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DIRECTOR COVERLEY ASSUMES OFFICE WILL STRESS RESETTLEMENT PROGRAM

"To you, Mr. Coverley, I give you the Tule Lake Project."

With these words, Elmer L. Shirrell, former project director, officially turned over the Project administration to his successor before an emergency assembly of the City Council Wednesday afternoon in #1920.

Soon after this ceremony, Shirrell left Tule Lake for Santa Barbara, Calif., accompanied by Mrs. Shirrell.

Expressing his joy on assuming the directorship of the Tule Lake Project, where, he said, "I have many friends," Director Coverley paid high tribute to his predecessor for progress so far achieved under difficult conditions.

"I plan to follow the policy already established by Mr. Shirrell," Coverley stated.

Declaring that his job here is "not to do something, but to serve," Coverley smilingly expressed his desire "to get everybody out of the Tule Lake Project" for resettlement on the outside.

"I strongly urge colonists to apply for indefinite leaves," the director continued. "Time will come when we will see a steady stream of people going out of this Project."

"I believe this relocation policy as set forth by the War Relocation Authority offers the best answer to the problems confronting the Japanese American people in this country," Coverley said.

VITAL STATISTICS:

BIRTH: To Noboru and Saka Kaita, #516-B, a boy on Dec. 28, 8:52 p.m.

FRYER LAUDS SHIRRELL FOR PROGRESS ACHIEVED HERE WITH LITTLE FRICTION

For achieving fast progress in Tule Lake, both in physical and spiritual aspects, during the past six months, Former Director Shirrell received commendation from Regional Director E. R. Fryer at the time of his departure Wednesday afternoon.

Fryer, accompanied by Robert Cozzins, assistant regional director, came here last week from San Francisco with the new project director, Harvey M. Coverley.

"It is to Mr. Shirrell's credit that this progress was made with the minimum of friction," Fryer said.

Organization of the City Planning Board here also received Fryer's praise. It is not only desirable, Fryer said, but it is necessary to have total participation of the colonists in the operation of a WRA center.

Fryer lamented over the "extremely unfortunate incident" in Manzanar.

NOBORU SHIRAI HIRED COUNCIL EXECUTIVE

Noboru Shirai, formerly with the Construction Engineering division, has been engaged as executive secretary of the City Council.

Prior to evacuation, Shirai was a student at Stanford University. His secretarial office is located at #1308.

CO-OP STORES WANT PENNIES FOR CHANGES

All concession sponsors of the New Year's Jamboree are asked to turn in their pennies at the canteens for larger denominations.

Due to the scarcity of the one-cent pieces, the Co-op stores are anxious to keep them in circulation within the community.

OVER-NIGHT RUNNING OF FAUCET STOPPED

Running of faucets overnight is no longer necessary with the installation of stoves in shower rooms, Maintenance department announced.

WARD 2 TO ELECT NEW COUNCILMAN

Ward 2 will have election of a representative to the City Council Monday night to replace the foreman councilman, Roy Teshima, who left the Project eight days ago to teach at the Navy Language School in Boulder, Colo.

The candidates are: Mr. Yamada of Block 27; S. Yamamoto, 25; Pete Tanaka, 38; and Harold "Judge" Nakamura, 28.

YOUTH GIVEN PRISON TERM

Susumu Ishihara was sentenced to six months imprisonment by the Justice of Peace of Modoc County for being involved in the robbery of Mass 13. He will spend two months in the County jail and the remaining four months has been suspended.

The present rate of water usage completely depletes the storage tanks by morning.

SGT. FRED NISHITSUJI

FIGHT FOR AMERICAN IDEALS

DEAR ROY: I heard a story the other day that should make you and all other nisei proud and thrilled. It was a behind-the-news story broadcast over the usual Walter Winchell program.

You know the principal character of that story well, because he is your brother, Sergeant Fred Nishitsuji, fighting on the front lines with the American forces at New Guinea. He graduated from the Presidio in San Francisco last spring. You and your parents had already returned to Colorado to escape being interned, so he didn't get to see you, much as he wanted to. Fred wanted to see you all again, because he did not know whether or not he would ever return. He had a purpose that was as unselfish and brave as any I know. But he was always like that...humble, quiet, and firm.

Well, now he has come within a sight of his purpose. According to the radio commentator, Sergeant Fred is facing one of the greatest dangers at present as any one man ever did. He performed his duties behind the lines well. But he was not satisfied with only this. He begged to fight with a gun and a bayonet instead of a pen and typewriter. Now he has his wish. But even though he is an American, his face and features are those of a Japanese. American soldiers who catch sight of his face will shoot him down immediately as one of the enemy, despite the American officer's uniform he may be wearing. So has a bodyguard to prevent any such tragic mistakes...a very unmistakable Yankee.

Yet, in the thick of the battle, what if Fred should be separated from his body guard, and a Yankee spotted him? But Fred won't be thinking of that--he'll be fighting heart and soul with

the Americans. His is not a personal glory or gain. His is the fight for the American ideals, the peace and way of life. It is a fight, too, for all nisei. His actions are motivated with the humble idea that if he died fighting for his country as any red-blooded American, the nisei may benefit from that and be given a chance to fight, too.

I wished you could have heard the story yourself. It paid tribute to one of America's courageous soldiers...a nisei, Sergeant Fred Nishitsuji!

Sincerely,
MARJIE

Merry Go Round
by Yuri

MR. AND MRS. NOW

...are Morris Abe and Marjorie Kawasaki who exchanged vows Sunday evening, Dec. 27 at the Abe residence with the Reverend Daisuke Kitagawa officiating. Eddie Kawasaki, brother of the bride, gave her away in marriage. Only the immediate family was present with a small reception following the ceremony. The bride wore a lovely white satin and lace gown and had a bouquet of roses and lilies of the valley. Marjorie is formerly of Seattle, Washington and is presently employed at the Placement office. Morris is from Portland, Oregon and is a graduate of the University of Washington. They are now making their home at #4118-A.

A CHRISTMAS DAY CEREMONY
...united in marriage George Kikuchi and Rose Naito. The Reverend Naito officiated at the 2:00 ceremony which was held at his residence. Close friends and relatives were invited to the reception which was followed by a dance at #7118. Mr. Kikuchi is from California and the bride is formerly an Oregonian. They are now residing at #7117-A.

R.C. SWEATERS

SOCIAL WELFARE WILL HANDLE DISTRIBUTION

Two hundred of the 400 Red Cross sweaters, which were knitted during the past two months by the volunteer knitters and the day and night nurses, will be given out to the colonists through the Social Welfare department soon, officials announced.

Seventy sweaters are for the men and one hundred and twenty five for the women. The remaining 200 sweaters will be kept for emergency cases, it was added.

The Junior Red Cross and the Girl Reserves are now working on the 200 children sweaters which will be given out in the same manner.

ON DEC. 29,

...with an impressive Buddhist ceremony, Ichiro Torio of Auburn, Calif., and Taeko Sugimoto of Los Angeles, were united in marriage by Rev. S. Sasaki. Both are attending Woodbury business college at Los Angeles prior to evacuation.

The bride was smartly attired in a tailored three-piece suit in camel tan, carrying a bouquet of red roses. She was given in marriage by her cousin, Mr. J. Sugimoto and was attended by Sue Nakao, maid of honor. The groom was attended by Min Iwasaki, best man. An elaborate reception followed the ceremony with about 200 guests present.

Baishakunin were Mr. and Mrs. Sasaki and Mr. S. Tomiyasu.

A HOSPITAL ROMANCE:

...In a beautifully decorated hall with about 70 guests present, Mayme Semba and Edwin Nishimura, both of the Base Hospital revealed their engagement on Dec. 23.

The Base Hospital choir, the Okole boys chorus, Clara Nakamura and Lois Kitezumi all rendered songs and carols.

Mayme is formerly of Tacoma, Washington and Mr. Nishimura is from Sacramento, California.