

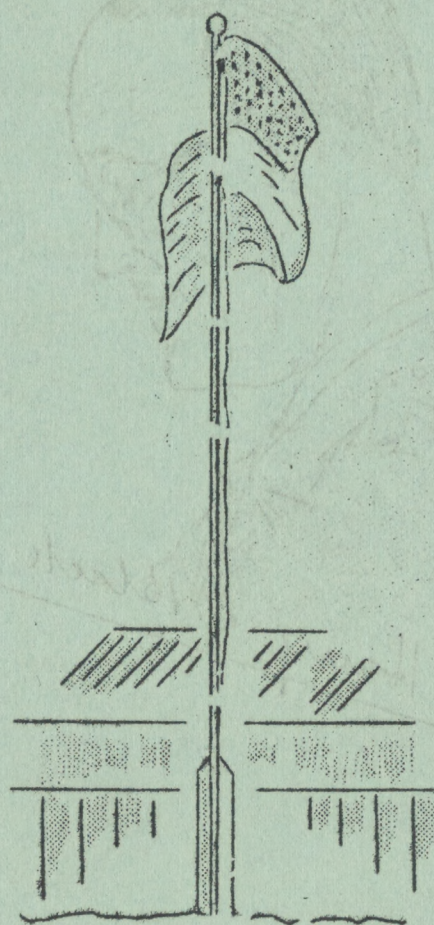
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THE EDITORIAL STAFF OF THE MERCEDIAN

DEDICATES THIS SOUVENIR

EDITION TO OUR FRIEND

AND COUNSELOR

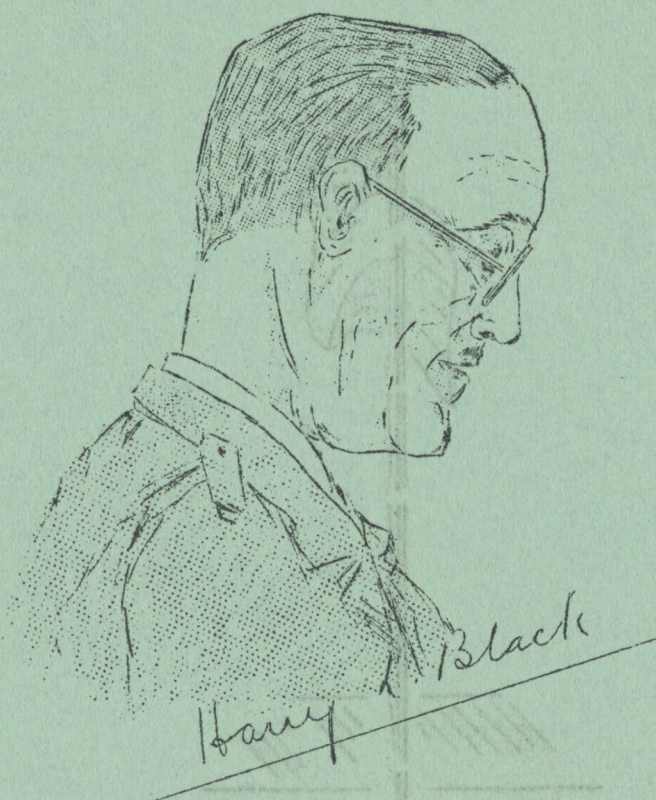
MGR. HARRY L. BLACK

AND

RICHARD G. MITCHELL

FOR THE INSPIRATION AND SPIRITUAL

GUIDANCE GIVEN US AT MERCED ASSEMBLY CENTER



SINCERE APPRECIATION FOR
THEIR VALUABLE ASSISTANCE:

Mrs. K. Kasai
Fred Tanaka

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Sakae Kawashiri
Chip Imai
John Arishita
Toshio Matsuoka
Koichi Nomiyama

AND MANY OTHERS ON THE
MIMEOGRAPHING DETAILS



MGR. BLACK GREETES RESIDENTS : "GOOD LUCK!"

As the time approaches for some 4,500 citizens of Merced Assembly Center to move to Colorado to make their home "for the duration", it is difficult for me to put into words my sentiments toward our community here. Only once before in my life have I ever felt more closely identified with the lives and the welfare of a group of people, and that was a group of 250 soldiers who composed an infantry company of the United States Army whom I had the honor to train and command.

No one can truly appreciate, I am sure, just what evacuation has meant to you. Perhaps, your administrative staff and your Center Manager can come nearer to such appreciation than any other Caucasians. On the basis of their appreciation we can do no less than admire the spirit, the morale, and the attitude of this community. The ability and the willingness of residents to do effectively and readily most of the actual work connected with the business of taking care of each other has made the responsibility for the operation of this Center a comparatively light responsibility. It has made our job easy when it might have been hard. It has given us pride and satisfaction when it might have given us shame and regret. It has reflected credit on us when it might have reflected discredit.

Merced Assembly Center has a record to be proud of. Our health has been good, accidents have been few, avoidable illness held to a minimum. There have been no arrests for misconduct of any kind. There have been only two instances of violation of regulations worthy of official cognizance. There have been only two accidental fires, both extinguished without any property damage. There has been no instance in which a simple request from the manager was less effective than a direct order.

All of this betokens the splendid spirit of cooperation consistently displayed by citizens of Merced Assembly Center, and has made of it a community governed by a high standard of personal conduct rather than by a minimum compliance with prescribed rules and regulations.

It is an axiom of management that loyalty, respect, esteem, and cooperation on the part of associates is EARNED, not DEMANDED. When I became Center Manager here, I publicly proposed to earn your respect and esteem. I will not attempt to say how gratified I have been with the response. It has been nothing less than perfect.

Within a few days WCCA will transfer its responsibility for your care to WRA, and I shall commend you to the Project Director and the Administrative Staff of the Relocation Center. My sincerest hope is that you may render to the Project Director and his staff in your new home the same invaluable assistance you have rendered to us in Merced; and that the staff of the Relocation Center may demonstrate their worthiness of an exemplary attitude on your part. In a large measure your new home in Colorado will be what you make it. You are to build a new community there just as you have done here. And from the first day each should do his part to make it the IDEAL community.

Your entire Merced staff joins in the expression of good will toward you and sincere wishes of good luck for you. In the happy days ahead, after the war and the peace is won, may many of us meet again to look together back on these days as the unreal interlude.

HARRY L. BLACK, Center Manager
MERCED ASSEMBLY CENTER, WCCA

OUR ASSEMBLY CENTER

THE MODEL CENTER

As Administrative Coordinator of the Merced Assembly Center, I express my sincere gratitude and appreciation to the residents of this center for their splendid and willing support with which I have been able to carry on my work so successfully. I also would like to extend my sincere appreciation to Mr. H.L. Black and his administrative staff for their kindness and understanding of us that helped to keep up our morale so high. And I certainly cannot overlook the hearty and unselfish cooperation of the Ward Representatives, the Commissioners and numerous other officials.

We have strived to keep this center one of the best and from my estimation,

I can proudly say that we have accomplished that feat. In fact, numerous heart-warming praises have been received from the San Francisco Headquarter, honoring ours as a model center. Undisputed credit must be given to our Manager, Mr. Harry L. Black, for his untiring efforts to satisfy the needs that have frequently come up.

I sincerely hope that we may be able to hold as clean a record at the Relocation Center as we have had in this Center.

DR. M. HIGAKI
COORDINATOR OF MERCED
ASSEMBLY CENTER

FOR MOST GOOD

The Commissioners of the Merced Assembly Center wish to take this opportunity to convey to the Center Manager, his staff, Mercedian personnel, and the residents of the Merced Assembly Center our sincere appreciation for their splendid cooperation in facilitating our functions.

With limited means and meager previous experience, our duties had many shortcomings, but, nevertheless, your tolerance has continued. We have endeavored to do what we thought our best to serve

the residents, taking into consideration "the most good for the greatest number."

In conclusion, we wish you all continued health and hope for the day when our paths may cross again.

CENTER COMMISSIONERS

Jack Noda
Walter Higuchi
Henry Shimizu
Sam Kuwahara
Takashi Koga
Dr. Terami

A JOB WELL DONE

'Twas the first part of May that we began to trickle into this Merced Assembly Center. Four months have nearly passed since our arrival.

Notwithstanding the circumstances under which we came in, which surely was not the free will of our heart, you have made this Center a proud one, indeed.

Each one of you made sacrifices and helped to improve the Center. In a Center where you and I are so compactly packed, cooperation is necessary and you have untiringly given that cooperation. Whatever your work was, you have done your bit of which you may well be proud.

You have been pioneers in building the Merced Assembly Center. You have tasted a bit of pioneering but you will taste more of it ahead. You will have to do your pioneering probably against greater odds. Let us hope that your experience here will make you work harder in the years ahead and that you will maintain your perspective.

For the cooperation that the residents have rendered the former Assembly members and myself, all I can say is "Thank you." It has been wonderful to represent such a cooperative community.

BUDDY IWATA
FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE ASSEMBLY

SHORT TERMS

The Assembly, during its brief existence, was the elected self-governing group for the 4500 residents of the Merced Center. It consisted of 20 members, one male and female representative elected from and by the duly qualified voters in their respective wards. They were composed of U. S. citizens who had attained their 18th year. Members who served were as follows:

- Ward A: Masao Hoshino
Yuki Tamaka

Ward B: Isaac Matsushige
Miye Yamasaki

Ward C: Buddy Iwata
Graco Narita

Ward D: Aki Yoshimura
Chiyo Furuno

Ward E: Henry Shimizu
Mario Kai

Ward F: George Otani
Dorothy Nakamura

Ward G: Mitsuo Kiguchi
Mona Hirooka

Ward H: George Matsumura
Mabel Furukawa

Ward I: Tokio Kawashima
Mitsuyo Okamoto

Ward J: Tim Sasabuchi
Mollie Wada

The main duties of the Assembly were to serve as a medium for the distribution of informations relative to center operations, to promote the welfare and well-being of the residents, and to serve as an advisory body to the Center Manager and his administrative staff.

Besides meeting each morning with the Center Manager, the Assembly maintained five standing committees--namely; Works and Planning, Mass and Lodging, Service and Education, Health and Welfare and Safety --and a Relocation Committee. They were chosen from time to time to discuss and recommend numerous constructive suggestions to the Administrative staff for the betterment of the residents.

BUDDY IWATA

CAMP CLOSES SANS GOVMT

New WCCA ruling contained in the information release No. 26 issued on August 6, declared the self-government organization, such as is now in operation in this Center, null and void.

This is the second time the Wartime Civil Control Administration has ruled out the Assembly Centers' attempt at popular government. In the first restriction the WCCA outlawed Issei votes and office holders.

The Release No.26 states: "No type of self-government organization is authorized in an Assembly Center.

"Advisory committees which have no administrative, executive or judicial power or authority, but which serve as advisors to the Center Manager as thereafter prescribed are authorized."

MALE LEADS BY 552

Contrary to popular opinion, the male is still the leading sex, and each ward has a surplus of males.

If every woman in this Center grabbed one man apiece, there will still be 552 males left over, not considering the age, however.

Running true to proportion, there are also a few males left over in the age group of 35 years and under. The figures compiled by ward officers give 140 males in excess, taking in the Center as a whole. This figure does not state how many of those 1,542 members of the male sex are eligible bachelors.

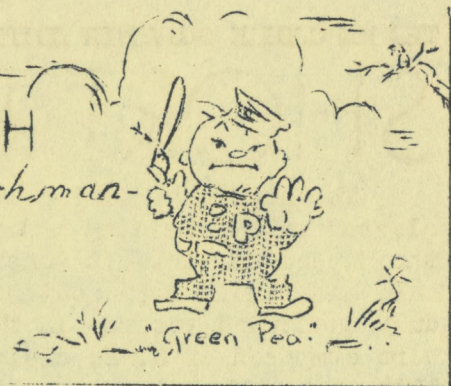
On this point, expert observers disagree and strongly point to the sad conclusion that there may be more eligible girls than boys.

At the Relocation Center information of that nature will be secured for the readers. In the meantime, the girls can be thinking seriously on the question, "To be or not be married in the Relocation Center."

The male and female population by each ward is given below.
(Courtesy of the Ward Officers.)

WARD	MALES	FEMALES	MALES under 35	FEMALES under 35
A-----	241	187	147	126
B-----	284	172	165	127
C-----	256	174	137	126
D-----	235	197	142	144
E-----	245	239	160	169
F-----	258	169	165	126
G-----	230	224	136	172
H-----	239	168	148	111
I-----	252	195	162	124
J-----	276	237	181	164
TOTALS	2,516	1,862	1,543	1,389

ON THE BEAT WITH Chief Bachman-



The personnel of the Interior Police Department of the Merced Assembly Center, and myself, take this opportunity to extend to the Mercedian Staff and Administrative Officials of this Center, our sincere appreciation and thanks for their splendid cooperation during the past three months.

The success of the Interior Security Section, the scarcity of crime and juvenile delinquencies within this camp, was made possible by the close cooperation of George Miyama and his Service Patrol which assisted at all times in policing Merced Assembly Center. The assistance of this organization was only equalled by the complete interest and desire of each Japanese resident in this Center to build an everlasting memory of good will.

Our Camp Manager, Mr. Harry Black, and his assistants have done everything within their power to provide a pleasant and happy home for the residents of this Center. Surely under the direction of these capable department heads, Merced Assembly Center's fine reputation will achieve its rank among the highest.

Heretofore, the Interior Security Section has sought little publicity, but on this occasion, the publication of the Souvenir Edition of the "Mercedian", we are proud to honestly make these statements. May the Japanese residents of this Center find a truly delightful home in their future location at Colorado.

W. L. BACHMAN
CHIEF OF POLICE



PATROL

The varied interests which constituted the law enforcement of the Merced Center Police, though it was a hard hurdle for the unexperienced patrollers to accept, but that important assigned role has been fulfilled in a creditable manner with a few more weeks until we bid farewell to the life in the City of the Gateway to Yosemite.

On this occasion, we, the Interior Auxiliary Police, through the kind efforts given by our hard working Mercedian staff, extend our utmost appreciation for the courteous cooperation, you, the 4850 residents, have given us, in order to boast highly of our Merced Camp reputation.

It is equally important that we continue to retain this high honor; therefore, we request your further cooperation to accomplish a successful departure without a scar on our record and a still better credit at our relocated destination.

We thank you, and hope to see you at Granada.

CENTER AUXILIARY POLICE DEPARTMENT
GEORGE MIYAMA, CHIEF

CHIEF

George Miyama

SERGEANTS

Frank Morimoto

Sam Ono

Bob Inouye

Tom Kurihara

PATROLMEN

John Azeka

Joe Furusho

Ichio Fujii

Tanio Hayashi

Kusuo Honda

George Hoshiyama

Tom Ikosaki

Roy Ishisaka

Jimmie Iwamura

Takeo Kajiyama

Richard Kawasaki

Jiro Kawashima

George Kimura

Max Kimura

James Kirihaire

Hayden Masuda

Masaru Morita

Michitaka Nakaguma

Harry Nishida

Dan Nishida

Isamu Ogi no

Paul Otani

Dick Sato

Tom Sumida

Frank Tagawa

George Takahashi

Morio Tominaga

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Takashi Koga, Sergeant

Isami Harada

Yoshiharu Inouye

George Iwanaga

Saburo Kasai

Sam Miura

Frank Nakamura

Kaoru Nakamura

Hitoshi Ogata

Shigeru Suyeoka

Arthur Toyama

OFFICE WORKERS

Betty Fujisaki-----Typist

Tai Tanji-----Secretary

Kiyoshi Hattori---Sr. Clerk

Joe Yasuda-----Runner

Aiko Kobuke-----Translator

Richard Inaba----Translator

NOURISHING FOOD

We dedicate the following article to the entire MESS DIVISION, WAREHOUSE CREW, TRANSPORTATION CREW, JANITORS AND TO OUR ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF.

We are very fortunate in having capable and understanding persons such as Mr. Stephen Schramm, Director of Mess and Lodging and Mr. H.D. McDowell, Chief Steward, who have done much to improve and satisfy the wants of the people of this Center. Due to their untiring efforts and considerate understanding, we have the kind of food everyone enjoys.

The Mess Division has been very fortunate to have such a versatile, capable supervisor as Norman T. "Cuppy" Satow. It was his unselfish, untiring efforts that made it possible to organize the Mess Division as it is today.

It was his lot not only to see that the people of the Center were provided with plenty of good nourishing food, but also his duty to employ, train and coordinate the workers into the smooth working organization it is today.

It was not by mere waving of the magic wand that he has reached this goal, but only after a long struggle that only few men could endure and few of us realize.

It is no joke converting tractor drivers into potato peelers or peach or tomato growers into dishwashers-----but with perseverance, tact, broadminded tolerance, and his will that know no defeat but to finish the job he started regardless of his sacrifice, it was possible.

In all this he was very ably assisted by his "good man Friday"--that good-natured, witty, joke cracking, Toshio Saika.

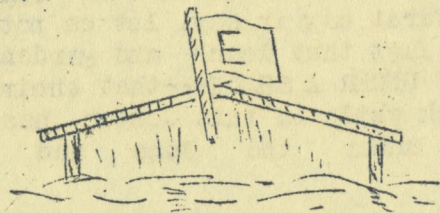
Forever buried deep in our minds, will be the memory of the Roving Crew, the pride and glory of the Mess Division. Undaunted by complaints and criticisms, they carried on with a smile to fulfill their motto, "We Serve to Satisfy."

Most people do not realize the hardship the Roving Crew had to undergo to make the Mess Hall a better and a more pleasant place to eat.

MESS AND LODGING

MESS HONORS

Mess Halls: I - H - B - ?



BEST ON RECORDS---

"I feel that without cooperation of the personnel of the Mess Division, I could not have done an adequate job of feeding. As it is, the records show that we have the best Mess & Lodging Division among all of the WCCA Assembly Centers."

Stephen C. Schramm
Director of Mess & Lodging

'NICE BUNCH'

"I have never had the privilege of working with a better and a nicer group than the people of Merced Assembly Center. On behalf of my department I wish to show my appreciation for all the cooperation. There has been problems and trials, but we have worked them out together. I can say this in all sincerity."

H. D. MCDOWELL
CHIEF STEWARD

THANKS TO YOU

"I take this means in showing appreciation and gratitude for the fine cooperation shown by the mess employees; their untiring efforts in giving of their services so that the people of the Center might enjoy a wholesome meal.

It is my wish that we may all enjoy this same cooperation at our new Relocation Center.

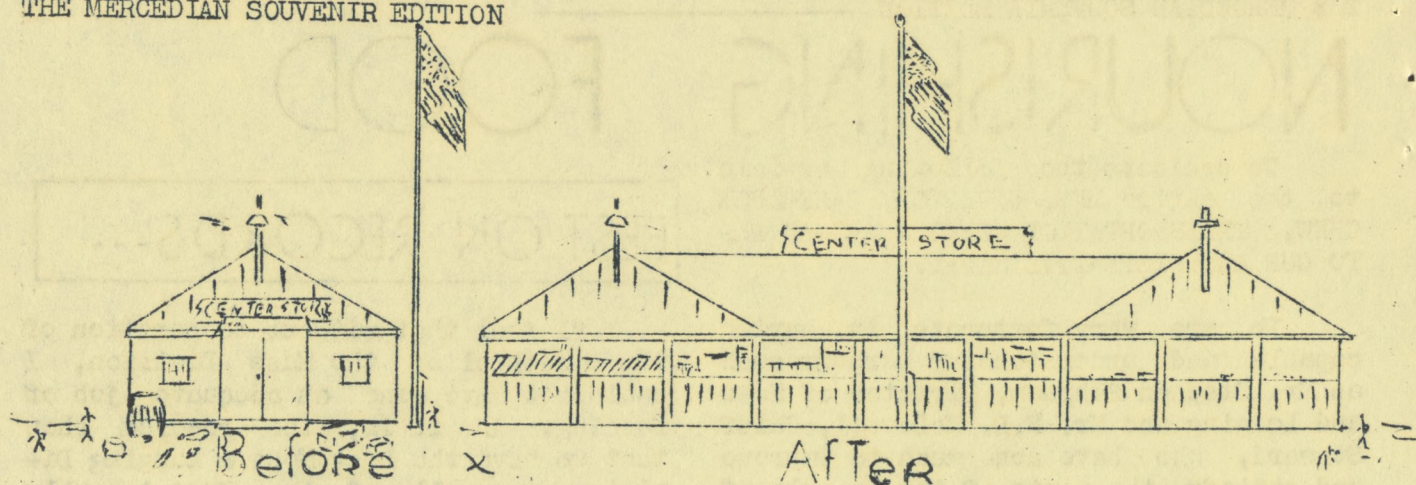
NORMAN T. SATOW
EXECUTIVE CHEF

COMMISSIONER

APPRECIATES AID

"We take this opportunity in thanking the workers of the Mess & Lodging Division and the residents for their sincere cooperation. As you know, it is impossible to satisfy everyone, however, it has been our policy to try and satisfy as many people as possible within the limitations we have had to work under."

SAM KUWAHARA
COMMISSIONER OF MESS & LODGING



"Ye ole Canteen", favorite hangout of the soft-drink cowboys and teen-age girls, hung its shingles on a cubby-hole barrack when the first pioneer evacuees set afoot in Merced. Cigarettes 'n pops were the major drawing cards then.

With the first distribution of FREE COUPONS business jumped 100 percent. The surging crowd clamored for service--hundreds of cases of pop went the way of "all-flesh"--like snow in Merced, someone used to say.

"Ye ole Canteen" just couldn't "took it"---the carpenters got to work to tear the front of the store away, while business went on as usual.

Some boys began wailing: "The mean ole carpenters are breaking down our ice cream store."

But the 'mean ole carpenters' kept on the job and in less time than it takes to say Merced Assembly Center, the brand new addition to the Canteen came to life.

Service at the new counter was more efficient, more merchandise adorned the shelves--more "lollipop cowboys" hung around at nights---more beauties bought lipsticks and other canned beautifiers.

Everybody is happy now. Latest figures on the volume of sales gave more than \$1,000 daily, which is an average of about 25 cents per person, compared

to \$375 two months ago.

A carload of orchids goes to the Canteen workers----the life and blood of Merced Center-----with the exception of the Mess Workers, who are horses of another color.

Here are the staff members who've been "clipping" your coupons in back of the counter:

CANTEEN SUPERVISOR

Roy Hamilton

CANTEEN STAFF

Lois Morimoto, Henry Kiyoi, Ben Sumita, Isamu Nakan o, Alice Fujita, Blanche Kimoto, Noboru Murakami, Josephine Miura, Toshie Matsuda, James Morimoto, Eunice Yahiro, Grace Ishizaka, Haruko Nakagawa, Mary Ogawa.

Florence Kawaoka, Joe Shizuru, Frank Suzuki, Andrew Yahiro, Fred Morimoto, Margie Tashiro, George Imoto, Fumi Fukuda, Jimmy Arishita, Mabel Yoshida, Robert Suyeoka, Agnes Yamamoto, Misa Yokoi, Island Nakamura.

Sumi Tashiro, Hanaye Noda, Susie Yamaoka, Louise Hamahashi, Mary Nakamura, Mary Yamachi, Katsumi Tokunaga, Giichi Ishizaka, Lily Narita, Lily Kaji, John Okazaki, Bob Okamoto, Yae Yokoi and Sumiko Horibe.

HOE AND SPADE

by Smoky Sakurada

With various existing departments in this Center, the gardeners and laborers are the maintenance of the scenic and the clean-up side of the picture. The work done had been made possible through relentless efforts of the gardeners and laborers through the leadership of Fred Yamamoto, Superintendent; Jim Wada, foreman of the Administration grounds; S. Fujii, foreman of the Military Police grounds; F. Fujii, keeper of chrysanthemums; George Nakano, foreman of the ball park, and two laborers' foremen, Sam Wada and T. Matsuda.

We have planted lawns and shrubbery by the Administration and Military Po-

lice grounds, cleaned the grandstand, hoed weeds, levelled down the alleys of the Wards, picked up scrap papers, made the sand-bed at the nursery school, maintained the plants and lawns and have done odd jobs here and there.

EDITOR'S NOTE: In evaluating the works of the Gardener's division in terms of maintenance of scenic spots and their task in creating a Center so as to be just a little bit "livable" as compared to the first day in May, let us not forget the fact that lawns and gardens DO NOT GROW UNDER A SHADE---that their entire work while in this Center has been done under the June and July sun.

DIAGNOSIS AND CURE

Psychologically speaking the attitude of the evacuees of this center was not much different from that of other centers. It seems to be a general rule that all people, regardless of race when assembled together restricted in their movements and without work to do, become ill mentally.

It was noticed here as elsewhere, that during the early period of the center life, an exceedingly heavy demand was made upon the hospital for medical services. A large number of unnecessary calls were made. Ordinarily, a patient hesitated before asking a physician to make a home visit. But it was not an uncommon occurrence for doctors to be called for such conditions as headaches, sore throats, cough and the best one of them all, a demand for medicine at two o'clock in the morning be-

cause a patient's buttocks itched. Many of these people with nothing to do all day brooded and magnified whatever complaints they had. And it is natural that when one dwells upon a complaint long enough, it seems to assume gigantic proportions.

This stage passed. The cooperation of the articulate leaders of each ward helped tremendously. As soon as the residents of this center readjusted themselves to the new life, it was noticed that they were more considerate and understanding.

As expected there was a sudden drop in the number of clinic patients at the hospital during the last ten days of center stay. Their minds and time were so occupied with many details incidental to relocation that they forgot their introspections and many mi-

nor complaints.

With the experiences gained in the assembly centers and with the realization of the group as to the vital necessity of a cooperative spirit, the situation, viewed from the medical standpoint, is bound to be much improved at the final relocation center.

At times, the medical personnel has had to travel a rather rough road in their relations with the center residents, but as time went on with improving doctor-and-patient relationships, their associations became, on the whole, quite pleasant.

It is with regret that we part with many whom we have learned to regard--not only as our patients but as our friends.

H. O'KONOGI, M.D.

STAFF OF THE HOSPITAL

MEDICAL OFFICER-IN-CHARGE

H. O'Konogi, M. D.

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Betty Watanabe

CLINIC SECRETARY

Jean Morimoto

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

S. Kamiya

SECRETARIES

Kiyoko Nakano

Kiyoko Ogata

HEAD NURSE

Dolores Nishimura, R. N.

SECRETARY

Aiko Ogata

HOSPITAL STAFF

PHYSICIANS

S. S. Yamada, M. D.

Tadashi Fujimoto, M. D.

H. O'Konogi, M. D.

DENTISTS

Masuichi Higaki, D. D. S.

Mao Kamimoto, D. D. S.

DENTAL ASSISTANTS

Jean Suyoka

Sachi Terai



Merced Center Hospital opened for medical treatment of Center residents on May 12, 1942.

Births at Center Hosp.--10
Births at Merced Hosp.--3
Deaths-----8
No. of treatments---10,660
Patients sent to Merced Hospital-----59
X-Ray taken-----35
No. of fluoroscopies---170
No. of dental cases--1,402
No. of prescriptions-2,008

ISOLATION CASES

Measles-----90
Mumps-----25
Whooping cough-----4
Tuberculosis-----10

PHARMACISTS

Mitsu Florence Kato

Shigee Kato

Tsunoji Yoshioka

DIETICIANS

Eniko Hinoki, B. A.

Violet Kurimoto, A. A.

LABORATORY TECHNICIANS

Eniko Saisho

Henry Inano

Chiyo Kashiwago

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

Margaret Riassotto, P. H. N.

REGISTERED NURSES

Suyono Nishimura

Yuri Yugo

Masao Yasuhira

GRADUATE NURSES

Shizuo Honda

STUDENT NURSES

Frances Yugo

Mary Haratani

Edith Tanita

Asayo Kimura

KITCHEN (DIET)

Teruichi Arishita, Chef

Kay Funatsu, Cook

OUR SILENT WORKERS.

Our works, services, and maintenances must cover a broad field. Of course, our department is interested in everything that is concerned with sanitation, but actual jobs are confined to take care of toilets, showerhouses, laundries, schools and recreation rooms, and also to keep clean the outside of the Moss Halls, Center Store, barber shop, hospitals and Provision Warehouses.

Another big division of our jobs is to dispose the garbage and rubbishes throughout the entire Center, and hauling it daily seven miles away from the Center gate.

We supervise the sewer and the water systems, conditions which are so vital to the sanitation of the community, where it is unusually densely populated. It has a unique condition created by itself. At the time of the opening of this Center, our water and sewer systems were not too good. We had breaks and pluggings every day, but through eagerness and efforts of the Works Division, under our good Center management, and through the support of voluntary services offered by the residents, these conditions were improved to such an extent that there was practically no serious trouble. But this took some time before we could enjoy good sewer conditions, especially with adobe soils and hardpans.

To our great surprise and satisfaction, mosquitoes are not bad here. They are supposed to be very abundant in this district. In fact, we did not use mosquito nets which most of us brought in.

Most of our works are not too popular, but our crews willingly accepted the jobs and continued them with a spirit of public service which is essential in a community like ours here. There

are more than several people in this Center who absolutely offered their voluntary services to do everything and anything to keep their wards clean and in good condition.

With our experiences in this Center for three months, we want to impress upon the minds of our residents that we are living together in a large number in a peculiar condition; and that we must remember Public Health and Sanitation; that we did not have any serious epidemics, due to poor sanitary conditions, but suppose we did have it, think of it! It is worth remembering since we are concerned with nearly 5,000 people. One person's carelessness or innocence might cause sickness of some dangerous nature; on the contrary, one person's little voluntary deed might prevent spreading of serious sicknesses. In other words, to a great extent, our lives depend on each other. We tried to call the public's attention by placing notices elsewhere, making announcements in Moss Halls, utilizing the Mercedian and through parents and school teachers of the Education Department. All of these methods were found to be very effective, and we appreciate them.

Finally, we wish to express our appreciation to the Administration, particularly to the staff of Works Division, Mr. D. E. Mankins, Mr. J. R. King, Mr. J. D. McHenry, hospital staff and inspectors for their splendid cooperation with this Department.

HEAD OF SANITATION DEPARTMENT
K. T. KONNO

DIVISION FOREMEN
Y. Tanno
G. Yamamoto

"TO GOD AND TO MY COUNTRY"

Scouting activities in the Merced Assembly Center were somewhat limited, due to the lack of equipment, facilities and our location. However, in spite of all these handicaps, I feel that we have achieved many things in building the boys to manhood. Through the splendid cooperation of the scoutmasters from various localities who contributed varieties of programs for the boys' advancement and other center officials who gave us encouragements and kind assistance, the scout movement was successfully carried on.

Our cardinal aim is to spend our leisure time most usefully and for a worthy cause; in our personal life, to keep adding daily to our knowledge, keep-

ing physically fit and spiritually responsible; in our public life, to observe the laws and regulations. We give our voluntary service to the public whenever needed.

Our aim is to practice the Scout Oath, Law and Motto, and build ourselves to be good American citizens. I wish every boy who becomes twelve years old will join in this great movement. We hope to activate our program more extensively when we get to Colorado where we expect to find more nature lore. We are looking forward to this adventure.

I am most grateful for having had this opportunity of serving as the Scout Commissioner in this Center.

MIKIO FUJIMOTO, SCOUT COMMISSIONER

ALL FOR A SMILE

with
RICHARD
MITCHELL

In the short period of three and one-half months there has been developed at the Merced Assembly Center a Recreation staff which will compare favorably with any professionally trained municipal department staff.

The fact that the recreational leadership job could be done is a tribute to the adaptability of the members of the department, but few of which had ever previously had more than brushed elbows with the techniques and principles of recreation programming and leadership.

Farmers blossomed into playground leaders, students overnight became special interest leaders, chemists in a day learned to master the problems of conducting forums, and salesmen and social workers became in a flash show producers and program coordinators. These are but random samples of what was accomplished on the part of the individual.

Perhaps the key to the Recreation Department's success lies in the fact that individual initiative was encouraged. Workers were permitted to work out their ideas with as little restraint as was compatible with Center regulations and a few fixed departmental policies. As a consequence, highlights of the program, such as the Fourth of July celebration, the hobby shows, the work of the music appreciation program committee, the series of dances and talent shows, the ballet groups, and the issei activities, were self-generated activities inspired in response to an idea on the part of one individual or one committee.

It was not all peaches and cream. There were shortcomings in the program, but these shortcomings were due to lack of facilities or time, not to indifference on the part of the workers. The staff sought for a better playground program for children, but ran into a series of problems which delayed achievement of this ideal. The Pre-School program was prepared to serve four or five times the number of children it had enrolled, but lack of buildings prevented this. A fine drama group struggled for a spot in the sun, but time ran against it. The judo and yawara activities never came to the prominence they deserve. However, despite these things, the groundwork has been done, and it is reasonable to assume that in Colorado the goals will be achieved.

It would be pointless to go into a lengthy recital of the activities conducted by the Recreation Department, for those activities should by now be familiar to all. Nor can space be taken here to adequately thank those of the department—such as the secretaries, runners, artists, inventory supervisors, who remained behind the scenes yet contributed their important part to the success of the program.

The ideal of the Recreation Department was to serve the residents of the Merced Assembly Center. The staff consciously worked for the reward of seeing a smile on a participant's face, of seeing the satisfaction which an individual secured from participation in an activity. Its personnel will be motivated by the same high ideals in Colorado.

PAINTING THE SKY:

Under the blue Merced sky, the two-day kite tournament climaxed with talents galore displayed in every division. Half a dozen airplane kites of all types drew the greatest attention, while the huge seven to twelve-foot-high kites amazed the crowd thronging around the Center Square.

The three issei winners with the best all-around kites were T. Coto, A. Ward; K. Fumi, J. Ward; and S. Tekosako. In the senior division the Minabe brothers, Kenji and Saburo, of A. Ward and George Matsushita of H. Ward won the three top awards.

The first day of the two-day contest saw the girls and the juniors perform in high enthusiasm as George Yokoi, C. Ward; Ike Taketa, C. Ward; and Roy Otamura, E. Ward took the laurels of the latter class. In the lassies contest, Mary Suzuki, A. Ward; Hiroko Ogata, C. Ward and the Reiko Habu-Gladys Ishida combination walked off with the prizes.

George Taketa (C-6-6) reported a fracture of the left forearm during the summer practice to the extent which necessitated X-ray examination at the hospital.

CAN'T TAKE IT

Old age and baseball just won't mix? Charles Kamayatsu found that out at the expense of a badly sprained leg recently when he forgot his 38 year-old bones and tried a sneak-base.

As a result he found himself a pair of crutches someone wasn't using.

PIONEER DIES

A pioneer Japanese settler of Yuba City, Ichiro Kozuma, 64, passed away on August 26 at the Center hospital.

The deceased had been suffering from weak heart for some years before his death.

AS WE PASS EACH OTHER---

In a few days you will be on the way to another community. But for an accident of birth, you would probably be otherwise engaged. Birth frequently forecasts one's destiny. For the time being, your destiny is controlled by your birthmark.

We cannot control our birth, our parentage, our relatives, our color and our race. We cannot control the reaction of others to any of these. We can only control our own attitude toward them and toward other people.

These random thoughts come to mind in contemplating the work of Press Relations officer I have performed for your Center since you arrived. Most of my contacts in the Center have been with the W.C.C.A. staff and your own Mercedian staff. All of these contacts have been most friendly and courteous.

The W.C.C.A. officials here have intelligently and earnestly endeavored to make your stay here pleasant. With your cooperation and assistance, the Merced Center has achieved top rank among such communities in the state. Your Mercedian staff has done a splendid job

each week. This edition, most of which I have already seen is a real tribute to a hard-working, fine staff. I will miss the almost daily visits with them.

My impression of your Center is very high. Your efforts to create a self-sufficient community have borne fruit. You have transformed a group of buildings into a compact city. You have developed a community enterprise and a community life that have been worthwhile. The same effort will make your new home a better place in which to live.

I have enjoyed my work with your Center. As you move on after these short months, our meeting may prove to be like ships that pass on the seas----- a brief moment in view as we journey down life's highway to our respective destinations. The moments make hours and years, and the years bring turmoil and peace. Let us hope that peace is not far away and that a better world emerges from the present conflict.

DEAN LESHER
PRESS RELATIONS OFFICER
MERCED, CALIFORNIA

OF FLATS AND SHARPS -----

The transition of the "Stardusters" from an eager group of players forced to "sit" on their "imagination" and read music strung along a line with clothespins in an empty barrack (acct. they had no chairs or stands)..to their current, well-earned status as "bona-fide" paid musicians...is but one of the giant accomplishments of Merced Center's music department during its three and one half months of interesting existence.

Add to the above, the huge, well-executed tasks of organizing a symphonic orchestra and concert band, mixed chorus, girls' glee club and other vocal groups, and you have a remarkable study in what great progress can be made in a short time with next-to-no facilities and a bare handful of directors.

For, although in the beginning the instrumental and vocal groups suffered mightily from lack of manuscript paper, music stands and orchestrations, "stone

walls do not a prison make" for the truly ambitious, so such obstacles did little to deter the various music instructors. Rather, they met each new problem with renewed effort in practical applications of the "try, try again" adage.

It is the personal belief of this observer that the musical palate of every music enthusiast in this center--whether he be a "hep character who digs the righteous jive" or a solemn "long-hair" who delights in Beethoven's Fifth--has been at least partially satisfied through the diversified branches of the music department, the directors of which received perhaps a fraction of the approbation that was their due.

And so..with the sincerest expressions of commendation and appreciation for work well done..we close these hasty lines of retrospect on music in Merced.-----by TAKAKO KUSUNOKI

CAN'T REMEMBER WHO

K. Kimoto of B-1-9 loaned his tool grinder to some individual about 3 weeks ago. Absent-mindedly, he forgot to ask for that person's name.

The individual who borrowed his grinder is kindly requested to return it

to its owner. K. Kimoto is sincerely worried about his loss.

The most universal greeting at Merced Center:- "Goo, it's hot!" or the Japanese version of "Atsui na."

When the thermometer reads 65 degrees in the morning about 8 a.m. we say: "It's cool this morning."

Bridegroom: A bachelor who gives up good quarters to be a better half.

FOR SERVICE RENDERED

MEMBERS OF THE STAFF:

In appreciation of your splendid service to the community of the Merced Assembly Center, may we, as members of the Committee on Service and Education, express our gratitude to you through the medium of this most inadequate letter. In view of the many handicaps and shortages, we most gratefully recognize your public spirit, your efforts towards the dissemination of information to the residents, and your observance of the highest of literary standards.

In extending these best wishes to you, may we hope that your achievements in the Merced Assembly Center will serve as an inspiration for even greater accomplishments in Relocation.

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THE PRESS VS. RUMORS

The first rumor of colossal magnitude had to do with 300 evacuees being transferred from Turlock to Arizona Center being seriously hurt or killed in a train wreck caused by bombing, (always the worst way).

The MERCEDIAN took the matter to Manager Harry Black before the fatality list grew in the thousands. The Center Manager sent out feelers through Dean Loshor, publisher of the Merced Sun-Star, who in turn teletyped for confirmations to his United Press office in San Francisco.

The source of this rumor, it was later learned, was that one of the trains evacuating the Turlock contingent was held up somewhere in Arizona due to track congestion. While the train was sidetracked, a few of the older women folks fainted due to excess heat. (Even this may be a rumor). However, the real story was a far-cry from 300 evacuees being

killed or injured.

The second headline rumor hit Merced camp soon after the "train demolition" story was squelched.

It had something to do with Walt Tsukamoto and Dr. Iki (both ex-Sacramentans) being mobbed by Tullake residents and manhandled to the extent that Dr. Iriki (formerly of this center) as being among the dead list (Dr. Iki and Dr. Iriki have similar sounding names which may have accounted for the connection).

The MERCEDIAN immediately sent letter of inquiry to Tullake. In the meantime this office received the telegram from JACL National Headquarters in Salt Lake City, which will serve the purpose very well.

This Souvenir Edition goes on record as having squelched the second rumor of a degrading and demoralizing nature.

The Telegram is reproduced below:

WESTERN UNION

EDITOR
THE MERCEDIAN

August 21, 1942

PREVALENT RUMORS REGARDING VIOLENCE TO WALTER TSUKAMOTO, DR. IKI AND OTHERS AT TULE LAKE HAVE BEEN CHECKED AT OUR REQUEST BY DILLON S MYER WRA DIRECTOR

NOW VISITING SAN FRANCISCO AFTER A TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH TULE LAKE MYER ADVISES RUMORS ABSOLUTELY UNFOUNDED NO TRUTH WHATSOEVER IN SUCH STORIES

TSUKAMOTO SENDS GREETINGS TO HIS HOST OF FRIENDS AND DR. IKI NOW ON DETAIL AT HEART MOUNTAIN RELOCATION CENTER. PLEASE REASSURE YOUR READERS.

JACL NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS
415 Beason Building
Salt Lake City, Utah

OF MEN AND NEWS 'BY-LINES'

Newspapers played an important part in every Assembly Center.

The newspapers clamped down on wild rumors when they began spreading. The newspapers kept the swaggees informed on the latest developments. The press analyzed important WCCA orders as they came in.

Some were good and others were not so good, but they all accomplished the purpose for which they were created.

Here is the complete list of Center Newspapers together with their respective managing editors and news editors.

The asterisks indicate non-existent newspapers due to relocation to WRA Centers.

NAMES OF JOURNALS

****POMONA CENTER NEWS**

MANAGING EDITOR---Haruo Imura

EDITOR---Kay Hori

****TULARE NEWS**

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF---Brownie Furutani

EDITOR---Hiroshi Takusagawa

EL JOAQUIN (STOCKTON)

EDITORS---Barry Saiki

Patti Okura

FRESNO GRAPEVINE

EDITOR---A. E. NOGUCHI

ASSISTANT EDITOR---H. Renge

TANFORAN TOTALIZER

EDITOR---Taro Katayama

****THE TAC (TURLOCK)**

EDITOR---Akira Muratani

MANAGING EDITOR---Emi Mori

****ARBO-GRAM (MARYSVILLE)**

Not known---4 issues

****VILLAGE CRIER (SALINAS)**

EDITOR---Yoshiye Takata

****WILIERGA WASP (SACRAMENTO)**

CITY EDITOR---Howard Imazeki

EDITOR---Jobo Nakamura

****PINEDALE LOGGER**

EDITOR---G. T. Tanabe

ASSISTANT EDITOR---Suma Tsuboi

PACEMAKER (SANTA ANITA)

MANAGING EDITOR---Kaz Oshiki

EDITOR---Eddie Shimano

THIS IS ON THE LEVEL

This is no "joking" matter.

At one of the talent nights, Mrs. J. King, wife of the assistant Works Supervisor, gave a beautiful solo rendition. Her name was given merely as Mrs. King in the program handed to the press office, and when the reporter went to work the next day, he had to check on her full name.

He was sent to the Administration Building to check from the list tacked on the bulletin board there. It read: Joh King--Works and Maintenance.

"Hey, we can't use that--it sounds too much like 'joking'," said the staff in unison.

The second check up, this time with Manager Black, clarified the situation. The correct name is John King and the bulletin board report is a typographical error.

ARTS, CRAFT

LYDIA TANJI GIVES SPIRITUAL SUPPORT TO THE PRESS

Everybody knows Lydia Tanji---she's the head-woman at the Arts and Crafts Department and she's always making something for others...

Just when the press staff was pulling its legs apart trying to make the deadline, in comes Lydia and spotting Suyeo Sako in a dead silence (with that far-away look) she picked up a castoff cardboard and proceeded to make an improvised hat with the notation;

"THINKING CAP-created by Lydia Tanji--so what more can you expect."

Roving Reporter Sako, nonchalantly continued with his column which appears elsewhere in this Souvenir Edition.

DO NOT READ THIS

By Lily Shoji

As one happy family, the Editorial Staff of the MERCEDIAN was working busily and merrily along.

Knock! Knock! sounded a rapping on the door.

"Who's there?", shouted the Editor Akaki.

"Come and see for yourself," says the voice. Shoji went to see.

"Come with me, you're under arrest," says the voice.

"Ono! Ono!" says the Editor Akaki. "You have the wrong party."

"Ito right, you come with me." He took her by the hand.

"Stop it," she says, "I'll Soko in the chin."

"Come along," says the stranger. "Don't ask so many questions". They Walt and Walt up and down Broadway until she was tired.

"Oh, A-rish-ta didn't come," says Soko. "I want to go back."

"No-mi treat you at the Canteen; come with me!" Shoji went along. They finally came to the Canteen.

"A soda for two," says he.

"The sodas are warm; no ice today. Would you like a warm soda on me," says the clerk in the Canteen.

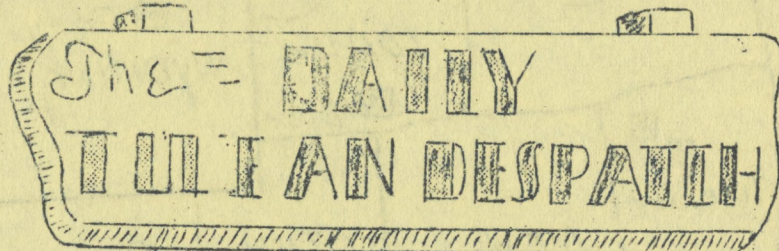
"No-bets wait 'til they're cold," says the Editor. So they waited 'til the sodas were cold. The Editor was surprised. She had been working so hard the stranger decided to give her a treat.

"Tosh-day, I'll come back and treat you again," he said as he went away. The Editor returned to F-2-2 and the staff was at work again as one happy family.

TWO WRA PRESS

The two mastheads reproduced here adorn the only two WRA Relocation Center newspapers. The Manzanar is a printed job appearing twice weekly, while the Tulcan Dispatch is still in its mimeograph stage.

The chief difference between the WRA journals and the WCCA newspapers is the fact that both of the above-mentioned papers carry supplementary Japanese language sections.



CHIEF EDITOR---Howard Imazeki

EDITOR---Frank Tanabe



EDITOR---Chiyo Mori

MANAGING EDITOR---Dan Tsurutani

THE CASE OF BROKEN POINT a mistake

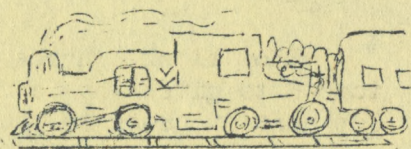
One day a stylus with a green handle and a curved point was delivered to the Administration Building following a request for it.

Immediately after its arrival, a strong he-man saw the crooked point and made a big attempt to straighten it. Results-----a broken-tipped stylus. Ask Mr. J. M. Kidwell about it.

KITES USE 7 MILES OF STRING

More than 150 pounds of bamboo and seven miles of string were given out to kite makers during kite contest last week at the Recreation Office.

Relocation OF



Santa Anita

Santa Anita evacuees will be used as fillers among five or six relocation centers and will not open up any new camps. Unconfirmed report has it that Tanforan will go to Delta, Utah, and that the San Francisco group now in Santa Anita will join them at Idaho.

If the above procedure is to be followed, the Santa Clara contingent now in Santa Anita will most likely be transferred to Granada, Colorado, as requested by Center Manager Black previously.

This information arrived here from Eddie Shimano, editor of the Santa Anita Pacemaker. Shimano added that his Center will begin evacuating Wednesday, August 26.

CONT'D STORY OF NEWS

**PORTLAND EVACUAZETTE

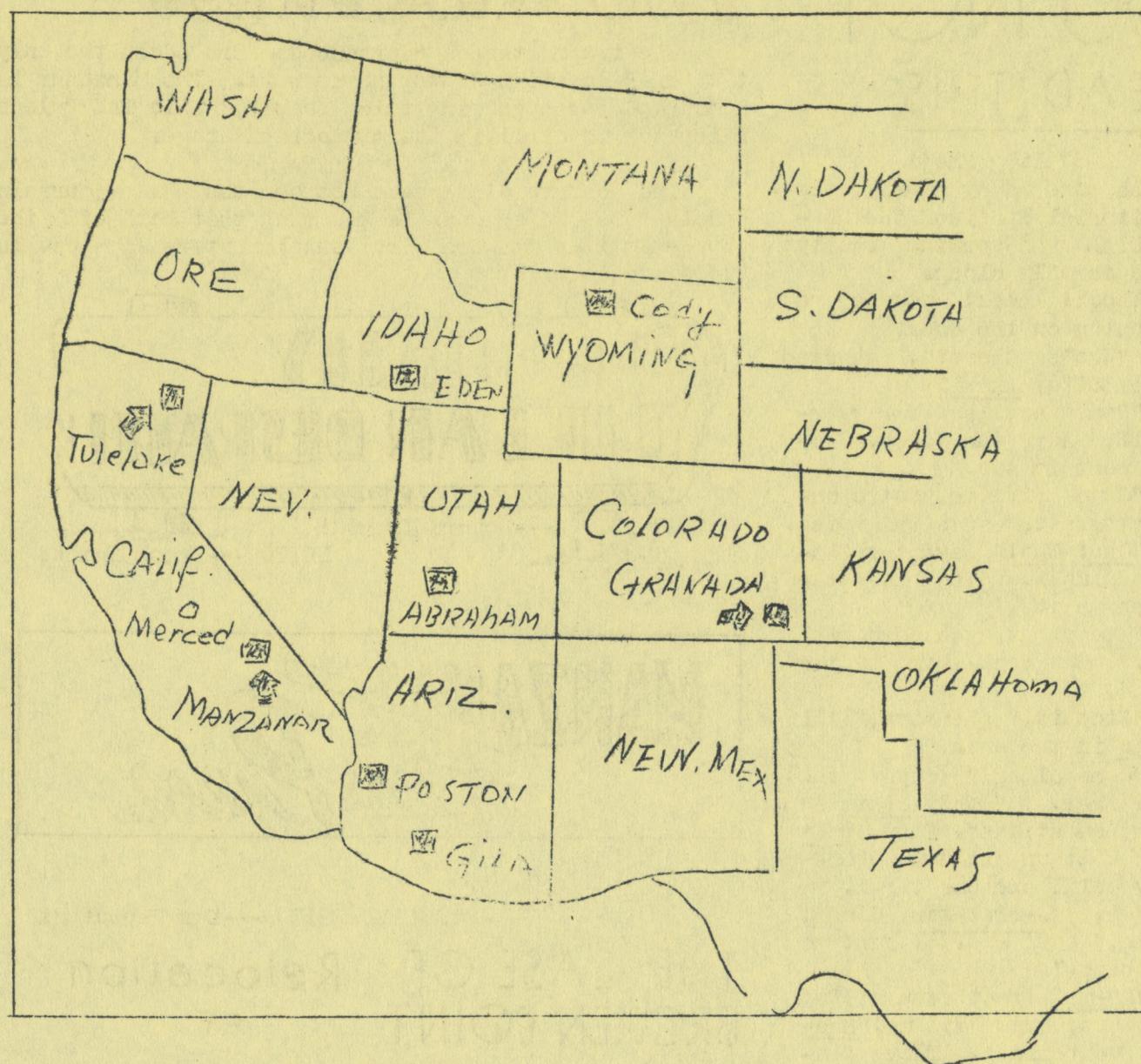
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MANAGING EDITOR---Sho Nojima

**NEWS LETTER (WASHINGTON)

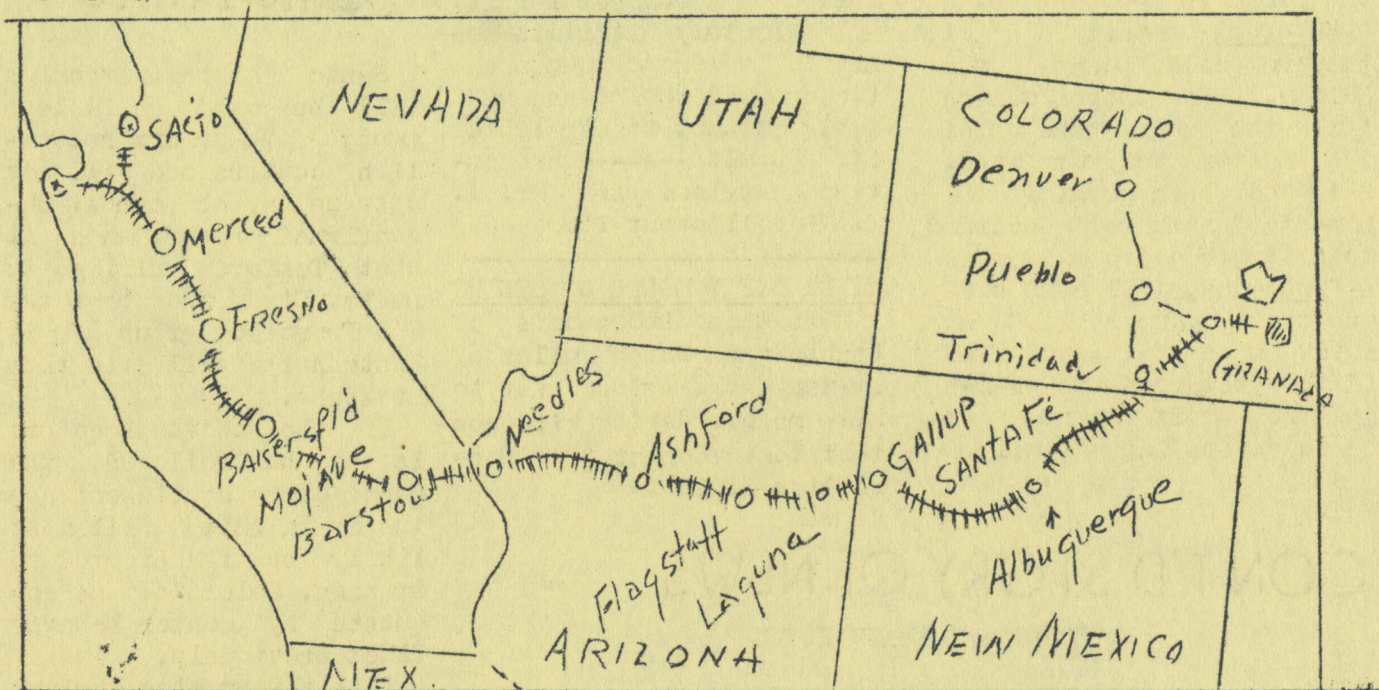
MANAGING EDITOR---Dyke Miyagawa-EDITOR---Dick Takouchi

WHERE TO NEXT?



The black squares indicate WRA Relocation Centers elsewhere. The map is intended to give the comparative locations and the extensive distributions of the Japanese evacuees in the Western States.

SOUTHERN ROUTE:



This map gives the route of the Atchafalaya, Topoka and Santa Fe Railway which will be used to evacuate this Center's residents. Only a few of the important cities along the route are mentioned.

CARRY ON, PIONEERS!

When we first entered Merced Assembly Center it was a drab picture. There was not a cheerful face in the crowd except for a few youngsters, who have not yet learned to taste the bitter feeling of leaving a home surrounded with things we love and have worked for all our lives.

Now, because of war-----in which we had no voice-----military necessity has forced us from our beloved homes. Some of us have moved 2 or 3 times before we came to this Center. It was certainly a touching scene.

Now that we have become adjusted to our new homes, some of us have received jobs in the camp. Others of us have time on our hands and nothing to do-----time in which to brood over our losses, which is not a healthy environment.

Recreation--a child born out of the depression in 1932, came to serve the public. Its duties were many, but mainly to lift up the morale to its greatest pitch, with multivaried programs of act-

ivities so intense that one had no time to brood, but to make time for the next event. Morale rose rapidly, and those who caught the spirit contributed their share toward the uplifting element. Even competition began to grow between groups. Recreation had gained its purpose.

We are about to move again. A sad feeling comes over us once more, but our morale has not fallen to any noticeable degree. At least, we shall meet again, the same group-----and we shall continue again over there, as we began over here.

One overwhelming feeling---that of leaving California, the state in which many of us were born, raised and educated in-----leaving her is like leaving our home again. Some of us may never return. This is, indeed, a sad thought---but we must not let ourselves down-----WE MUST GO ON-----cheerful, courageous, hopeful-----we are of a race of proud blood-----our parents faced hardships to raise us-----and we, who are taking their places, MUST CARRY ON!!!!!!
-----by CHARLES KAMIYATSU

ISHIDA-HABU, 'AMALGAMATED'

Gladys Ishida and Reiko Habu stick together like Siamese Twins. Everywhere that Gladys goes Reiko is sure to follow and Vice Versa. The only time when they're not together is---is--well, has anybody seen them apart?

George was such a bad boy in school that the teacher was forced to write his mother this:

"Your son is one of the brightest boys in school but he is also the most mischievous. What shall I do?"

This is the reply the teacher received: "Do as you please, I'm having my own troubles with his father."

Ending a two months' search for canvas material after this item became a rationed article, the judo committee is relieved and happy.

It all came about with the donation of a 20 x 32 foot canvas piece from H. Ogawa, of Woodland. The

Stork BEATS Grim Reaper

*Indicates MALE

June 5.....T. Agatsuma
June 19.....*J. Maeda
June 26.....*Y. Tamka
July 2.....F. Nakamoto
July 8.....T. Matsui
July 8.....*B. Kawata
July 20.....K. Yamashita
August 3.....C. Yamamoto
August 5.....Sam Ono
August 7.....A. Tsuchiya
August 18.....H. Yokoyama
August 22.....*Y. Tsukuda

DEATHS: 9

Mr. K. Tabata, 50
Miss Chiye Hashimoto, 16
Mr. Matsukichi Sato, 67
Mrs. Naokichi Tanji, 50
Mr. Isaburo Nakano, 63
Mr. Kakuzo Kimuta, 62
Alvan Imada, 14 months
Mr. Takashi Koga

MARRIAGES: 4

June 25.....Norman Satow
Margaret Miura
Aug. 5....Eichi Sakaguchi
Mae Kuwahara
Aug. 13..Tokuichi Kamimura
Miyeko Narita
Aug. 25.....Akira Mamura
Thelma Yatabe

3,000 WATCH NEIGHBOR FIRE

Close to 3,000 residents watched a raging fire completely raze a bungalow, belonging to a colored family just a stone's throw away from the fence.

This was the second huge fire witnessed by the residents. The first one occurred during the earlier part of July and was a half mile away.

Flying to Colo?

Mary Suzuki is not going to let the boys take all of the credit for model airplane building. She got herself a knife and when last seen at F-2-2, Mary was making the chips fly--something like a housewife peeling potatoes.

When asked what she intended to do with it, she replied: "I'm going to fly to Colorado ahead of the others."

rare donation is large enough to have six couples perform at once, according to Giichi Honda.

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SCHOOL SANS BOOKS

The Merced Assembly Center School opened on June 10, 1942, and closed on August 21, a session of 11 weeks. It was an informal educational program conducted for a limited time. There were many handicaps and difficulties to cope with throughout the session, but due to the splendid cooperation of the Administration officials, teachers, and the residents of the Center, we feel we can call the school a success. It was an experience very peculiar and unique in the history of American education. We shall attempt to give a brief picture of the work done by the Education Department.

MERCED ASSEMBLY CENTER AND ITS PEOPLE

Merced Assembly Center was a community made up of 4500 Japanese of which about 1000 were school-age children. All the people were evacuees, forced by the war to leave their normal way of living for the duration and to reside temporarily in this Center. Under their smiles and seemingly good humor, there could be detected a feeling of uneasiness and uncertainty.

The Issei were concerned over their immediate families in Japan; all were worried about their relatives and friends in other Centers. However, the greatest concern was that of the Nisei, or the Second Generations. They asked: "Why weren't we, American citizens to the core, not asked to help for the cause of our country," and "What does the future hold for us after we are released from the Relocation Center?"

With all these problems--coupled with the effect of moving away from business, homes and people they loved---it was easy to see that the education of the children was of last concern. Under normal conditions, the Japanese parents have strived and sacrificed for the education of their children. Under these conditions education had to take a back seat.

AIMS

The school was started to keep the leisure time of the children, men and wo-



men occupied in a worthwhile manner. In a place like this, home-training is practically impossible. It was the aim of this school to keep the children occupied under capable leadership even for a short time of the day; to give the children some useful knowledge so that it would make up for their lack of natural environments; and it has endeavored to keep alive in the students the desire to learn.

The school has strived to teach discipline in a pleasant way, form in the students good habits and to instill in their minds the spirit of tolerance and cooperation.

NO DEFINITE SCHOOL HOUSE

The Center school was a school without a school house. The Recreation halls and nine apartments in three Wards were used as classrooms. Some classes were forced to change their rooms several times as apartments were taken away with the influx of late evacuees.

Classrooms were too small. There were no desks, no blackboards, no textbooks for several weeks. In many classes, children studied sitting or lying on the cement floor. Teachers had to typewrite or mimeograph the lessons for their students or become hoarse due to shouting and talking incessantly to get the undivided attention of the students.

NON-COMPULSORY

The school was not compulsory. Children did not have to attend school. Many students, especially the older ones, took full advantage of this and switched to recreational activities which were more interesting.

Children thought they were entitled to make full use of their summer vacation---which to them was a period of relaxation from everything. Parents were more or less lenient and did not urge their children to attend.

JAPANESE SCHOOL TEACHERS

Because the teachers were Japanese, the children took this advantage to become very attached to them. Since, in normal life, they had been taught by the Caucasian teachers, the younger pupils "just felt" that a Japanese teacher couldn't be a "real teacher" as the following remark from a young student attests: "Teacher, may I call you Miss Stanley 'cause that was the name of my teacher back home? I feel funny to call you by your Japanese name."

THE STUDENTS

We were thrilled when the students lined up by classes every morning to

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stand in the Merced sun to pay their respect to the Flag and to sing in childish but proud voices, "America, "My Country 'Tis of Thee"; we were amazed and moved when, without a murmur, the children sat on the cold, hard cement floor to follow their teacher's words; we were impressed when we saw the gray-haired, wrinkled students eagerly learning their A B C's.

Here are some comments by the teachers concerning their students:

"It was a pleasure to teach such responsive intelligent children."

"The degree of retention and mastery of the subject matter by my students has been amazing."

"I was very much pleased with their frankness and enthusiasm to learn."

"I do not hesitate to say, at the end of the trail, that my students are well advanced in grammar, pronunciation and vocabulary. Their eagerness and perseverance are something to be admired."

"Despite the inadequacy of the classrooms, I have had enthusiastic response from my classes."

As a whole children were obedient, anxious to learn and worked reasonably hard. They all made progress to a satisfactory degree.

ADULT EDUCATION

Over 100 Issei and Kibei men and women attended English classes and almost as many women took lessons in knitting and sewing. This was very encouraging. They made good use of the time they were given by this strange situation which rarely happens in one's life.

THE TEACHING STAFF

There were more than 20 full-time teachers; more than half of which were university graduates. Not a single teacher was with less than 2 years' attendance in college. There were 3 teachers who majored in education and many who took courses in education and psychology. Very pleasant in personality, diligent in their work, they all did their best despite all sorts of difficulties, for they were sincerely interested in the education and the welfare of the children here. All have expressed their enjoyment in teaching and are grateful for the priceless experiences obtained through their work.

APPRECIATIONS

The education department wish to express its sincere gratitude to the following people and departments:

For guidance and splendid cooperation: Mr. Harry L. Black, Center Manager and Mr. Richard E. Mitchell, Supervisor of Education and Recreation.

For generous donations of more than 3000 textbooks: Merced County Library.

Cleaning of the classrooms: Sanitation Department.

For all kinds of assistance: Recreation Department.

For physical and moral support: To the parents of the students.

For financial assistance: To the families who donated to the school fund.

HOMES

Education in the Relocation Center will be formal and compulsory with building schedule for school. All necessary equipments, materials, and textbooks will be supplied. The teaching staff will be composed of Caucasian and Japanese teachers.

We hope that not only the children of school-age but men and women above the school-age will make good use of the time they are likely to have by attending school or by taking courses which will be useful when they leave the Relocation Center.

Particular attention is directed to the young children and young boys and girls---the group from which the leaders of tomorrow will emerge. We feel and fear that a long stay in the center, away from the normal outside world---will, more or less, kill the ambitions of many of these young people. We feel that the responsible task of keeping the light of faith, ambition and pride in these young people will rest in the main with the educational group. We ask of the parents and the public also to bear this in mind, and to cooperate to the fullest extent

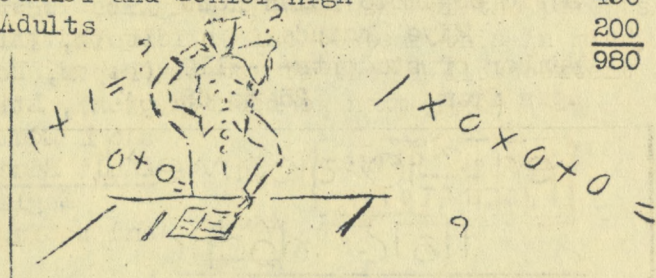
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Members of The School Staff

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Kazuo Masuda	Jun Yamoto
Bessie Matsuoka	Kazue Yokohari
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Minnie Andow	Setsuo Iwata
Fred Arimoto	Sachiko Kimura
Kaneji Domoto	Helen Kono
Mrs. K. Domoto	
Shiro Inai	<u>RECREATION DEPT.</u>
Mrs. K. Kasai	Walt Fuchigami
Miye Masuda	Emiko Hinoki
May Matsumoto	Julia Tanji
Marie Mizutani	Miye Yamasaki
Hatsuo Sato	(Many others)

ENROLLMENT

Elementary Grades (1st to 6th)	330
Junior and Senior High	450
Adults	200
	980



ME NO LIKE BUY

David Sugiyama, Instructor

During my short experience as the teacher for the Kibei and Issei English class I observed a few things.

Almost every Issei has poor pronunciation besides grammatical errors. This pronunciation is very hard for them to master; almost impossible, in fact, for them to correct their way of pronouncing because they have gotten along well up to today with the so-called Broken English. Once you form a habit of any kind it is mighty hard to break.

Grammatical mistakes



On the last day of Kibei and Issei English classes the Mercedian requested Instructor Sugimoto have his students write informal letters.

Their English letters are published here verbatim without any correction from the editor.

The letters reflect much credit to their teacher considering the fact that many of the students were unable to write any type of letter in English save a few who had a fairly good command of English.

are easily corrected by giving them grammar lessons but this is not the same as pronunciation, because they are used to speaking without paying any attention to the grammar.

Kibeis are young and learn faster but correct pronunciation is hard.

I devoted most of my time with them correcting their English in both speech and writing.

Due to their eagerness and willingness to learn I noticed at the end of the school term, their way of speaking and writing has changed from "Me no like to buy this one" to "I don't like to buy this one."

JAPANESE IDEAS IN ENGLISH

"HAVE BEEN SHORT OPEN SAYS GRAN'DAD, AGE 60.

I will be beneficial the English which Mr. Sugimoto was very assstucou taught last Two mongth and this kibei and issei English Class. But term have been short open the school.

(G. Sumida, age 60).

"WE ARE VERY POOR PEOPLE-- CAN'T GO OUTSIDE...."

Well we should move to Cororado I remember that about tree month ago we came this center.. that time I thought we are

very poor people because we can't go outside, me can't read Japanese books, but I thought me are walking on a long life way. So some time we will meet a trying things as a hight mountains and deep river, etc. (Tad Fujii, age 21).

MORE ON EDUCATION

HE WAS A HAPPY STUDENT EVEN IF LITTLE OLD

I spend last three Monthos in happier than what I thought, because I could attend Old Men's English Class And Learn to write and speak in the English according to a good English Teacher, even it is a little.

I want to say thank for the Teacher and officer ----finally farqwell.

(H. Sumida, age 57).

ADULTS CLASS INSTRUCTORS

David Sugimoto Helen Kono

Miyo Masuda

Number of students----110
Ages from 25 to 65

SCHOOL CLOSED
EVACUATION



with the group.

We ask, in behalf of the youngsters of this Center, to make us strong to face all and every problem we meet after the war is over; fill us with ambitions so burning that we will fight unto the end; and lastly, preserve in us the true sense of democracy so that we will have unswerving faith in it no matter what the future holds for us.

SUBJECTS TAUGHT

Grades (1st to 6th)

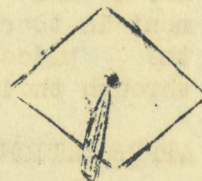
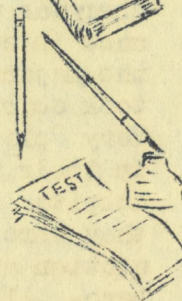
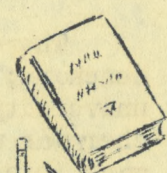
Arithmetic, Reading, Spelling, Group-Singing, Dancing, Story-Telling, Drawing and Crafts.

Junior and Senior High

English, Algebra, Geometry, Trigonometry, General Science, Chemistry, American History and Government, Bookkeeping, Business Training, Shorthand, Elementary Economics, Commercial Art, Decorative Art, Weaving, Costume Designing, Dance, (Folk, Interpretative), Music, Handcrafts (Paper, Wood, Needle), Child Care, Hygiene, Etiquette, Drama, Gardening, Physical Education.

Adult Education

English for men and women; knitting and sewing.



OH WHERE IS THAT DICTIONARY?

ALL HIS TIME SPENT IN HUNTING DICTIONARY, HE WRITES

Education office give us order to the wright sentence for newspaper of assembly Center.

So teacher give us time forty five minute. I spend time thirty minute look round the dictionary, fifteen minute left my own time, so I say farewell to Mr. Black.

(Jiro Takata, age 35.)

"NOT GOOD TO BE OCCURED TO PART EACH OTHER."

No matter how deep or how shallow is our friendship, it is not so good things to be occured to part each other.

Now we are going to

leave here later than week or so from today----I hope eveybody in this class would keep good health and be happy as usual.

(N. Sakamoto, age.23.)

A FAREWELL LETTER

In a few more days we have to bid goodbye to dear "California" and Merced Center. I hope that our future home will be as good as Merced or better.

Our class, the taught by Mr. Sugimoto, had 20 pupils from 16 to 57 years. It must been very hard to teach such a mixed class, but we learned much in short time and our English improved very much.

(Kiyoto Kamigawacki, age 20)

HE SAYS FAREWELL

.....Finally came day of our farewell. About three month had studied with every body in our chhool. I wish your happiness and your health since the farewell.

(Soshiro Kuwano, age 55)

A NEWCOMER AT SCHOOL

Our teacher tolled to us to have wrighting for Farewell but I don't know how to make to centence because when I beging to go to school, only few days ago, to day we decided cloth the school from tomorrow because we have no time for more to nother place.

(Takata, age 30)

FIRE: _____ X X X X NONE X X

The chief and members of the Merced Assembly Center Fire Department extend their sincere thanks to the residents for their splendid cooperation in helping us to establish a record in fire prevention.

If we can carry on for the short time remaining until this Center will be evacuated with no fires, we will have established a record that will be outstanding. This record would not be possible without the cooperation we enjoy from the residents.

Much credit is due the Volunteer and auxiliary members of the department who have readily been of assistance whenever called upon.

We also take this opportunity to extend to all of you the best of luck and our heartiest good wishes.

VERNE STOCKHOLM
Chief M. C. F. D.

Assistant chief
H. Christensen
L. Wayne

CAPTAINS
N. Kajioke
Y. Kubo

FIREMEN
A. Funayama
M. Hashimoto
G. Morofugi
E. Sakaguchi
Y. Yotsuya

K. Yuyama
F. Date
S. Masuda
A. Morimoto
T. Sako
J. Shiro
E. Andow
F. Sugawara
G. Marumoto

WHAT IS AN 'ISSEI' - -

For the benefit of those who are not familiar with Japanese words appearing in this publication, the following translation is given:

ISSEI--Those born in Japan. (Generally meaning elder non-citizen group.)

NISEI--Those born in this country. (Citizens.)

GO and SHOGI--A game similar to chess.

Boy Always Hungry, WHY?

An Issei woman was overheard talking to another and the conversation went like this:

"Does your boy get enough to eat at the Mess Hall?"

"Why, yes, I think they always ask for a second helping", answered the other.

"I don't understand it", came back the first woman, "My boy is always asking his friends: What's cooking?-----and I had an idea he's not getting enough to eat".

A PROGRESS

George Maekawa of "bone-dance" fame of Ward G was explaining to his girl friend about Boy Scouts:

SHE: What are the degrees of scouting?

GEO: Cubs, Boy Scouts, Scouters and Girl-Scouts.

ALL-AMERICAN

Jimmy Tanji, the most cheerful young chap of the Recreation staff, has been unofficially named. Wthe Typical American Boy," by Supervisor Richard Mitchell at one of the Rec-meetings.

ADULT CLASS- NOTES BY WOMEN

Have you ever stopped to realize the value and joy of life in a country where you can speak and understand well, its language? If not, certainly the students of the Adult English Class can well tell you the handicaps they have encountered and the joy they have been deprived and their reason for the keen interest in mastering the English language.

Little did many realize that evacuation would offer them the great opportunity to learn, but once finding out they have taken it with willing hands and they have certainly shown remarkable

progress in the short two and a half months of study.

Regardless of the facilities and the heat the regular attendance of about 50 was almost certain. Their ages ranged from 20's to the 60's.

As a result of their hard and earnest study, they have learned to express themselves in simple English and I am sure it is their greatest joy to find themselves able to write letters such as those reproduced elsewhere in this souvenir edition.

MIYE MASUDA: INSTRUCTOR
ADULT WOMEN'S ENGLISH CLASS

LETTERS VERBATIM

DOG NAMED MICHAEL
MISS YOU TOO MUCH

At first you lived in a pet shop window. The pet shop was in large city.

One day my daughter bought you when you were a very little pupil.

After what you became like one of the family. We love you. You love us. You ate breakfast with us. You ate dinner with us. You ate supper with us.

You is sleep with us by my bed. You like to play with us. You liked to sing with us. In the summer you liked to swim with us. In the winter you like to stay by the fireplace with us. You liked to catch rabbits, rats and mice. Sometime we talk to you and you understand very well. You are clever dog, but you never played with another dogs. Day and night you stayed with us. People say that you are queer dog. The first time Mr. Thomas came to see us he brought you with him. We were very glad and you were very glad. The second time Mr. Thomas came to see us he brought you again. You were not able to get in though you did not know it. We were very sorry. Please don't forget us. What are you doing every day? I think you are to catch rabbits in the ranch and swimming in the ditch. (Issei, middle age.)

SO SORRY PLEASE
WRONG HOUSE I GO

One day after school I came back to my room I saw four men in my room I thought they were waiting for me. They were sitting and talking enjoyably.

I thought it very strange they were not my friends I never met them before I was a little angry, but I said "Hello"

They looked at me. They had a very strange look. All at once I found very terrible so I said "I am very sorry excuse me"

Then I went out, after I went they began to laugh I had made a big mistake. Did you know what I have done?

(Issei, age 35.)

HOW CENTER LOOKS
AT FIVE IN THE MORNING

The alarm clock is ringin the next door. It was 5 o'clock in the morning when my boy got up at the same time with neigher's lady. They were going to work in the mess hall.

After I go up and went out to look all over the camp. Each mess halls' chimney gave forth black smoke. They street lights were still sinig. Sleepy looking police sits on the outside bench.

I also see bench and boxes in disorder, and ice cream paper on the street. And many youg people rush in the shower-room may be they are geting ready to go to working in the mess halls.

(Issei, age 31)

MY ROOM IS NOISY
BETWEEN FIVE CHILDREN

My room is always noisy. The family in the left has two children. The home on the right has three children. We have three children too. It seem like a nursery school. Some times the children call their mothers. Both of the mothers answer. If a mother is scolding a baby, another one gets scared and the both cry.

Merced Assembly Center
August 21, 1942

Dear Mrs Moore,

How are you We hope you well, How is the weater at Sausalito. It is very hot in this Center.

We had a nice letter from you. Last time thank you very much. We are just fine Everything is olright But We will move to Colorado We are going to, September the fist. When We go There We will let you know. We hope you take care of you, self. We miss you very much. If you see Goon tell him to Koto Sad hello. this is my fust letter, So I hope it is very hard for you to this letter please Excuse my writing

Your firend,
(K. T.)

RE: THOSE INTERNEES

The San Francisco office advises us that it is in receipt of much correspondence from evacuee residents of assembly centers relative to internees at internment camps and detention stations. There is no objection to the handling of such correspondence, except that no purpose is served since such correspondence must be referred to the office shown below having jurisdiction in the matter.

The Bureau of Immigration and Naturalization contacts the San Francisco office in all cases where release or parole is intended, in order to locate the internee's family. The San Francisco Office supplies such information, but has no control as to time of travel.

Accordingly, the following information is provided for the guidance of interested residents.

Where internees are in detention stations awaiting final result on request for parole or release, the proper office to be contacted for information is:

BUREAU OF IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION
SERVICE
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Where final action has been taken by the Department of Justice and the internee is in custody of an internment camp for the duration, the proper office to be contacted for information is:

PRISONER OF WAR INFORMATION BUREAU
OFFICE OF THE PROVOST MARSHAL GENERAL
WASHINGTON, D. C.

WE CAN DO IT!

Caught in the vortex of a world in turmoil, we have become the victims of fate; whether we acknowledge it or not, this present experience will either break or make us. The laurels will go to those who survive, surmount, and conquer the vicissitudes of life in these Centers.

In comparison to a normal procedure of living there are greater tendencies to retrogress in habits, conduct, and morals within the confines of an assembly or relocation center. To illustrate this point, a few days ago the writer heard the outburst of an ex-draftee, who said, "I prefer life in the army than to rot in a place like this." No doubt many of us are feeling or thinking similarly. The above statement may become a sad reality unless we create or pursue a definite objective and purpose. Our fortitude, vision, and resourcefulness can and will change the tide.

The leadership during these critical days will be squarely placed upon the shoulders of the older Nisei. They must lead the way out of the present

dilemma. This is the opportune moment for you to exemplify the principles of democracy. Each contribution of character, sacrifice, service, and cooperation will become assets for generations to come.

Our attitude toward present conditions, the way in which we tackle each problem within these centers will determine the fate of other minority groups. We cannot and should not demand the same efforts from the disabled, weak, handicapped, aged, and the very young; rather we sympathize and desire to aid and lift up the less fortunate.

Though the past has been bitter, the present a severe shock, and the future unknown, we must contribute our best and all in order to create and maintain an ideal, vigorous community no matter where we are placed.

Just remember, "that man's extremity is God's opportunity."

REVEREND HARRY HASHIMOTO

More Letters from Issei

Dear Mrs. Okano;

How are you? I hope you are fine. What are you going now, I going English class every day but Saturday and Sunday no school but I am knitting sweater now. The children play with kite after six o'clock many man fly with kite too. Looking at very fun. Please write me a letter. I will be very glad to receive it. I will say good bye now.

My friend Y.T.

I SAW A DREAM---COLORADO:

I saw dream last night about Colorado. Weather was present like the spring. But there were all covered snow.

Early morning when sun raise. The snow was shine all mountain and avenue camps. It seems wonderful, like the pictures. Many people played snowballing and they made snow man. Some people fly kite. All people enjoyment there. It was my dream. I had good time last night.

BEYOND AS RARE AS TRUE & FALSE OUR CENTER SNOW IN MER.

On the Move

One more glance back at the other Centers before we say goodbye to all that is California, the Land of Sunshine and Flowers, won't be out of place just now.

While Mercedians are aflutter with "403's--miling in ballots--or crating in odds and ends many other Centers are just about dragging their last puff, too.

For instance, SANTA ANITA PACEMAKER came out with a banner head reading: "Relocation Set." Evacuation orders for Arcadia appears elsewhere in this edition. The News Staff will evacuate to any center where they require the service of a press staff, according to its editor.

STOCKTON'S EL JOAQUIN has nothing to say on evacuation for their readers. We take it that nothing is officially known. They have rumors there, too---Center store manager was embarrassed due to rumor that the store will close August 28.

NORTH PORTLAND EVACUATION ZETTER publishes an evacuation extra informing their readers that the Center will split up for Wyoming and Idaho, starting on August 29. Water shortage on the train was given special emphasis. Do not waste water, it warned.

PASS IT ON TO YOUR PAR- ENTS:

This information is official.

Curtains do not have to be pulled down on the train enroute to Granada during the day, contrary to talk going around by worried Issai.

There are very few Nisei on the toilet cleanup detail.

They don't like it and they never will. While, on the other hand, the Issai willingly volunteered for the job. They may be seen going about at the wee hours of the morning with a bucket, cleanser and brush.

Such men deserve a place in the hall of fame.

NOT < ADULTS

For those who must wear them-----the lil tots who must GO when they gotta GO, the nurses in charge of the train ride enroute to Granada will give out disposable diapers.

Enough supply of these diapers will be on hand so that mothers may call for them after reaching the relocation center during the few days of unsettled conditions there, it was assured by the hospital division.

ON CLOTHING

Those who have not already received their clothing orders in Merced will have their orders transferred to Colorado, according to Miss Clark, in charge of distribution of Free Clothing.

A STUDY IN FIGURES

If you are interested in figures (not female), these data on voluntary donations will be of interest. Here's how the money rolls in:

The average donations on movie nights total about \$31 depending in direct proportion to the class of picture shown. The ancient vintage of Charles Chaplin draw only \$13.

Talent night donations fall below the movie night, because donations have not been collected regularly.

Nine cans are used in the collection, with about 100 persons making donations

"Do I mind waiting in line for chow? Of course not---it gives me a chance to get acquainted with the gang."

"Gee, it's fun to roll out of bed at 6:15 every morning and those rushes to the latrine, before the other guy, is fascinating!"

"Hooray! They put my name on the draft-list for toilet detail!"

"When I get to the Relocation Center, I'm going to sign up for a Mess job."

"Gee, it's nice and cool today!"

"I live in J-ward and the walk to the Administration Building is good exercise for me."

"Why don't they feed us more of those delicious beans?"

"I sit beneath the spreading oak tree all day and thrill at Omar's--a loaf of bread and thou--."

A SOUVENIR

A souvenir plaque was awarded to residents of the famous Morning Glory Avenue by Mgr. H. Black at the Grand Final entertainment Sunday night.

The plaque, according to Mgr. Black, was given in recognition for the Morning Glory Lovers' contribution of beauty spots within the Center.

per can, or an average of 800 or 900 people make the donations.

Copper coin is the most popular, averaging 500 pieces. Nickels come next with 200 pieces. On rare nights the tincan will contain a couple of \$1 greenbacks with a sprinkling of 50¢ and 25¢ pieces.

A dozen slugs and sometimes even an "IOU" have been sorted out from the can at which time Charles Kamayatsu, who is in charge of the donations, remarked: "Great sense of humor--some people have!"

THE LAST ROUNDUP

COOPERATION AND INGENUITY

Approximately 108 days ago, the evacuees who entered this Center to make it their temporary homes found only row after row of empty barracks. Signs of loneliness and bareness in this Center were felt in the atmosphere.

Today's picture is another completely different story. People are seen conversing with each other, card games are in progress, the Canteen is cluttered with people, and everything in general indicates a busy city.

This Center's progress can be summed up in a few words. This Center has resembled one of those gold mine towns in the middle west which sprang up overnight. Increase in population has been an amazing spectacle for the majority of the people who were here in the first group.

Today, victory gardens are plentiful in all wards. The famed Morning Glory Avenue is one beauty spot we can proudly show to the outside visitors. Articles displayed in the hobby shows, lawns and flower gardens, and the talents in the grand talent parades were something to be proud of.

All the achievements and successes made are credited to the residents of this Center for their cooperation and ingenuity.

STRETCHING THE POINT

The way newsflashes are stretched to a breaking point is amazing. Here is a good example:

Your reporter was politely asked about the movies to be shown for a certain date. She was kindly told it would be "Road to Singapore", but it was subject to change.

A few hours later news was around the Center that the movie for the week would be either "Road to Zanzibar" or "Road to Mandalay."

The limit was reached when someone was going around telling everyone it was going to be "Road to Manzanar!"

IT'S TOUGH

The general opinion of the young people seems to be very odd, indeed, concerning the subject of going "Steady".

In all probability, if you went the third and fourth times with the same date, you were practically engaged and married in their respective orders.

OBSERVATIONS

Card games is one of the favorite pastimes of this Center, and excellent cardsharps have been developed. Many individuals who never played before have learned the art of card playing.

Summing up all this, it indicated that after the duration, the Japanese are really going to give the Chinese a real

run for their money. When this occurs, husbands may come home through the front doors instead of the back.

Mitsuru is one of the most conscientious fellow workers who has been seen picking up waste papers around this Center. You can see him working from Ward 1 to J at all hours of the day, including Sundays.

Majority of the people seem to find it difficult to take care of their own waste papers.

WHAT WE MISS

After compiling the consensus of opinions as to what we miss the most in this Center, here's what happened.

The young men claim that liquor is what they miss the most and milkshakes took the runner up position.

The young ladies stated moonlight rides certainly would kill the monotony and the runner up was the movies.

FORTUNE TELLER

Fred Yamamoto, Ward J-2-7 of Winters, has told fortunes to over 10,000 people. Fortune telling is his hobby for the past 11 years. Fred said that ever since his arrival in this Center, he has read fortunes for at least 300 individuals.

During the interview he stated that he reads the hands, face, hand writing, Japanese name, and the general appearance of the person.

He can tell you when it is the best time for marriage, your business, whether you're selfish or unselfish, your family life, your past history and what the future holds for you.

Fred admitted he came across individuals who were really puzzlers. Recently in this Center, he said two young ladies provided plenty of trouble for him because they were really difficult to figure out.

Asked why, he said they had too much makeup on. He continued that women certainly conceal things and are very mysterious.

Your reporter agrees with Fred that when you think you have the fairer sex figured out, you later find yourself barking up the wrong tree.



"A MIRAGE !??"

MORE BY SAKO

HAVE YOU NOTICED

Since relocation date is approaching, hundreds of individuals are madly rushing about, getting autographs of old and new acquaintances.

Rather puzzled, your reporter kindly inquired why the rush for autographs when we all were scheduled for the identical destination.

The reply was very interesting and amusing. One individual said their names are apt to change, especially among the fairer sex.

Wonder if the matrimonial field has anything to do with it?

ATTENTION--Hot-Tempered Persons

Madame Matsushita, 70 years old of I-2-28 of Rumsey, can perform magic to cure hot-tempered persons.

She rubs charcoal on the palm of your hand and mutters a few sacred words. Suddenly, a white object appears at the tip of the finger or any place on your body. This white thing whirls around and falls to the ground.

The person then is no longer hot-tempered.

She has practiced this for the past 20 years and since her arrival here, as many as 50 persons have visited her daily.

Madame Matsushita said if the person did not believe in her, it would not work.

Your reporter was offered to have it performed on him but believe you me he was plenty scared.

ON TO COLORADO

I'll see everyone of you in Colorado and sincerely hope we can enjoy it there like that western tune "When it's Spring Time in the Rockies."

Without fanfare and elaborate preparations befitting Center marriages, dainty Miss Thelma Yatabe became the bride of Akira Mamura, Tuesday evening, August 25, at the Administration auditorium.

The petite bride is from Sebastopol where she was an active leader in her community. Akira Mamura is a former Mill Valley man. Rev. Shirakawa officiated at a Buddhist wedding ceremony.

The newlyweds will take a "honeymoon trip" to Colorado and are planning to make their future home near Granada, Colorado.

OUR SPORT SCRIBE

As a rookie I had a hectic time but enjoyed the rich experience thoroughly. Thanks to all especially to the staff members who made my brief stay in Merced Assembly Center a genuine pleasure.--Walt F.

THIRTEEN---A BABY BOY

The thirteenth baby to be born in this Center made the addition of a baby boy to Mrs. and Mrs. Y. Tsukuda, resident of I-3-3, Saturday, August 22.

HEAVIEST BABY GIRL

Martellia Tamaki was the name given to the first baby girl born to Mrs. A. Tsuchiya, formerly of San Francisco. The baby was the largest girl born in this Center. She tipped the scale at 7 lbs. 2 oz.

MORNING GLORIES And INTERLUDE

By OSKI TANIWAKI

There are other things of interest along the famous Morning Glory Avenue besides the 15-foot tall "heavenly blue" morning glories climbing sky high on the redwood trellis.

Here, personalities abound. If you are any kind of a comic fan, visit the avenue and meet Little Mikami, age 6. She has been referred to as "Imogene" of Dixie Dugan comics. Her antics are equally comical as her more famous prototype.

There is Mrs. Hanna Piggott of Ukiah--probably better known as the kindly old lady who voted for 25 years before she found out that it was illegal for her to cast votes. Her status was still an alien, although married to a Caucasian.

And what's more interesting is the fact that although she must be quite past the 60 year mark, she cannot speak Japanese at all.

She is the motherly old lady who has befriended Elsie Nagao Herrera (vivacious Spanish-Japanese) who up to the time of her release recently, has been living with Mrs. Piggott.

What human interest stories which must have conspired within those four walls at G-2-6 shall never be known.

Up the lane on the corner lives Sam Okuhara, U. C. graduate who, with Min Kanki (another U. C. man), and Den Hattori compose the triumvirate, "The Three Jackals".

The barrack which displays the sign "Parimutual Nursery", also has a more professional shingle which reads:

"Professor Mits Hattori---Ballet Dancing". This is the home of the only ballet maestro in camp.

Truly the Morning Glory Avenue has the characters and scenery of a beer garden in Vienna. Everything is there except the bubbling "Pilsner."

NOT ALL PLAYDAYS

The most important problem parents encounter in bringing up children in camp is their social education-----that is, learning to get along with other children. There must be intelligent and patient guidance in teaching children, if they are to become adults who will live effectively in society.

Children are more or less anti-social. It is through observation and experience that they learn to get along together. Many children have been only around adults so that they have no idea how to act with children of their own age. They must learn among other things to share, to take turns, to ask for things instead of grabbing, and to stand up for their own rights. To many children it may be a painful experience, but it is such a valuable one, the sooner they learn the better it will be for them.

The first weeks of nursery school were rather discouraging to what we were trying to accomplish. Many of the children were so dependant upon and so attached to their parents, we had a difficult time in encouraging the children to leave their mothers and play with the other children. The mothers helped us overcome this difficulty by gradually staying away.

We felt it was our duty to help each child to be a kind of grownup. Parents want their child to be. We did not want him to be a "yes" man, always submissive and letting others walk all over him. Nor did we want him always to have his own way, to be boss in order to have any satisfaction in living. But we did want him to learn that successful living is a matter of give and take.

Margaret, for instance, learns that she has certain rights as an individual and she may assert those rights. But all the other children have rights as individuals, too. Social life begins when individual rights overlap with the others.

Margaret is able to learn very early at nursery school that, "We all take turns playing on the slide, Margaret. Get in line and wait for your turn." She discovers that taking turns is part of the fun of playing together.

James gets tired of waiting in line so he oversteps his rights. He grabs a second turn. There is a tussle and some tumbling and punching. James is hurt, but he soon recovers and is playing taking turns all over again.

But James must also learn that he, himself, has rights. "James, you were



Fred
Shimamoto

playing with that clay first. You may keep it. You don't need to let Sam have it."

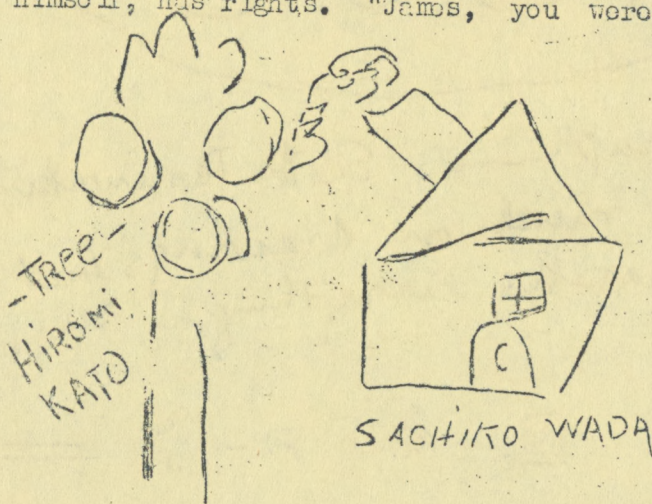
Each child has his own rights and there is no law against a fight. When there is a fight at school we try to be fair and not get excited. When there is no grave danger of getting hurt, we let them fight it out and settle the quarrel for themselves.

Sometimes we can get quick results, by saying, "Jerry is a good boy because he behaves, but Peter is bad." However, if we make a child feel he is bad or compare him unfavorably with other children, we may give a burden of guilt or a feeling of inadequacy. The stronger our ability to use the method of getting the child to learn by observation and experience, the better we meet his immediate needs and the better we prepare him for a well-adjusted grownup.

Probably we ought to be able to draw some valuable deduction and conclusion from our experience in the nursery, in regards to the problem of child rearing. The only conclusion we've come to is pretty general and trite. Parents must remember each child is an individual. No solution can be a magic formula to problems, always sure to succeed, but a suggestion to be adopted to individual cases.

Although our nursery did not have the proper facilities and equipment, we were able to carry on our work quite successfully due to the excellent cooperation we received. We are very grateful to everyone who helped and sincerely thank the mess hall workers and runners, Miss Riasetto and the hospital staff, Mr. Demoto and Mr. Hasogawa.

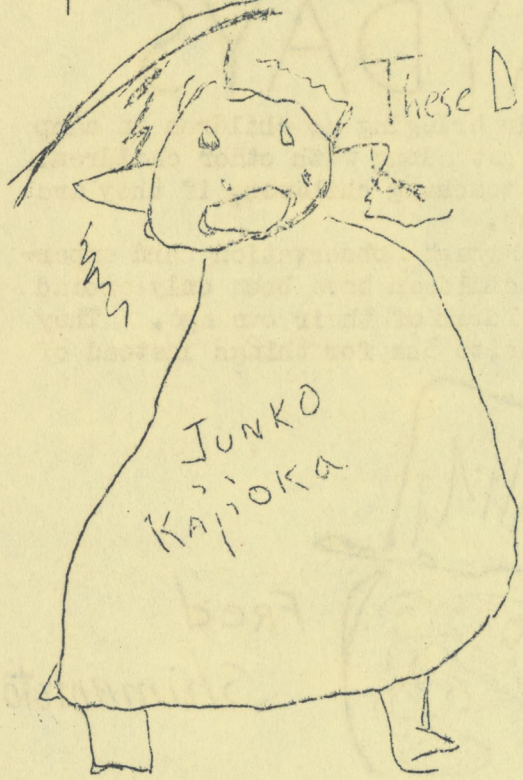
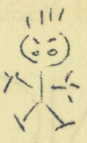
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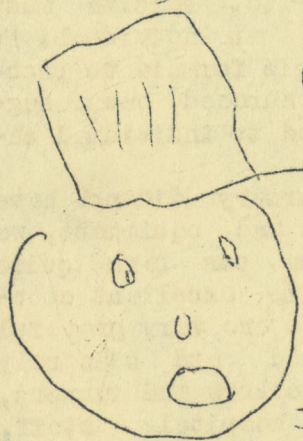
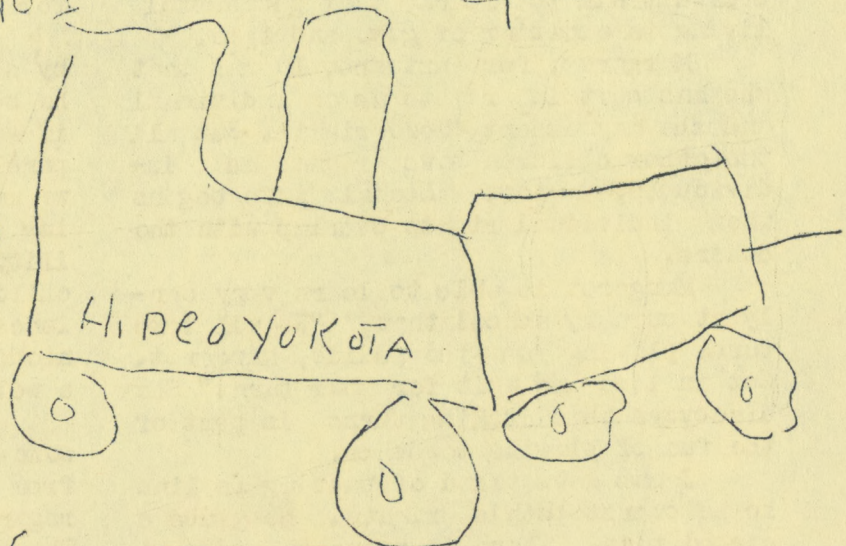
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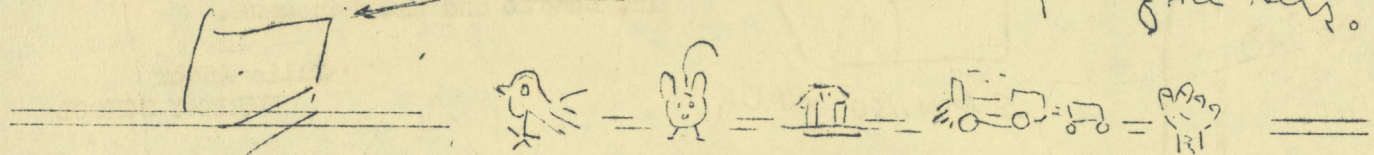


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SPORTS

THEY ALL ADD UP

We had a very successful season because all the team members and managers cooperated with us. Due to unavoidable circumstances, the second half of the games was unfinished but we'll finish it in Colorado. We hope the teams, members and managers continue to give us their fullest cooperation in Colorado.

The sportsmanship shown by all teams was the best, whether they lost or won. The people of the Center certainly enjoyed the thrilling games played by everyone who participated. Already the people are demanding baseball games, such as were played, to go on unhampered. They are demanding baseball games the day they reach Colorado. Many of our baseball fans were disappointed when the league was called off.

The credit for the successful season is also due to the men who officiated the games. They gave their tireless efforts out in the hot sun every afternoon to provide real entertainment for the people and the players.

We hope the people realize that the umpires officiated a doubleheader every day, including Saturday and Sunday. Everybody realizes that it was a tough job and a job that no one enjoys doing.

GEORGE KAWAOKA

DIRECTOR OF LEAGUES AND TOURNAMENTS

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WE RECALL WHEN

Baseball, kingpin of American Sportdom took the spotlight on May 31, 1942, when the residents were allotted the use of the Fair Ball Park. The dedication took place on that memorable day, when Pitcher Harry L. Black in rare form, "burned over" the first pitched ball to

batter W. H. Bachman. Catcher Dr. Higaki gave his all behind the plate, calling for varieties of throw, but Richard Mitchell was on his toes that day and called the batter out for not attempting to hit. After the close of the first half, six managers of the National

League, picked their all-opponents' team. Managers responsible for the selections were: John Takemura of Walnut Grove, Aki Yoshimura of Colusa, Charles Kamayatsu of Cortez, Mas Hoshino of Livingston, Tim Sasabuchi of Yolo, and George Otani of Sepol.

A - LOOOIP STARS

(**INDICATES UNANIMOUS CHOICE)

Pitcher-----**Grove Yoshiwara,	Walnut Grove Braves
Catcher-----Kenny Ohki,	Livingston Dodgers
First Base-----James Kubochi,	Sebastopol...Giants
Second Base----**Eddie Kawaoka,	Cortez.....Cubs
Third Base----**Tom Shimazu,	Sebastopol...Giants
Short Stop----**Isao Tokunaga,	Yolo.....Phillies
Left Field-----Kanemi Ono,	Sebastopol...Giants
Center Field----Tosh Shimizu,	Sebastopol...Giants
Right Field----George Watanabe,	Walnut Grove Braves

SECOND STRINGS

Pitcher-----Gilbert Tanji,	Livingston Dodgers
Catcher-----Tom Ioka,	Walnut Grove Braves
First Base-----Aki Yoshimura,	Colusa.....Reds
Second Base----Frank Shoji,	Livingston Dodgers
Third Base-----Flu Inaba,	Walnut Grove Braves
Short Stop----Harry Shironaka,	Walnut Grove Braves
Fred Kishi,	Livingston Dodgers
Left Field-----Jack Hamahashi,	Colusa.....Reds
Center Field----James Hanamura,	Walnut Grove Braves
Right Field----Sab Kasai,	Colusa.....Reds

OVER BUT NOT OUT

Mack Yamaguchi

Tim Sasabuchi, veteran ball player from Yolo, hit the first ball over the fence in the latter part of June.

Since that day many a horsehide had taken a ride over.

"Tiny" George Fukuyama, Colusa Reds, hit one over and bounced one over in the same game to take the cake.

Pete Masuoka, Marin Athletic, hit 2 high ones over the fence and one bounced.

Jim "Soapy" Miyashima hit one high over and bounced another.

Tosh Shimizu, Sepol Giants, hit one high over the fence.

BOUNCING THE PELLETT OVER WERE:

Jim Hamahashi, Colusa Reds; Ken Ohki, Livingston Dodgers; Isao Tokunaga, Yolo Phillies; M. Hamada, Courtland Yanks and Modesto Browns; Tim Sasabuchi, Yolo Phillies.

INSIDE THE FENCE---4 BAGGERS

Leo Kikuchi, Sepol; M. Hamada, Courtland and Modesto; G. Yoshida, Merced; S. Uyekubo, Modesto; Y. Yotsuya, Cortez; C. Furuyo, Sepol; A. Kato, Marin; J. Hatanaka, Yolo; S. Sako, Sepol; S. Yotsuya, Cortez.

WITH THE AMERICAN 'B'

The eight team American "B" Baseball loop got underway June 23rd. They were the Modesto Browns, Turlock Senators, Marin Athletics, Yuba City Red Sox, Courtland Yankees, Yolo White Sox, Sebastopol Indians, and the Cortez Tigers.

The first half saw the hustling Sebastopol Indians crowned champions, (who after a defeat fought hard and clean to amass 6 straight wins. Modesto Browns ended up in the runner-up spot with 5 wins and 2 losses. Turlock Senators with 4 wins, 2 losses and 1 tie placed third.

Yuba City Red Sox gradually weakened and placed 4th with 4 wins and 3 losses. Cortez Tigers and the Marin Athletics were tied for 5th place with 3 wins and 4 losses. Yolo White Sox won 2, lost 4 and tied one to end one above the cellar, with Courtland Yankees bringing up the cellar with 7 straight losses.

The American "B" League All-Stars who were selected by the managers included the following:

From the North, the team was made up of players from Yuba City, Sebastopol, Yolo and Marin. The players were Jack Otani, G. Aoki, N. Kuwatani, S. Kurihara, B. Wada, E. Wada, Art Sugiyama, J. Otsuki, and J. Yoshimoto. Reserves were S. Daikai, J. Nakamura, J. Kawamoto, H. Fukumitsu, P. Masuoka, E. Tokunaga, J. Hagiara, and F. Kinoshita.

For the South, the team was made up of players from Modesto, Cortez, Turlock, and Courtland. The players were G. Matsuda, M. Hamada, J. Miyashima, J.

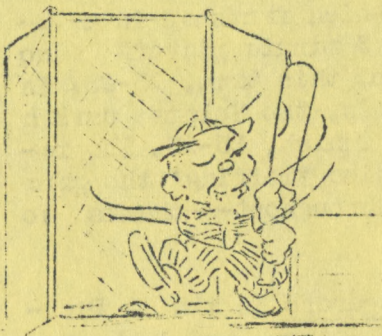
Niizawa, S. Uyokubo, J. Hoshizu, F. Yoshida, M. Hashimoto, H. Akune. On the reserve list were; L. Kitagawa, T. Kajioka, K. Miyoshi, F. Kajioka, Y. Yotsuya, T. Fujimoto, G. Iseri, A. Shoji and M. Uyokubo.

In the subsequent game played on July 19, the South All-Stars upset the favored North team, 9-6.

In the 2nd half, Merced and Livingston B's took over for Courtland and Yuba City respectively as the latter two dropped out from the league. Modesto Brown, who were always fighting to the last, tied with Sepol Indians for first place with 5 wins and 1 loss. The youthful Turlock Senators won third place berth with 4 wins and 1 loss followed by the Cortez Tigers and Merced Yankees with 3 wins and 3 losses. Easy going Yolo White Sox ended one above the Livingston Red Sox, when they won 1 and dropped 5. Livingston dropped all 6 games.

Turlock vs Cortez; Turlock vs Sebastopol; Modesto vs Merced; Marin vs Livingston; and Yolo vs Cortez games were not played because of Relocation preparations.

Sebastopol Indians, following the footsteps of their "big brothers," the Giants, must be classified as the mighties, as they dropped only 2 games and won 11 in the season; following were Modesto with 10 wins and 3 losses. Turlock with 8 wins, 3 losses, and 1 tie was a good third placer in the league. With a little more luck, any of the 3 might have been the champions.



PINGS AND PONGS OF TABLE TENNIS

Recreation Leader Kay Matsuhiro, supervised a fast ping pong tourney in the early part of August, aided by John Kimura and Roy Nakatani. Results were, in the Men's Division, crafty Osami Kayokata-----crowned the champion, followed by Harry Sumigawa and Jim Kaji.

In the Women's Division, Tomiko Seta showed her stuff by winning handily, followed by scrappy Grace Yatabe and cutie, Janet Kubochi. Perfect control and balance was shown by many ping pong enthusiasts.

OF STARS AND EVENTS BASKETBALL DIGEST

First of all, we would like to take our hats off to the fellows who helped us from the start to the finish. Fellows like Icky Iwanaga, Pab Yamagiwa, George Yamasaki, Tak Date, Ben Yamagiwa, Emory Namura, George Iwanaga, and Harry Ioka. Our thanks go also to many others who helped in officiating the league games, and George Okabe for acting as our official scorekeeper.

The league opened on July 21st with the "A" League; Modesto Pirates meeting the Woodland Wolves, and in the Industrial League, Modesto Has Beens playing the strong Fleahouse Dwarfs. In the B League; Modesto Panthers tangled with the Yuba City Honkers.

On August the 24th, the finishing touches to the courts were laid out by Jim Miyano, Kanemi Ono and Roy Nakatani for the final and the championship games. There were championship games for the A and Industrial Leagues. The hard-fighting Modesto Pirates charged into the "never-scare" Sepolians, time and time again to win the title, 31-22. "Dead-eye" Icky Iwanaga of the Pirates rang up 13 points for the champions to take high point honors. Acting as referee and umpire were George Yamasaki and Ben Yamagiwa and timekeeper, Jim Miyano. They did a fine job in officiating this final game.

In the Industrial League game, the Fleahouse Dwarfs, managed by George Kawaka, nipped the Walnut Grove Poops, managed by Harry Shironaka, 29-23. Managing from the side lines were Harry Okada and Tom Ioka, the latter against brother Harry's will. Pity the poor guys who came between Tiny Fukuyama and "little" Ping Oda of the Dwarfs. I felt sorry for Ben Takamatsu's head which was caught between the two. High scorers in the game were Kanemi Ono for the Dwarfs with 9, and Kawamura for the Poops with 10. Referee and umpire for the game were Pablo Yamagiwa, Emory Namura and scorekeeper, Elmer Ioka. My thanks go to these two for the fine job they did in officiating.

Summing up all the scores, I found a very interesting fact in figures. In the A League, the champions, Modesto Pirates, collected 161 points to their opponents 127, while runner-up Sebastopol Sakuras scored 252 and gave up 137. We see where Sepol gave up only 10 more points and scored 91 more than the Pirates. Third place Walnut Grove Deltans collected 165 and gave up 153. The Kau Laners collected 187 and gave up 153.

In the B League, the champions, Walnut Grove Deltan J. V's collected 194 and gave up 99, and the runner-ups, the Yogore Quintet, collected 181 and gave up 106. The Cortez Wildcats collected 131 and gave 121.

In the C Division, the Walnut Grove Youngsters collected 138 to their opponents 88, while the second place Modestans collected 99 to their opponents 81.

Let's take a look at the Industrial and Oldtimers' League. The Fleahouse outfit collected 173 and gave 126; second place Walnut Grove Poops collected 116 and gave 104; the Rambling Rees collected 128 and gave 119. The Modesto Has Beens collected 107 and gave up 120.

The highest scoring game was the Yogore win over Turlock, 69-20; and Kau Kau Lam's win over Yuba City 49-ers, 67-15. The lowest scoring game was Walnut Grove C's win over Modesto, 8-7.

The most exciting game was played between the Yolo Midgets and the Livingston Jr. Rockets which finished in a 22-22 deadlock. The 3 minute playoff also found them tied up, this time, 23-23. In the final 30 seconds, the Yolans sank a winning bucket to finish, 25-23. The referee had a nice time 'roffing' the game which was clean throughout---thanks to Tad Ono.

The highest scorers in the A Division were brothers George and Jack Hoshizu of the Courtland Chargers with 77 and 66 points respectively; followed by Ken Arimoto of the W.G. Deltans with 65, and Aki Yamazumi of the Sepol Sakuras with 62 points in league competition. Icky Iwanaga of the championship team, Modesto Pirates, rang up 58. Bespeckled John Tsuruta of the Deltans scored 44 in 5 games and was a regular ball hawk.

In the B league, Jack Ito, of the Deltan Babes, was high with 52, followed by Ted Watanabe of the Yogores with 51, and George Yamasaki with 37. H. Togashi of the Modesto Panthers rang up 36, as did Slug Yotsuya of the Cortez Wildcats.

In the C league, K. Kimura of Livingston scored 46 points, followed by J. Yamasaki of Modesto who had 41. T. Miura of Yuba City had 31.

In the Industrial League, Tosh Shimizu of the Dwarfs was the tops with 56 followed by George Kawamura of the Walnut Grove Poops who had 51, and Kanemi Ono, also of the Dwarfs who had 42. Eddie Nishimura of the Rambling Rees with 40 and Flu Inaba of the Poops with 38

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ALL-STAR CAGERS:
MERCEDIAN CHOICE

FORWARDS

Icky Iwanaga-----Modesto Pirates
Aki Yamazumi-----Se'pol Sakuras
John Tsuruta-----W. G. Deltans

CENTERS

Grove Yoshiwara-----Kau Kau Lane
George Hoshizu-----Courtland Charger

GUARDS

Jim Miyashima-----Modesto Pirates
Kenzo Arimoto-----W. G. Deltans
Pete Masuoka-----Se'pol Sakuras

HONORABLE MENTIONS

Jack Hoshizu-----Courtland Chargers
Bill Wada-----Se'pol Sakuras
James Watanabe-----Kau Kau Lane
Mas Okuda-----Kau Kau Lane
Jim Yamato-----Modesto Pirates
James Shizuru-----Modesto Pirates
Jim Okabo-----Woodland Wolves
Min Furuta-----Yuba 49'ers

CHAMPS
OF HOOP ROUNDUP

-A-

MODESTO PIRATES-----9 1 161-127
SEBASTOPOL SAKURAS-----8 2 252-137
WALNUT GROVE DELTANS-----7 2 165-153
KAU KAU LANE-----7 2 187-154
COURTLAND CHARGERS-----5 4 227-179
WOODLAND WOLVES-----4 5 96-175
YUBA CITY 49'ers-----3 6
MERCED BEARS-----2 7
TURLOCK BULLDOGS-----0 0
COLUSA REDS-----0 0

-B-

WALNUT GROVE DELTAN BABES-----7 0 194-99
YOGORES-----5 2 181-106
CORTEZ WILDCATS-----5 2 131-121
MODESTO PANTHERS-----4 3 93-112
SEBASTOPOL SAKURA BABES-----4 3 99-125
YUBA CITY HONKERS-----3 4
TURLOCK BULLPUPS-----1 6
COLUSA INDIANS-----0 0

-C-

WALNUT GROVE CEES-----8 0 138-88
MODESTO CUBS-----6 2 99-81
LIVINGSTON JR. ROCKETS-----5 3 132-114
SEBASTOPOL CEES-----4 4
YOLO MIDGETS-----4 4
YUBA CITY HONKLETS-----4 4
CORTEZ KITTENS-----4 4
TURLOCK PUPS-----0 0
COLUSA PAPOOSE-----0 0

INDUSTRIAL

FLEAHOUSE DWARFS-----5 1 176-128
WALNUT GROVE POOPS-----4 2 116-104
RAMBLING RECS-----4 2 128-119
MODESTO HAS BEENS-----4 2 107-120
TIMEKEEPERS-----3 3
MERCEDIAN SCOOPERS-----1 5
NIGHTHAWKS-----0 6

GIRLS'

WALNUT GROVE SHOOTING STARS--3 0 49-20
SEBASTOPOL SAKURAEttes-----2 1 25-30
YUBA CITY HUBBETTES-----1 2 19-43
COLUSA PINKS-----0 3

KNUCKLES DOWN

Though mig shooting was an every day past time, it provided an exciting event in the Center Sports Activity when Mike Fujimoto undertook a tournament in the early part of this month. A crowd gathered to witness this unusual tournament which had a fine group of youngsters competing in the 3 divisions, Junior, Intermediate and Open Age Divisions.

Little Kazuo Nakano was in the groove that day, and took top honors in the Junior Division.

Smiling Clark Tokunaga, pride of Yolo County, opened his bag of tricks in winning the Intermediate Division crown.

In the finals, the three some, Nakano, Tokunaga and Fred Kajioaka put on a supreme show for the open age Division Crown which was finally won by Fred Kajioaka, who aimed out 7 to Clark Tokunaga's six. The Marble Champs were crowned at the following Tuesday Talent Show. Another bigger and better tournament was in the making.

Tak Date and Tom Sasaki aided Fujimoto in the undertaking.

MORE ON BASKETBALL

concludes some of the many who deserve honorable mentions.

In my opinion, Aki Yamazumi was the coolest and deadliest of all the casaba stars.

The Yogores were the ones who had the most team work in a game, as did all the Walnut Grove teams, especially the Boes who won the B Crown. The Deltans

who had 5 teams entered practiced whenever possible, arranging practice games in some instances.

Thanks to the Mercedian Staff for publishing our schedules and scores which helped us in our basketball undertaking.

ROY NAKATANI & THE BASKETBALL DIRECTORS
JIM T. MIYANO, KANAME SANUI, KANEMI ONO

SPORTS AND MORALE

BY KANEHI ONO

Our good ship "Merced", soon will anchor its three and a half month voyage with a chapter of progress in the realm of sports unsurpassed. During this short time, the enthusiasm and accomplishments rendered by the athletic supervisors have greatly relieved the possibility of a low morale in this camp. To these directors, we extend our compliments.

First, softball in the Center Square; then, the acquisition of the present ball park. With this added playground the sports program grew to the fullness it now displays. Baseball, basketball, sumo, softball, volleyball, croquet and even a game of football saw action.

Horse-hide tossing, America's favorite sport, thrives over the nation today in spite of the pressure brought about by the world conflict. Athletic directors all over the United States are incessantly striving to keep alive the various other outstanding sports. In

our Army, athletics take the major role as recreation. In our Center, leaders have been working for the same object with the added responsibility due to difficult conditions.

George Kawaoka and his Fleahouse gang with the numerous criticisms thrown into their faces, still carried the value of baseball and softball into a successful termination.

Jim Miyano and his crew of referees and field workers made the basketball league thrive out of season in this hot weather. Many Issei helped to enlighten the hearts of our parents as they put plenty of zip into the sumo tournaments.

Reiko Habu headed the sports interest in the GAA.

Supervisors alone could not have made our athletic program such a tremendous success. To those who worked under their respective leaders, we must do justice with this in mind---"The ability of its auxiliary always proves the success of the principle." This has made the greatness of our endeavor.

SOFTBALL HAS ITS PLACE

"They came, they saw, they started to play softball."

Early days of the Merced Assembly Center, brings back happy memories of the scores of good, hard fought softball games at the Center Square. It amazes us to realize how, with thousand of spectators who clustered about, someone was not injured beyond "repair." Softball ruled in the early days as the main attraction, but its glimmer faded gradually as baseball came into the limelight. The advent from the Center Lot to Diamond 1 and 2 was one of the happiest moments of the youthful softball fans. Through the efforts of Recreation Leader George Kawaoka, 5 fast Softball Leagues were established. They were the A, B, Industrial, Mess Hall and the Girls'.

The following teams made up the A League; Cortez, Livingston, Modesto, Merced, Yolo, Colusa, Sebastopol, Yuba City, Turlock, Winters, Santa Rosa, Walnut Grove and Chico. The strong Cortez brigade led the group and were the champions, winning 6 straight games. The smooth Livingston outfit was in the 2nd position with 5 wins and 1 loss. Scrappy Modesto team was right up there with 4 wins and 1 loss, and the rest ended as named above.

In the B loop, Livingston's youthful players ended strong, and were on top with Yuba City with 4 wins and 1 loss. Sebastopol was in second place with 3 wins and 1 loss. Walnut Grove, Yolo, Modesto, Winters, Colusa and Courtland also fought hard to win, and ended as named in the league.

The Industrial League was one of

the most original of the 5, with Transportation Truck Drivers always seeming to win. Other teams entered in the league were Sanitation, Warehouse, Carpentry, Recreation, Information, Administration, Timekeepers, Fire Dept. and Canteen. Relaxation from business and into strenuous softball games kept their moral at a high pitch.

Probably one of the greatest crowd pleasers were the Mess Hall softballers with pretty waitresses cheering them on. The Mess hands, mostly dishwashers and waiters, put on many exciting games. 10 Messes from A-J entered the league. The rowdy gentlemen from the E Mess walked off with the Championship, after defeating the two other undefeated teams, A and D, 19-8, and 10-2, respectively. What a messy crew they were on the field. Easy going, clownish, as shown in the B Mess fracas when almost everyone pitched the ball. Their mediocre hitting always seemed to give them a win.

In the Fairer Sex League, the Cortez-Livingston Femmes swept the league with 5 consecutive wins, followed by Sebastopol and Yuba City girls. Yolo, Walnut Grove and Winters' shaplies were also in the thick of battle, out for their share of laurels. Colusa and Modesto brought up the cellar position in league competition. No one can say that these games were played in vain. Huh, boys?

Though softball was somewhat eclipsed by the hardball season, it was a valuable undertaking for those who loved to play the fast game, and always was a crowd pleaser, with fans coming to witness the games at twilight.

THE ISSEI AND SUMO

TORAZO OGATA
SUPERVISOR OF ISSEI ACTIVITIES

In order to foster physical fitness and mental training, and provide entertainment for the evacuees of the center as a whole, a meeting was held by interested individuals. For this purpose, a committee was chosen. Under its supervision, George Fukuyama was appointed as coach and Hamada as his assistant.

A wrestling ring, 15 feet in diameter was built in front of the north-end bleacher.

From June 21, intensive training and scrimmages were started under the instruction of respective coaches.

On June 26 and 27, the first tournament was inaugurated. There were 36 wrestlers participating in A, B and C classes.

The second tournament was held on July 4, as a part of the Independence Day program. In this tournament, Yolo and Walnut Grove teams contested for their superiority. On this day, there were approximately 70 contestants taking part and finally the Yolo team emerged victorious.

Since then, the Walnut Grove team went through a very strenuous training for its return match. The third tournament was held on July 18 and 19. After a heated engagement, the Walnut Grove team finally won, thus avenging the previous defeat. The tournament ended Sunday, July 18.

In view of our evacuation to Colorado Relocation Center, the committee decided to hold a big and final tournament on August 15 and 16. For this occasion, beautifully designed wrestling belts were provided for more than 59 selected wrestlers by the committee. Those belts were designed and painted by artist Nomiya, assisted by Tsuruda, Ogata and Usui, who had worked nearly two weeks for its completion. At this tournament, participants were selected into various classes from Yolo and Walnut Grove teams. This selection was based on merit and previous record of individuals.

This final tournament was witnessed by a capacity crowd and the pennant was awarded to the West Team by Center Manager Harry L. Black. A special individual championship match was held by carefully selected players for elimination. Toshio Shimizu and Jim Furukawa entered for the finals and Shimizu won. He was awarded a beautiful trophy which was also presented by Black. Thus, this successful event came to a colorful conclusion.

Fred Kajioke's triple which busted up the ball game in the Cortez-Courtland game, 16-15, in the extra inning.

'SHOGI' AND 'GO' CALL ALL SAGES

In the tournament resembling a meeting of Ancient Sages, approximately 40 top ranking Go and Shogi experts competed in two closely contested tournaments supervised by Mr. M. Kobayashi in the months, July and August.

In the first tournament, K. Tsuchiya out-smarted all others to capture the blue ribbon honor. M. Ichibara finished second, followed by T. Mori and Funatsu tied for the third place.

The second center wide Go and Shogi tournament held at F-2-6 Recreation Room found Ozaki of San Francisco placing first followed by Tokoshima of Berkeley and A. Yokota of Mill Valley. In the Shogi Contest, T. Kawashima of Dos Palos placed first, S. Dote of Winters second and M. Ishihara of Yuba City was third.

BASEBALL ASTRAY

A's largest score---23-7. Cortez-Yolo scrap. Cubs open up!

A's smallest score---4-1. Colusa-Walnut Grove---Reds played tight as a corset.

B's largest score---19-4. Sepol Indians trounce Merced.

B's smallest score---6-2. Marin Athletics over Courtland Yanks.

A's wildest score---20-19. Sepol Giants win over Colusa Reds.

B's wildest score---16-15. Cortez Tigers win over Courtland Yanks.

A's hardest luck---Dick Yamachi's 3 hitter which Colusa lost to W. G.

B's hardest luck---Sepol Indians 9 game winning streak cut by Modesto Browns' tying Sepol, Modesto and Turlock for first place in the second half.

Tom Yokoi fanning 11 men in 5 innings, 10-0 win for Turlock Senators over Livingston Red Sox, one and only Center shut out.

Jack Kawack's pitching when he threw 18 straight balls in the Sepol-Colusa scrap which Sepol won, 22-10.

Tosh Shimizu and Ed Kawack's 5 out of 5 performance at the plate this year. Isao Tokunaga's homer which won for Yolo a 9-8 victory over Walnut Grove.

Tosh Shimizu's homer which beat Livingston Dodgers in the Fleahouse-Dodger game, 6-5.

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