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DIRECTOR DILLON MYER ARRIVES TUESDAY

Coming to Manzanar directly from the Salt Lake City Conference, Mr. Dillon Myer will arrive at Manzanar Tuesday evening, February 27th. Mr. Myer's visit will be the first since last October.

Scheduled events arranged for February 28th and March 1st are as follows.

Feb. 28, 10:00-11:45 Meeting with Block Managers at Town Hall.

1:30-2:00 Conference with the board of Manzanar Community Enterprises in the office of the Project Director.

2:00-4:00 Relocation and Welfare Conference made up of representatives invited evacuees and A.P. Staff.

7:30 Speech by Mr. Myer in the Community Auditorium. Mr. Myer will answer questions submitted through the block managers. Questions must be at Town Hall by 12:00 noon of Feb. 28.

March 1, 10 -11:45 Meeting with Block Managers at Town Hall.

1:30-3:30 Section Conference including Welfare Relocation and Evacuee Property.

4:00 Appointed Staff meeting - Library 7.

VALLEY ROUND-UP SUCCESS

The Valley Round-Up dance and party was a considerable success in more ways than one. Reports from the outside indicate that residents of Lone Pine, Independence and Bishop had a great time and one they will not soon forget.

"Better Death than Dishonor" rolled them in the aisles and the boys at the Military Post had a treat when it was reproduced for them Friday night with a few special twists appropriate to its new setting.

With nearly a hundred valley residents as guests and practically the entire appointed staff present the mess hall was none too large to accommodate the crowd. It's said that the overflow was taken care of in surrounding apartments, but we have no authentic information on that. Well practically none anyway.

The financial report of the affair shows a neat net profit of some \$54.60, none of it hay. Item most interesting to a non-accountant is "Cigarette sale and (Deleted) garter \$11.73.

The mess hall "kitty" picked up a three buck donation, and left over seven up and unused groceries were turned back to the club.

A lot of people seem to think the several committees responsible for the affair, and the cast of the play deserve a rising vote of thanks for the total success, and the Magpie agrees, going all out and saying "well done boys and girls."

HERE IS HOW TO SPEND YOUR LEISURE TIME

If MAP Club members are concerned about what to do after work, here is a balanced menu meeting both their physical and social needs.

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| Sunday | -- Hiking or skiing
(See Joe Hawes or Nancy Zischank, respective committee chairmen). |
| Monday Evening | -- Ping Pong in club house. |
| Tuesday Evening | -- Calisthenics, badminton and volleyball in the community auditorium. |

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HOW TO SPEND YOUR LEISURE TIME

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- Wednesday Evening - Folk dancing, Mess
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Thursday Evening - Bridge or pinochle
in the club house
Friday Evening - Music in the club
house
Saturday Afternoon - Hiking or skiing
Saturday Evening - Entertainment in
the club house

For more information see the chairmen of the various committees listed in the bulletin sent all members January 24, 1945. The above are only suggestions. The club house is open every evening for such activities as piano playing, ping pong, cards, checkers, chess, refreshments, etc.

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WAR DRIVE

Manzanar ranked fourth among the relocation centers on the recent Sixth War Loan Drive with 158.1 per cent, a new center record.

"I should like to extend my heartiest congratulations to the entire WRA staff for their excellent showing on the Sixth War Loan Drive," stated Mr. Dillon Myer. "We exceeded all previous achievement by going over the top for a new record of 182.8 per cent of our goal for this campaign. This is a record of which each one of us can be proud and I am confident that we all will continue to bear it out by subscribing as much of our salaries as possible to bond deductions and by buying bonds whenever possible between as well as during drive," Myer stated.

Results of the drive among the centers are as follows:

Granada, Colorado	292.3 percent
Tule Lake, Calif.	177.0 percent
Rohwer, Ark.	170.0 percent
Manzanar, Calif.	158.1 percent
Gila River, Ariz.	126.0 percent
Heart Mountain, Wyo.	123.7 percent
Central Utah	123.0 percent
Minidoka, Ida.	120.5 percent

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CUSHIONS CHEERY CORNER

In 1872 this valley was shaken by one of the worst earthquakes ever to occur in the U.S. Several persons were killed, part of the valley floor dropped from one to fifteen feet, great boulders rolled down from the mountains and the world was enveloped in a shroud of dust. There has been no major disturbance since that time but of course one never knows.

We have had perfect weather but it will just bring the trees and fruit buds out and they will all freeze in May and there will be no fruit or shade this summer.

Ann Anderson certainly has that skin you'd love to touch, but one more Manzanar summer and she will dry up like a butternut.

The local Isaac Waltons are peering into their fishing kits, might as well save their energy - there isn't any snow, so no water and no fish.

Sleep tight children

VIGNETTES OF MANZANAR

Doug Cowart

Walter Heath cracks that any apparent slips made by the cast of that touching dramma "Death before Dishonor" were strictly intentional in order to mislead the audience into thinking that the players were amateurs. A nightly attraction at the MAP Club is the furrowed brows of Bob Krueger and Webb Raelly as they bend over a checker board in the unaccustomed task of thinking. Cass and of-fect. Clyde Simpson received a 1-A classification from his draft board one day and he has been in bed ever since. For certain attractions which a certain brown-eyed young lady had to offer a certain young Al Salsbury the said Al Salsbury found it necessary to go on the cuff. He is still bug-eyed. How's about paying off, Alf? Helen Cox must be contemplating engaging in a raid on Tokio. At least she was seen zooming and driving around the gym with the legend "B-29" emblazoned across

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her womanly bosom. Those concrete blocks which are placed at various corners along the streets about the Center are, I am convinced, put there to be avoided. They prove very difficult to negotiate and I would advise anyone interested to avoid them. They are to say the least, unsympathetic. When the MAP Club gives a party, they give one. The last one seems to have been a staggering success and I do mean staggering. However, I have heard that it hardly behooves those who live in glass houses to dispense caustic verbiage so unless someone else becomes personal in this issue, this column will refrain from further comment - in fear of retaliation. What has happened to our indisposed members? There have been quite a few indisposed lately, but no visits from the well-wishers.

WHAT ABOUT GYM

Don't say you weren't warned and notified. Sitting at your desk and slaving away for a 48 hour period each week is a broadening experience but who wants to be broad in the wrong places?

A pleasant way to slenderize and keep fit is provided by the MAP gym classes now going full tilt in the Auditorium on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. Lasting for a pleasant hour and a half Aksel Nielsen is making them a delightful experience.

Here's what happens. The first half hour is a thoroughly professional gym class, not too advanced, but designed to take the kinks out and re-establish that girlish figure. The hour following is devoted to volleyball and badminton.

It's all free but you will need to furnish your own badminton racquet and shuttle cock.

Dressing rooms for both men and women are furnished.

Junior non-members may use the auditorium from 6:30 to 7:30 on Tuesday but they must provide their own equipment and leave at 7:30.

TECELOTE

By Dave Bromley

We are wondering just what is preying on the mind of Mr. Campbell (Legal) of late. The other day we called on him in his office and found him hiding under his desk. Of course he claimed that he was fixing the telephone cord BUT one wonders.

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Judging by the quiet that reigned over the camp Sunday morning February 4th one must assume that everyone had a GOOD time on Saturday night at the MAP club party. We are reliably informed that the financial success of the affair was greatly aided by cigarette girl Arlen Hooper's garter at ten cents a look. No wonder there were so many of the male members of the staff apparently suffering from eye strain Sunday morning. And by the way our other cigarette girl Mary Jean Kramer also presented in her cute costume (and at no extra charge) a very delightful eye-ful. We must try to see more of these young ladies.

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The events of Saturday night which merit consideration in this column were many and varied (and I do mean varied) but to a great extent at least were what might be termed 'extra curricular' and inasmuch as nearly every able bodied member of the staff would of necessity need to be mentioned lack of space prevents further comment. Suffice it to say that in the wee small hours of the morning that numerous acts of Samaritanism were performed. Just as a word of warning though-- we do know a lot of things that we might tell.

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We should like to take this opportunity to express appreciation for the very fine work that was done by all of the various committees that worked on the preparation of the party. Everyone
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did a marvelous job and we are grateful. I know that I am no wordsmith any MOORE and it certainly was a DARKE day for me when I heard some DAVALLIE say that my little story in the last issue was CARNEY. I was over in the MAP Club among the POTTS and Ben and there were no CAMPBELL's left to smoke, so when the crowd began to MILLER mumble to themselves I was afraid that I might have to start LAWLING or that they would HAYES me. But after a while they quieted down. Now if all of you could just forget it ATWOOD be swell.

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Frank Hon wrote to Arch Davis and thanked him for the Magpie and said that he would like to keep in touch with Manzanar and requested that we continue to send him Tecelote. Thanks Frank, of course we always know that Tecelote was the best thing in the paper and we are very glad to have our judgment upheld. Or did you just get your birds mixed up?

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Bill Cox is wearing a nice patch of adhesive bandage right between the horns, have you noticed it. Bill says he stubbed his toe and fell against a table. Our only comment is that the table sure has good aim. He sure got it right on the old button.

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Now Clyde Simpson was laid up with an infected foot and he has no idea what started it. I remember the story about the man who heard a noise in the night and jumped out of bed to see what it was and struck his foot rather hard on the corner of a chest. That made him so mad that he hauled off and kicked the chest violently. Now Clyde is that what happened to you? Anyway we're glad you're back on the old pins again.

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MAP CLUB LAMENT

We haven't any Camels
And we haven't any Cokes
We're freshly out of hot dogs
The electric plate is broke
But still we like your presence
And there isn't any law
That says you cannot if you wish
Eat your hamburgers raw.

DOPE ON THE INCOME TAX

With the withholding receipts for 1944 now distributed to the appointed staff, all personnel are now in a position to file the simplest income tax form ever written.

Wages paid and income tax withheld during 1944 have been entered on the receipt by the employer. All the taxpayer has to do is to answer a few simple questions regarding income and exemptions and mail the original copy of his receipt to the collector of internal revenue in his district. The collector will figure the tax and send a bill or a refund for the difference.

When the taxpayer uses his Withholding Receipt for a return, his tax is figured from a table which gives him an allowance of approximately 10 per cent of his gross income for charitable contributions, interest, taxes, casualty losses, medical expenses and miscellaneous items. Naturally anyone claiming a larger amount for deductions may get them by listing them on the standard tax blank, Form 1040.

With March 15, the deadline for filing of 1944 annual returns, not too far distant, millions of taxpayers who must clean up their 1944 tax obligations by that date are urged by Commissioner of Internal Revenue Joseph E. Mullan to file their returns, at the earliest possible moment and thus avoid confusion and last minute rush.

DEAR MAGPIE:-

I have always had a sympathetic concern for the underdog. Whenever I see an injustice I feel that I must speak out against it; else I should hardly be able to face my own visage in the morning, when shaving, of course.

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DEAR MAGPIE (Cont'd from Page 4)

My complaint is this: I firmly believe that the Alabama Hills are at a distinct disadvantage. They should be moved to some locality where they will not be subjected to the shame and degradation daily heaped upon them by their loftier neighbors, the magnificently-clad Sierras. The Sierras are respectable all right, and they are gorgeously garbed with the finest of rainments from ermine white to molten gold, but they need not glare down so superciliously upon their less fortunate neighbors. I am sure that this hauteur on the part of the Sierras is giving the Alabamas an inferiority complex. If you don't believe me, I shall relate one of my experiences.

Being democratically-minded, I occasionally drop in on the Alabamas hoping to be neighborly and not show any partiality in my choice of mountain retreats. One Sunday, not so very long ago, the "illegal" Campbells and I decided to visit the Alabamas, and no sooner had we entered the portico, than the poor Alabamas began to show off in a manner almost too embarrassing to relate. Poor, wizened old stones suddenly distorted themselves into fantastic formations; boulders took on shapes and sizes of such irregularity, that if I hadn't known that the Alabamas were teetotlers (out of necessity rather than choice) I should have accused them of having taken to drink. Perfectly respectable rocks tried to pass themselves off as dinosaurs no less. Even the youngsters attempted to pose as geological monstrosities.

Painful as this demonstration was to behold, there were still others who turned themselves into monolithic formations even more bewildering in their ingenious disguises. These fantastic configurations seemed to say: "What are we, mineral, vegetable or wandering Yogis?" Don't bite on that one, I warn you, for they are none of these. Mr. Campbell assures me that they are mere stones. Well, I almost broke my fistula trying to mount some of these misshapen creatures. I was surprised no end when I discovered that they did

not take off into the air and flap their wings and finally reveal their true identities.

This is obviously the place where the goblins hold their annual convention. It also explains the reason for so many ghost towns in and around this locality. Ghosts like to be close to their natural habitat, and this is unquestionably it.

Now, I ask you, dear Magpie, is this a sensible way for mountains to behave? But, then, what can you expect when you reduce a perfectly legitimate mountain to the monoclature of a "hill", and you put it in the very shadows of the towering and formidable Sierras. The poor Alabamas must compensate for their inferiorities, and so they assume all sorts of fantastic shapes and forms, and pass themselves off as caricatures of a neolithic age, and pretend to be birds perched on nests, and monsters with wings, and I don't know what other malformations.

If there was a shred of self-respect left in the Alabamas they would pick themselves up and move to some less conspicuous spot, more conducive to personality development. But I'm afraid that whatever initiative or self-assertiveness the Alabamas did possess as recent as a hundred million years ago, is now dispelled. It will take a third party, preferably a disinterested one, to petition the Government to move the Alabamas to a place less destructive to individuality.

Thank you,
A. L. Salisbury

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU AT MANZANAR

By Gladys G. Schwosinger
Director of Adult
and Vocational Education

When you leave Manzanar and people begin asking you questions about your impressions of the Japanese how will you answer? If your work has brought you into close contact with a number of evacuees, you will have a basis for a valid answer. If your contacts have been li-

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mitted to one or two or a very few, or if you have worked largely with only one group such as children only, or men only, or Nisei only, you will not have a basis for a well-rounded viewpoint.

It is now, while you are still in Manzanar, that you can remedy that lack. You can improve your acquaintance with Isseimen and women by devoting an afternoon or an evening to the Adult English Activity Hall 16-8. Each of you has a skill or an interest or an activity that you can share with the Issei. If not, perhaps the Issei may have something they can share with you if you will make your wants known.

Can you cook? paint? sew? sing? embroider? coach dramatics? lead in parlor and party games? act as host or hostess? teach card tricks? demonstrate American culture and customs in concrete ways? teach English classes or tutor individuals? help with letter-writing and other painful wrestlings with the English language? Then let us know of your readiness to serve and we'll absorb you into our program and make as much use of your talent and good will as you care to give. Do you want to learn Japanese cooking? Japanese arts and crafts? flower arrangements? music? how to make woolly puppy dogs? If you do and if you can find others to form a group, perhaps we can find a teacher.

The point is that to become truly well acquainted, Issei and Americans must meet one another and mingle together. It doesn't matter much at this stage who teaches whom, just so long as closer contacts are developed between Caucasians and Japanese Issei. In the process the Issei are bound to learn English and something about American ways and customs, while you are bound to make some warm and appreciative friends and to learn more about the Issei.

FRYING PAN

Al Salsbury wrote a short play
And presented it here Saturday
Now he's making a deal
With Eugene O'neil
But we doubt if it ever will pay

Joe Carney when dancing with fans
Is not quite a real Sally Rand
He spins on his axis
And when he relaxes
You should see how his stomach expands.

A young lady in fiscal named Nan
Is the wife of a seafaring man
Now that home he's been sent
Nancy smiles with content
And her man has a grin on his pan.

A personnel lady so charming
Has made quite a hit with the army
When of wolves she is warned
She just laughs with scorn
And says, "These wolves do not alarm me."

Joe Winchester deals out the food
And sometimes it's passingly good
But if you complain
Joe says, "Come again;
I wouldn't change it if I could.

The time between pay days grows longer
And makes our resistance the stronger
With a glint in our eye
As we wait for to buy
The things our cupidities long for.

There is not a girl who is gamer
Than our little Mary Joan Kramer
As a cigarette girl
She makes male heads whirl
And cutest of cuties they name her.

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SCHOLAR'S DOLLARS

The heathen needs our pennies.
The Scouts require each dime.
The Boosters Club will take your dough
A dollar at a time.
A buck for the janitor's Christmas;
A five for the fireman's ball.
A ten for the kiddie's swimming pool,
Though you'll never jump in at all.
So walk with a sunny spirit
Down the scholastic way,
For only a spirit can manage
To live on a teachers' pay.

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