and tennis, as well as baseball, at Mills High. He crossed the Pacific to Walla-Walla, Washington. At Whitman College, he slugged his way to four baseball letters. Then followed two years of semi-pro work. He was also chosen by the Fortland Beaver scouts, but he refused because he developed a sore arm. In '28, he came to Guadalupe, and played with the "Aratani aggregation" and retained his position as a hitter. During this course of time, he went on two barnstorming tours in Japan. After the Aratani nine became a myth, he coached the Guadalupe YMCA nine. His lifetime batting average was over .340.

Also from Guadalupe comes another star, George Aratani, the mascot of the Aratani squad. He grew up to become one of the best shortstop in the history of Santa Maria High School. Not only in baseball, but all major sports, he lettered. After poling plenty of homers for the Guadalupe YMCA, he went to Keio University in Japan, and played a term at sports until his bad knee couldn't stand it anymore. Fred Tsuda remarked, "If ever his knee stood up, he would have made any coast league team." Aratani played third and pitched, and has a phenomenal lifetime average of .590.

From Arroyo Grande is Seiron Ikeda, who was another home-coming. Like Aratani, Ikeda was probably the best shortstop Arroyo High had. Entering California Poly, he received a block in the first year. The second year, he was voted the most valuable player of the team. He is all-time average runs in the neighborhood of .320.

Frank Fujii, of Santa Barbara is the only one to star in basketball. He played in all major sports in high school. Going to Santa Barbara State College, he starred in basketball. He also played baseball. Much smaller than most basketballers, he starred the first year forward.

Chiefly the phone call by fire truck; the siren horn of a fire truck; a search of telephone from the time that the receiver or the telephone is lifted to the time that it rings. The fire engine to cover the ten and a half blocks from the Firemen's headquarters here, is only two and one-half minutes.

This truck, which is one of the latest words in fire fighting equipment, is a 1941 model six-cylinder G.M.C. truck. It is completely outfitted with 8000 cubic feet of equipment, which includes a 500 gallon water tank which is capable of producing any desired pressure up to 250 pounds, two ten foot sections of suction hose, 600 feet of two and a half inch and 300 feet of one inch and a half inch fire hose, and can spray 500 gallons a minute from the hydrants.

Staffed by a three man crew, this engine also carries two 100 foot reels of high pressure one inch in hose, a hook, 36 feet of ladder, a small extension ladder for attic work, shovels, axes, nozzles and a small gasoline engine which is capable of producing up to 1500 watts for three large spotlights, and other electrical equipment.

Stationed at the Tularo fire station, this truck will always be the first to come in an emergency. Also it will be followed by an auxiliary truck to assist the no. 1 truck if necessary.

Although it takes only two and a half minutes for the run during daylight hours, it will take slightly longer at night due to the delay caused by the crew having to get out of bed.

It is asked that all persons get off the truck when the fire engine comes through.

GIRLS TO EXERCISE

In order to limber up their muscles, girls over 12 years of age will go through exercises every morning before proceeding to volleyball. This is under the direction of Miss Fochin and assistant directors.

At a meeting which was called on Monday morning, they discussed choosing teams and social