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News Letter from Iowa

Miss Yas Fujiki, formerly of GILA RIVER and Los Angeles, is visiting Des Moines this summer to help her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Shinichi Fujiki, find a house to rent. Yas, who was graduated from the Ypsilanti Teachers College in Michigan this year, has already received an appointment to teach high school commercial subjects in Vermontville, Michigan, next fall. Mr. Fujiki will join his wife, Mrs. Shigeyo Fujiki, in Gila River, and visit Los Angeles where he formerly had a fruit and vegetable market, then return to Des Moines. The other daughter, Nobuko, who was graduated from Drake University in Des Moines, is employed as a pharmacist at Iowa Methodist Hospital.

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An Issei who recently rented a five-room bungalow in Des Moines was amused to overhear his prospective landlady get the neighbors' approval over the telephone before she agreed to let him have the house at 1212 Des Moines Street. She told her neighbors: "Well, he's Japanese-American and you know, we're all something-American except the Indians." Henry Hayashi, formerly of MINIDOKA and Portland, Oregon, has a job at Frenchway Cleaners and now that he has a house, he expects his wife and daughter to join him shortly from Minidoka. Two sons, Tommy and Frank, a student at Drake University, live in Des Moines also. Two other sons, George and Roy, are in military service.

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Mrs. Tomoko Yamamoto, who is employed in the home of the woman's editor of BETTER HOMES AND GARDENS, was honored at a tea given by her sponsor, Mrs. Forrest Huttenlocher at 410 - 27th Street, Des Moines. Mrs. Huttenlocher has given Mrs. Yamamoto, who is formerly of GILA RIVER and San Francisco, a number of floral arrangement jobs for the magazine, Better Homes and Gardens, and also helped Mrs. Yamamoto get classes started in flower arrangements with women's clubs here.

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Taro Matsui, formerly of ROHWER and Hamford, California, arrived in Des Moines July 7, 1945, to begin work with Harrie Taka, self-employed watchmaker. Mr. Matsui received his training at Bradley School of Horology, Peoria, Illinois, and hopes to relocate soon his mother and sister who are living at 16-11-D, Rohwer.

Mr. Taka, formerly of COLORADO RIVER and Rosemead, California, opened his shop about one year ago and recently moved his shop to larger quarters located at 1161 - 24th Street, Des Moines.

Lt. Elton Sakamoto, formerly of Honolulu, Hawaii, visited Mr. Larence Kagawa and family at 4014 School Street, Des Moines, Iowa, on his recent furlough. The Kagawas are also from Honolulu but were residents of the JEROME Relocation Center before their relocation in Des Moines eighteen months ago. Lt. Sakamoto, who was graduated from the University of Southern California in 1939, is somewhat familiar with Iowa since he attended Morningside College in Sioux City as an exchange student in 1936 and 37. Lt. Sakamoto is a graduate of Officers Candidate School at Fort Benning, Georgia, and expects to go to the South Pacific soon.

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Miss Chiyo Yamada, after house-hunting for four hours Sunday, July 22, rented an apartment at 1154 - 19th Street for her mother, Mrs. Ichino Yamada, and two sisters who are now at HEART MOUNTAIN. The Yamada family formerly lived in Mountain View, California. Chiyo found two other vacancies but rejected them as being not "clean enough". Chiyo's brother, George, is in the Army overseas.

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Temporarily renting living quarters in what has been described as "the best house in town" is Kiniehi Kajita, who works as a radio technician in Gladbrook, Iowa, a town of less than 1,000 population. Mr. Kajita is from 22-11-F, TOPAZ, where his wife and baby son are still living. Mr. Kajita obtained the position through U.S.E.S. in Des Moines. The radio appliance store was just opened in Gladbrook by a local businessman who is so pleased with Mr. Kajita that he would like to employ a couple in his restaurant.

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Japanese-Americans living in Iowa are rapidly learning the importance of canning fruit and vegetables and it is not uncommon to see them gather crops for home canning free, on invitation of farmers and Victory garden owners. On an asparagus cutting "expedition" recently went Mr. Tom Katayama and his three young daughters, who live at 2150 Drake Park Place (formerly of JEROME and Long Beach, California); Kazuko Kita, 12-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Masajiro Kita, of 1327 - 28th Street (formerly of COLORADO RIVER and Calexico, California); and Joan Imai, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Imai, 1081 - 22nd Street (formerly of TOPAZ and San Francisco, California), all now living in Des Moines.

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Mr. and Mrs. Robert, formerly of GILA RIVER and Selma, California, moved on July 31 from 1162 - 10th Street, Des Moines, where they have lived since arriving from Gila River in May, 1944, to their newly-purchased home at 1309 - 22nd. Mr. Morishige is employed as an auto mechanic at the Schultz Bakery.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sakata and family, formerly of GILA RIVER and Pasadena, moved to 1327 - 40th Street on July 25. They secured their home by following up a "For Rent" advertisement in the Des Moines Register. It was first indicated that the landlord objected to children; however, after talking with Mr. Sakata, he decided to accept the family with their two children, ages 3 years and 2½ months. Mr. Sakata has purchased furnishings for the home, including a new stove which necessitated securing a priority. Mr. Sakata works as a floral designer for the LaVere Braucht Floral Company in Des Moines.

Mrs. Sachi Terai, 1608 E. Lyon Street, Des Moines, formerly of GRANADA and Livingston, California, has purchased about one dozen chickens so she and her son, Gerald, will be assured of some meat and eggs during the fall and winter. Three representatives of the Peace Caravan Workers, representing the Quaker, Congregational and Methodist churches, as well as Ross Wilbur, hostel director, and Fred Nakagawa started a garden for Mrs. Terai. These five individuals spaded and planted a garden 16 x 25' for Mrs. Terai and she reports that it is coming along nicely. Through one of her new Caucasian neighbors, Mrs. Terai was able to secure, at a reduced price, some slightly damaged peaches from the railroad. This has enabled Mrs. Terai to can peaches for the family's winter fruit supply. This neighbor also assisted Mrs. Terai in the canning of four pints and four quarts of string beans. Mrs. Terai's husband is serving overseas with the U. S. Army.

Miss Chrys Kubota, formerly of TOPAZ and San Francisco, graduated from Drake University in June, 1945. She completed a pre-medical course. She has been in student activities on the campus and was awarded Phi Beta Kappa. Miss Kubota has now been accepted at the Women's Medical College of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pa., and plans on leaving Des Moines about the middle of August and will visit some friends in Minneapolis and Chicago.

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en route to Philadelphia. While attending Drake, Miss Kubota has been living with Mr. and Mrs. Cornell Hewson, 1347 - 29th Street. Mr. Hewson is chairman of the Des Moines Relocation Committee, and has had various Nisei students in his home during the past two and one-half years.

The "Young Married" group in Des Moines held an informal organizational meeting at the Hostel on Saturday, July 28. Mr. Verlin Yamamoto, formerly of GILA RIVER and San Francisco, was selected temporary chairman. It was planned to have a social meeting and dinner at the Hostel on August 12, and it is indicated that future get-togethers will be arranged once every two months. All Japanese Americans in Des Moines falling in the "Young Married" category are invited to the dinner meeting on August 12.

The swimming party season is in full swing. On Sunday, July 29, Edward Niimi, formerly of GILA RIVER and Maunawai, Oahu, Hawaii; Kats Marakami, formerly of COLORADO RIVER; Frances Tanaka, formerly of HEART MOUNTAIN and El Monte, California; and Kimi Fukuto, formerly of COLORADO RIVER, made their way to San Tan Beach, which is located within walking distance of the Friends Hostel in Des Moines. As the temperature was in the high 90's, the party was very successful. Impromptu swimming parties are becoming more or less habitual with the Hostel serving as a gathering place for the get-togethers.

On July 16, Beverly Ann Abe was born to Dr. and Mrs. Tom Abe of 3904 Tenth Street, Des Moines. Dr. Abe relocated to Des Moines with his wife, Renko, in October, 1943, and since then has been employed at the Broadlawns Polk County Hospital in this city as clinical director. They are from JEROME and Los Angeles, California, where Dr. Abe had established his practice prior to evacuation. Beverly Ann is already under the protecting care of "big sister", Linda Dale, who was also born in Des Moines in December, 1943.

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Youngest of Des Moines' arrivals is Shari Ann Furuto who was born to Sgt. and Mrs. Kaz Furuto of 819 Seventh Street on July 17, 1945, at Fort Des Moines Hospital. Sgt. Kaz Furuto, formerly of Los Angeles, Calif., was stationed in Fort Des Moines, Iowa, prior to his assignment overseas. He was wounded in action in Italy and is now convalescing at McCloskey General Hospital, Temple, Texas. Mrs. Furuto formerly resided in Sedgwick, Colorado, and joined her husband in Des Moines in 1942. Her sister-in-law, Shizuka Furuto, is staying with her at the above address, and is employed as a stenographer at the National Screen Service Corporation. Two other brothers, Pvt. Min Furuto and T/5 Takao Furuto are stationed in Italy and Fort Snelling, Minnesota, respectively. Sgt. Furuto's parents live at 23-5-1, MANZANAR.

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Mr. Jim Nakamura, after a diligent search for housing for approximately two weeks, secured a house to his liking at 518 Fulton Drive by following up a newspaper advertisement with the assistance of the hostel. Mr. Nakamura has already made arrangements to have his wife and daughter join him from MINIDOKA. The daughter will enroll in high school this fall. Mr. Nakamura is a welder but is employed in the yard of the Des Moines Steel Company while awaiting a welder's opening.

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We are in receipt of a letter from the Harry Saito family of Sioux City who have written, as follows: "We have found relocation very successful and I think anybody else would find it just that in Sioux City. We are wondering why more people in the relocation centers are not heading out this way."

Mr. Harry Saito and son Toshi, formerly of 35-2-C, MINIDOKA, and Portland, Oregon, arrived in Sioux City in May, 1945, where a job awaited Mr. Saito with the Goodyear Shoe Repair Co. His employers, Mr. and Mrs. George Meierstein, are very well pleased with his services and also gave full-time assistance in securing a house for the family. Mrs. Saito and daughter Toki have now joined them at 1711 Omaha Street, Sioux City, Iowa. Toshi is employed by the Jackson Hotel for the summer and will continue high school in the fall with his sister.

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The furniture pool at the Friends Hostel is developing into a very worthwhile enterprise. Many families have converted unfurnished houses and apartments into "homes" through this medium and it is expected that

other arrivals will continue to be benefitted by this project. Recently, several evacuee families, though the aid of the hostel, were able to purchase a second hand ice box for \$15, two rugs for \$5 and \$3 as well as a good stove for \$40 and a lawn mower for \$10. These were secured primarily through the ads placed in the newspapers and pick-up service was rendered by the hostel car.

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The "Young Married" group in Des Moines met at the Hostel on Sunday, August 12th, for a chicken dinner and games. Sid Inouye prepared the dinner which was served for a charge of 50¢ and consisted of fried chicken, candied yams, combination vegetable salad, rice, string beans and watermelon. Those in attendance were Mr. and Mrs. Hiroshi Yamamisaka and children, formerly of Los Angeles and COLORADO RIVER; Mr. and Mrs. George Yoshida and children, formerly of Lindsay, Calif. and COLORADO RIVER; Mr. and Mrs. Verlin Yamamoto and daughter, formerly of San Francisco, Calif. and GILA RIVER; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Morishige, formerly of Selma, Calif. and GILA RIVER; Mr. and Mrs. Tom Katayama, formerly of Long Beach, Calif. and JEROME; Mr. and Mrs. Sid Inouye, formerly of Santa Paula, Calif. and GILA RIVER, Los Angeles, Calif. and COLORADO RIVER respectively; as well as the following Hostel residents and guests: Frances Tanaka and daughter Nancy, formerly of El Monte, Calif. and HEART MOUNTAIN; Jim Nakamura of MINIDOKA; Kimi Ruth Fukuto, formerly of Los Angeles, Calif. and COLORADO RIVER; Edward Niimi, formerly of Hawaii and GILA RIVER; Fred Nakagawa, formerly of Kent, Washington and HEART MOUNTAIN; Nobuko and Yasuko Fujiki, formerly of Los Angeles, Calif. and GILA RIVER; Keigo Hase, formerly of JEROME; Anna and Ichio Shishido of MANZANAR; Kiyoko Teramaye, formerly of Vacaville, Calif. and GILA RIVER; Mary Watanuki, formerly of Santa Ana, Calif. and GILA RIVER; Ruth Wakida and her two children, formerly of Selma, Calif. and GILA RIVER; and the Hostel Directors, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Wilbur and daughter Carolyn. The films, "A Challenge to Democracy", "Go for Broke", and "Japanese Americans", were shown to the group, and other unidentified guests gathered for that portion of the program.

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Sometimes the dark cloud of housing has a silver lining as would be indicated by the following experience of the Fujiki sisters. After several weeks of fruitless searching for the "right" house, Yasuko and Nobuko Fujiki, formerly of Los Angeles and GILA RIVER, have rented a furnished house for the family at 816 Eighth Street in West Des Moines, Iowa. Mrs. Vierson, the home owner, told Yasuko, "After all, we are all Americans, whether we be of German ancestry or anything else and it really doesn't make any difference since we are all Americans". The next door neighbor, a Mrs. Phillips, works as a nurses' aide at the Methodist Hospital where Nobuko is employed as a pharmacist. Mrs. Phillips stated that Nobuko gets along well at the hospital and they have a high regard for her there. Mrs. Vierson then took Miss Fujiki to the neighbor on the other side and introduced her advising that Miss Fujiki was to be the new neighbor and the forthcoming comment was, "That is fine". Yasuko and Nobuko's father, Mr. Shinichi Fujiki, has been employed in Des Moines for several months but returned to Los Angeles to settle some property matters and is now in Gila awaiting receipt of word from the daughters that a house has been located for himself and his wife. The Fujikis plan to leave Gila on August 21 and will find a comfortable home and friendly neighbors awaiting them upon their arrival.

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Anne Shishido and her brother Ichio arrived in Des Moines to the Friends Hostel on August 9, 1945, from MANZANAR relocation center. Their plans were to find housing for their family group of nine. On August 21, Anne signed a one year lease on an eight room house at 1162 - 10th Street in Des Moines. In the meantime, Ichio has secured employment as an apprentice mechanic in a non-union shop. Since there are several members of the Shishido family who will be attending school, they plan to come to Des Moines as soon as possible. Anne has two brothers serving with the U. S. Army.

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Mrs. Jim Nakamura and daughter Sachiko arrived in Des Moines on August 19, 1945, from MINIDOKA to join the husband and father, who had located housing at 518 Fulton Drive. Mr. Nakamura had painted the porch and made other efforts to have the house in order for the arrival of the family. Sachiko will attend high school when the school term commences on September 4. Mr. Nakamura is working for the Des Moines Steel Co.

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Mrs. Henry Hayashi and daughter Lillian joined Mr. Hayashi and sons in Des Moines at 1212 Des Moines Street on August 10, 1945. Mr. Hayashi is employed as a presser for the French Way Cleaners, and his sons Tom and Frank plan to attend Drake University in September. The Hayashis are formerly of MINIDOKA and Portland, Oregon.

("ONE WEEK AFTER V-J DAY")

Significantly, it is reassuring to report that there has been no one instance of any Japanese American losing his employment since V-J day. Furthermore, wage scales have not been decreased in any case.

While Des Moines has been somewhat of a "war town", it really was not a "boom town"; therefore, the reconversion program is not severe.

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On Friday, August 10, Grandview College sponsored a picnic supper at which Susumu Myose, formerly of MANZANAR and Los Angeles, related his experiences in relocating in Iowa. Mary Kita, formerly of HEART MOUNTAIN spoke on the subject of "Tolerance". One hundred students of high school age who came from all over Iowa as well as surrounding states attended this meeting which was in conjunction with a summer camp program. The film, "A Challenge to Democracy" was shown.

Deanna Wakida, daughter of Mrs. Ruth Wakida, formerly of Selma and GILA RIVER has completed her first year of piano instruction in Des Moines. She is the youngest pupil receiving instruction from Miss Louise Moore whose studios are located at 805 1/2 Locust Street, Des Moines. "Dee Dee" as she is known, started her lessons when she was four and one-half years old and now plays several pieces from memory.

Harrison Wakida, eleven-year old son of Mrs. Ruth Wakida attended summer Y.M.C.A. camp this year. It was the second camp session for Harrison as he had attended camp last year too. Harrison was the only Nisei in the group and last year was chosen chief of the AGMY group, and this year had the honor of assisting in the flag raising ceremony. The camp period lasted for ten days.

Pvt. Frank Muramatsu, former Drake University student who was inducted into the U.S. Army from Des Moines is visiting Bob Hosokawa and his family at 3401 Urban-dale Avenue in Des Moines on his furlough from Camp Hood, Texas. Pvt. Muramatsu lived in Portland, Oregon before evacuation and was in the MINIDOKA Relocation Center before relocating to Des Moines. He was affiliated with the Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity while attending Drake University.

Miss Marjorie Yoshizawa, formerly of Milwaukee, Oregon and MINIDOKA will enter the cadet nurses training program at the Iowa Methodist Hospital in Des Moines, Iowa, on September 1. Miss Yoshizawa had her freshman year of high school in Milwaukee, Oregon, her sophomore year in MINIDOKA Relocation Center, her junior year in Kansas City, Missouri, and graduated from Roosevelt High School in Des Moines.

Pfc. Willie Tahara of Seattle and MINIDOKA who was wounded in Italy visited friends in Des Moines on his 30-day furlough from Maye General Hospital in Illinois. Pfc. Tahara's family is in Chicago and he hopes to be released from the Army soon so that he may join his family in returning to the West Coast.

"TWO WEEKS AFTER V-J DAY"

There are, at this time, no reported instances of unemployment among the evacuee population in the State of Iowa. No evacuees, to our knowledge, have been laid off as a result of war contract cutbacks or reconversion.

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Miss Sumi Horibe, American Institute of Business student, formerly of GRANADA and Winters, California had eight of her original oil paintings depicting camp life on display in the Art Room of the Public Library in Des Moines for two weeks in August. These eight paintings made up the entire display. The work was also exhibited at the Conservative Yearly Meeting of Friends at Whittier, Iowa; as well as at the Five Year Meeting of Friends in Oskaloosa, Iowa on August 23rd with 500 persons in attendance. The paintings were received enthusiastically in all instances.

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The First Friends Church in Des Moines, of which Rev. James Furbay is pastor has always extended a welcome to those Japanese Americans who do not have other church affiliations. At the Sunday, September 2nd service, it was noted that fifteen Issei and Nisei were in attendance.

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The Vesper Service Group which is headed by Rev. Lester Suzuki formerly of GRANADA and Los Angeles and Jackson Takayanagi, student minister, formerly of MANZANAR and West Los Angeles, had a pot luck supper at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jackson Takayanagi, 2621 S. E. 14th on Sunday, September 2nd. Twenty-six Issei and Nisei from Des Moines attended the gathering.

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The Umade family, formerly of Selma, California and GILA RIVER has moved into their newly purchased home at 1324 - 24th Street, Des Moines. Tom Umade is employed at the Standard Service Station at 26th & Grand Ave. as station attendant while Fred Umade works for Wood Brothers Thresher Company. Eujeanne Umade is at present attending the American Institute of Business.

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An Educational booth at the Dairy Cattle Congress in Waterloo, Iowa was conducted by members of the W. R. A. office staff. Decorations for this booth were paid for by voluntary donations from the Nisei Hospitality Committee as well as the Vesper Service group. Mrs. Tomoko Yamamoto designed and donated an unusual and attractive floral arrangement to be used as part of the decorative theme. Interest in the relocation program was evidenced by hundreds of persons in attendance at the Congress and considerable literature was distributed. Indications are that Waterloo and vicinity would be very receptive to any Japanese American families relocating in the community.

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George Kita, formerly of Calexico, California, and COLORADO RIVER, will leave Des Moines Friday, September 14, for Baltimore, Md., where he has accepted a Civil Service position as an attorney with one of the government agencies. George formerly attended classes at the San Diego State College where his ability as a guard on the football team won him considerable acclaim. He received his law degree from Drake University in August, 1945, and has passed his State Bar Examination. George also made his mark in the Middle West as a guard and fullback for two years on the Drake University football team and was offered a contract by the New York Giants professional football team. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Masajiro Kita are both employed and his sister Kazuko is attending Washington Irving Junior High. The family will remain in Des Moines.

Itoke Katayama, twin daughter daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Katayama, formerly of JEROME and Long Beach, California, was elected president of her home room at Washington Irving Junior High this week. She is a member of the 7-B class and this is her first semester at Washington Irving. The Katayama family has recently moved to their newly purchased home at 1508 Pleasant Street. Mr. Katayama is employed at the Y.W.C.A.

Betty and June Kagawa will begin their studies at the University of Iowa in Iowa City this month. Betty will be a sophomore, having completed her freshman year at Drake University, and June is just beginning her college work. They are daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence T. Kagawa, formerly of JEROME and Honolulu who are now living at 4014 School Street, Des Moines, Iowa.

The Friends Hostel in Des Moines is to remain in operation on a month-to-month basis. This decision was reached upon the termination of the lease on Sept. 1. Space is available at the Hostel for individuals and family groups at this time and reservations should be made in advance so that the Hostel will be able to determine the need for remaining in operation.

Mr. Hideo Takahashi, formerly of Los Angeles and HEART MOUNTAIN, is working as a butcher at the Roadside Super Market. Mr. Takahashi was referred to this opening by the United States Employment Service office in Des Moines shortly after his arrival. Mr. and Mrs. Takahashi are sharing a furnished home located at 1442 - 11th Street with Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Inouye and Mrs. Inouye's sister, Chizuko Matsumoto. The Inouyes are formerly of GILA RIVER and COLORADO RIVER.

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Through an advertisement in the Des Moines Register and Tribune, Mr. and Mrs. Kirhei Yoshida and family have rented a seven-acre plot at Johnston, Iowa. Johnston is five miles northwest of Des Moines. There are five tillable acres suitable for truck vegetables, and the farm home is furnished and completely modern. The two daughters, Katherine and Betty will attend the nearby consolidated school. The Yoshidas are formerly of COLORADO RIVER and Lindsay, California and arrived in Des Moines in August, 1945.

Miss Yoshi One formerly of GRANADA and Sacramento, California has rented a furnished apartment at 1027 - 9th Street in Des Moines for herself and brother, Juichi. Shizuye One, a sister of Juichi and Yoshi, is attending Roosevelt High School while working part-time in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Sharp, Jr., 4307 Beavercrest Drive.

Nancy Matsumoto, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. K. Matsumoto, Block 35, COLORADO RIVER, who is living with her sister, Mrs. Sidney Inouye while attending Washington Irving Junior High School in Des Moines was elected alternate secretary of her homemaking class. Nancy is a 7-B student.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hosokawa and son, David, left Des Moines September 20 for Madison, Wisconsin. Mr. Hosokawa will attend the University of Wisconsin as a graduate student on a scholarship. His home at 3401 Urbandale Avenue has been purchased by Eric Kawai, who is a linotyper at the Des Moines Register and Tribune. The Kawais are formerly of GILA RIVER and Pasadena, California, and have been living in West Des Moines since their arrival in July, 1944.

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Pvt. Louie Kobayashi visited the Lawrence Kagawa home at 4014 School Street, Des Moines, the week of September 23. Louie attended Drake University before he entered the Army. He is formerly of GILA RIVER and Madera, California and is on furlough from Fort Snelling, Minnesota. He is driving Mr. Frank E. Gibbs and sons from Des Moines to California and will visit his family while in the West and assist them with their relocation to their former home in Madera. Mrs. Gibbs is the wife of the former relocation officer in Des Moines and is en route to join her husband in Honolulu, Hawaii.

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Mr. and Mrs. Eric Kawai, formerly of GILA RIVER and Pasadena, California are the parents of a daughter, Karen, born September 21. The Kawais have another child, Kathryn, 2 years of age. The family is living at 3401 Urbandale and Mr. Kawai works as a linotype operator for the Des Moines Register and Tribune.

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Kazuko Kita, 14 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Masajiro Kita, 1327 - 28th Street, was elected secretary of the student council by her fellow classmates at Washington Irving Junior High School. Kazuko is a 9-B student. The Kitas are formerly of Calexico and COLORADO RIVER and Mr. Kita is employed at the Sea Food Grotto.

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The campaign literature of the American Friends Service Committee features copy of a painting by Sumi Horibe, formerly of GRANADA and Winters, California. The campaign highlights the Committee's local project which has been to assist American Japanese in their resettlement in the Iowa--Des Moines district. Sumi is an American Institute of Business student and works as part-time secretary at the Friends Hostel.

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On Wed., Sept. 26, the Iowa State College radio station, W.O.I. Ames, Iowa carried a broadcast featuring an interview with Kenneth Otagaki, Nisei, World War II veteran, who is a graduate student at the college. The interview had to do with Mr. Otagaki's experiences and his plans to return to Hawaii upon completion of his college work. He is formerly of Hilo, Hawaii, graduated from the University of Hawaii in 1940 and enlisted in the U. S. Army in March, 1941. Mr. Otagaki was injured in action in Italy and has lost his right leg, two fingers on his right hand, and the partial sight of both of his eyes. Mr. Arthur Downing, Relocation Officer participated in the program setting forth some of the functions of W.R.A. and giving a short synopsis of the relocation picture in Iowa.

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The Hostel at 2150 Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa extends an invitation to evacuees considering relocating in Iowa to use its facilities at this time.

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Mr. Shotaro Hikida, special relocation officer from the Chicago WRA area office and formerly from GILA RIVER and San Francisco, California, visited the Des Moines district during the week of September 23rd. While in Des Moines, Mr. Hikida called upon the following resettlers:

Mrs. Tomoko Yamamoto, formerly of GILA RIVER and San Francisco, who is living at 410 - 27th Street;

Mr. and Mrs. Asajiro Nishimoto, formerly of JEROME, living at 3422 $\frac{1}{2}$ Grand Avenue. Mr. Nishimoto is head of the vegetable and fruit department of Jack Love's Super Market;

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Morishige, formerly of GILA RIVER and Selma, Calif., at 1309 - 22nd Street, Des Moines. Mr. Morishige is an auto mechanic for Schultz bakeries;

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hayashi, formerly of MINIDOKA and Portland, Oregon, who live at 1212 Des Moines Street. Mr. Hayashi works as a presser at the French Way Cleaners;

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Katayama and family, formerly of JEROME and Long Beach, Calif., living at 1508 Pleasant Street. Mr. Katayama works at the Y.W.C.A.;

Mr. and Mrs. Hideo Takahashi, formerly of HEART MOUNTAIN and Los Angeles, living at 1442 - 11th Street. Mr. Takahashi is employed as a butcher at the Fort Des Moines Hotel;

Mr. and Mrs. Erie Kawai, formerly of GILA RIVER and Pasadena, Calif., living at 3401 Urbandale. Mr. Kawai is a linotype operator at the Des Moines Register;

Mr. and Mrs. Masajiro Kita, formerly of COLORADO RIVER and Calexico, Calif., living at 1327 - 28th Street. Mr. Kita works at the Sea Food Grotto;

Mr. and Mrs. Jusuke Takayanagi, formerly of COLORADO RIVER, residing at 1535 - 26th Street. Mr. Takayanagi is employed at Lockhart Gardens;

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sakata and family, formerly of GILA RIVER and Pasadena, Calif., living at 1327 - 40th Street. Mr. Sakata works as a floral designer at La Vere Braucht Floral Company;

Mr. and Mrs. Masao Uchiyama, formerly of GILA RIVER and Pasadena, Calif., living at 1429 - 27th Street. Mr. Uchiyama is employed at Herring-Wisler Company as a receiving clerk;

Mr. and Mrs. Kirihei Yoshida and family, formerly of COLORADO RIVER (Camp 2), living on their acreage at Johnston, Iowa;

Mr. and Mrs. Shiniohi Fujiki, formerly of GILA RIVER, living at 816 - 8th Street, West Des Moines;

Mrs. Sayo Teramaye and daughter Kiyoko, formerly of GILA RIVER, living at 2600 Forest Drive. Mrs. Teramaye is employed in the Hugo Schnabel home;

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Nakamura and daughter, formerly of MINIDOKA, living at 518 Fulton Drive. Mr. Nakamura is employed by the Des Moines Steel Company and Mrs. Nakamura works as a seamstress in a tailoring shop.

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The Yuai-kai Issei resettlers group in Des Moines had a dinner meeting at the Friends Hostel on Sunday, September 30. Mr. Bill Hosokawa, Nisei resettler, spoke to the group, setting forth the facts that the Hostel will be closed as well as the centers and local W.R.A. office, therefore, there is a definite need for organization among the resettlers to be prepared for problems arising in the future. Mr. Cornell Hewson, co-chairman of the American Friends Service Committee and chairman of the Des Moines Relocation Committee, outlined the aims of the Friends Service Committee and expressed admiration for the courage with which both Nisei and Issei resettlers have established homes for themselves in Iowa.

Dinner consisting of suimono, osushi, tsukemono, tea and cake was then served to the 39 guests.

After dinner, Mr. Hikida, special relocation officer from the Chicago W.R.A. area office, spoke to the group on relocation problems and possible solutions. Mr. Hikida encouraged all resettlers to consider the middlewest and its possibilities as a permanent home, and that in his opinion, there would be no re-establishment of "little Tokio's" on the West Coast--so returning to the Coast would not mean returning to the social and economic life they previously knew.

Mr. Konnie Yoshinaga of Newton, Iowa, then projected some Kodachrome prints for the group and presented a display of his photographs.

The Issei group is headed by Mr. Henry Sakata and Mrs. Tomoko Yamamoto. Mrs. Henry K. Shishido, Mrs. Harry Fujikawa, Mrs. Tomoko Yamamoto, Mrs. Hideo Takahashi and Mrs. Sayo Teramaye were the committee members responsible for the meeting and they were assisted in the meal preparation by Mr. Henry K. Shishido, who has recently relocated to Des Moines from MANZANAR with his family.

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Rev. Grant Butler who has recently become the chairman of the Housing Subcommittee of the Des Moines Relocation Committee met with Mr. Cornell Hewson, chairman, Mr. Bill Hosokawa, Nisei representative, and Mr. Arthur Downing, relocation officer, on Wednesday, September 19. Rev. Butler, at that time, was brought up to date on the committee's activities and plans for future relocation.

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S/Sgt. Carl Kita, formerly of Calexico, California is visiting his family, Mr. and Mrs. Masajiro Kita at 1327 - 28th Street, Des Moines while on furlough from Fort McArthur, California. Sgt. Kita has served 49 months with the Army in United States. Carl's brother, George is employed as an attorney by the Social Security Board in Baltimore, Md.

Mr. Yoshinobu Kagawa, formerly of Hawaii, is visiting his brother, Lawrence T. Kagawa and family at 4014 School Street in Des Moines. Mr. Kagawa has been employed as an attorney in New York for the past seven years and is now en route to his pre-evacuation home in Honolulu.

Nancy Matsumoto, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. K. Matsumoto, Block 35, (Camp I) COLORADO RIVER, has been appointed home room reporter for the school publication "The Sketch Book". Nancy is a 7-B student at Washington Irving Junior High School and lives with her sister, Mrs. Sidney Inouye at 1442 - 11th Street, Des Moines.

Mrs. Tomoko Yamamoto, formerly of GILA RIVER and San Francisco, was presented with a gift from the Des Moines Nisei Hospitality Committee in appreciation of her services to the resettlers as a whole and specifically for her preparation of the floral decorations for the educational booth at Waterloo, Iowa.

Edward Niimi, formerly of Honolulu, JEROME and GILA RIVER graduated from the American Institute of Business in Des Moines on October 10th. He received his diploma in accounting upon completion of the thirteen-month course. Edward plans to return to Honolulu with his parents, one brother and two sisters as soon as arrangements can be completed.

The dwelling housing the Friends Hostel at 2150 Grand Avenue, Des Moines was sold on October 8 to Max Christie of Iowa City. The Friends Hostel will remain open until October 31, however, no new guests will be accepted after October 15. The Hostel Director, Ross Wilbur, plans to remain in Des Moines with his family and work in the Child Welfare Division of the Iowa State Department of Social Welfare as a consultant.

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The Nisei High School group in Des Moines met at the Cornell Hewson home at 1347 - 29th Street on Sunday, October 14th for a weiner roast. Mr. Hewson is chairman of the Des Moines Relocation Committee and Mrs. Hewson is a member of the committee. Roy Kita, nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Jun Imakire (HEART MOUNTAIN) has been elected chairman of the group and Lillian Hayashi, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hayashi (MINIDOKA and Portland, Oregon) has been elected secretary. Yuriko Katayama, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Katayama (JEROME and Long Beach) is vice president and chairman of the social activities committee. The turn-out percentage was high for the group in that out of a possible 24, 19 members were present.

The closing date of the Friends Hostel in Des Moines is October 31 and a tribute was paid by the resettlers in the Iowa district to the Hostel Directors, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Wilbur, on Saturday, October 13. Tea was served at the Hostel from 7:30 to 9:30 P.M. and there were approximately 100 guests from Des Moines and surrounding territory. The refreshments were prepared and served under the direction of Mrs. Tomoko Yamamoto (GILA and San Francisco) who was assisted by Mrs. Sam Sakamoto (HEART MOUNTAIN and San Jose), Mrs. Hideotakahashi (HEART MOUNTAIN and Los Angeles), Mrs. Sayo Teramaye (GILA and Vacaville), and Mrs. Yahiyo (GRANADA and Los Angeles).

The Nisei Hospitality Committee was in charge of the general arrangements for the tea and the following members contributed their time and service: Edward Niimi (JEROME, GILA and Honolulu), Mary Kita (HEART MOUNTAIN), Ruth Fukuto (COLORADO RIVER and Los Angeles), Sumi Horibe (GRANADA and Winters), Chiyo Yamada (HEART MOUNTAIN), and Mrs. Sidney Inouye (COLORADO RIVER and Los Angeles).

Miss May Ideta (MINIDOKA and Seattle) was mistress of ceremonies and introduced Henry Sakata, chairman of the Issei Committee (GILA and Pasadena) who spoke representing the Issei group, and Sam Sakamoto (HEART MOUNTAIN and San Jose) who summarized some of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur's activities since their arrival as Hostel Directors in 1944. A presentation was made by Mrs. Sid Inouye to the Wilburs of a hand-forged aluminum serving tray, pitcher and relish dish in appreciation of the continued and unstinting service rendered by the Hostel Directors to the resettlers.

Cpl. Saburo Hashimoto (COLORADO RIVER and Brawley) visited Mr. and Mrs. Sid Inouye at 1442 - 11th Street and Mr. and Mrs. Erie Kawai and family at 3401 Urbandale Avenue while en route to Fort MacArthur, California.

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In the spotlight last week were the "Young Harrieds" who met Saturday evening, October 20, 1945, at the home of Bob and Annie Morishige (GILA RIVER and Selma, Calif.) 1309 - 22nd Street, Des Moines. Mr. Ronnie Yoshinaga, pre-war resident of Des Moines and Newton, Iowa, presented a 45 minute color movie, "Iowa, the Hawkeye State", which he had filmed over a 3 year period. This film has been shown throughout the State of Iowa. Refreshments were prepared and served by Mrs. Verlin Yamamoto and Mrs. Harrie Taka. Bridge was played during the course of the evening and plans for future bridge gatherings were discussed.

Young Harrieds, including their children, at the gathering were: Mr. and Mrs. Martin Marumoto (HEART MOUNTAIN and San Jose, Calif.) 2015 Pleasant Street; Mr. and Mrs. Hiroshi Yamamisaka (COLORADO RIVER and Los Angeles, Calif.) 527 - 31st Street; Mr. and Mrs. Verlin Yamamoto (GILA RIVER and San Francisco, Calif.) 3920 1/2 Grand Avenue; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Morishige (GILA RIVER and Selma, Calif.) 1309 - 22nd Street; Mrs. Ruth Wakida and children Harrison and Deanna (GILA RIVER and Selma, Calif.) 1309 - 22nd Street; Mr. and Mrs. Sid Inouye (GILA RIVER-Santa Paula, COLORADO RIVER-Los Angeles, respectively) 1442 - 11th Street; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fujikawa (GRANADA and Los Angeles, Calif.) 1233 - 10th Street; Mrs. Harrie Taka (COLORADO RIVER and Rosemead, Calif.) 1543 - 26th Street; Mr. Ronnie Yoshinaga, Rt. 2, Newton, Iowa; Mr. Yash Suzuki, visiting relatives Mr. and Mrs. Verlin Yamamoto on his way to Loomis, Calif., and Mr. and Mrs. Ross T. Wilbur, Hostel Directors, Des Moines, Iowa.

With the basketball season's approach, Nisei enthusiasts have formed a team under the sponsorship of Harrie's Watch Shop, 1161 - 24th Street, owned by Mr. Harrie Taka (COLORADO RIVER and Rosemead, Calif.). Arrangements have been made to enter the City League which will begin sometime in December. Among those signed for the team are: Taro Matsui (ROWER and Hanford, Calif.); David Unoura (ROWER and Los Angeles, Calif.); Sid and Frank Inouye (GILA RIVER and Santa Paula, Calif.); Frank and Tom Hayashi (MINIDOKA and Portland, Oregon); Toru Nishioka (GILA RIVER and Fresno, Calif.); and George Yoshimura (GILA RIVER and Santa Maria, Calif.). All games will be played at the local Y.M.C.A. and weekly practice games are now in session.

At the request of the Red Cross Director with the 442nd Regimental Combat Team in Italy, Mr. Arthur Downing, WRA Relocation Officer, and Mr. Bill Hosokawa (HEART MOUNTAIN and Seattle, Washington) 1608 - 32nd Street, visited the Satoze Kashiwagi family (MINIDOKA and Seattle, Wash.) in Dubuque, Iowa, October 22, 1945. Mr. and Mrs. Kashiwagi are employed at the Academy of the Visitation, a Catholic girls' school where their daughter Umeko is enrolled. The visitors found the Kashiwagis very pleased with their new home where they have been since last July, 1945. They reported the townspeople friendly and they are awaiting the return of their son Pfc. Susumu Kashiwagi from Italy.