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# THE MIDGET TRIBUNE

DES MOINES, IOWA

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## A MESSAGE TO YOU...

From our guest writer Cornell Hewson, active member of the Des Moines Relocation Committee.

...Nearly two years ago, there appeared on the Drake University campus a small group of Nisei. This little group of alert, keen-minded, courageous young group of Nisei - this little group of people opened the way in Des Moines, Iowa, toward a wider opportunity for Americans of Japanese ancestry.

In the weeks and months to follow came a large number of relocatees, a W.R.A. office, a city-wide relocation committee and the Friends Hostel. Added to these forces has been the cooperation of the Des Moines Register and Tribune in building a background for the enlarged program of resettlement.

At no time has this number been spectacular, nor have the numbers been large, and still Des Moines and Iowa have furnished a friendly place in which to continue one's education, to get a job, and to re-create a new place in the normal stream of American life.

Under circumstances such as this, it would not be unusual for there to be times of tension and strain, and yet this feature, this bad feature of the problem, has not developed. The principle factors are the Nisei and Issei themselves, for they have come to Des Moines with hope and confidence and faith. Inherently polite, friendly and helpful, they have won many friends and will continue to win them. Another factor is probably a group of interested men and women and young people who really

wanted to help these Americans re-establish themselves.

We are glad that you have come to Des Moines, young and old, for you have brought us an opportunity to know you. You are making a contribution to the business life and you have added a keenness of mind to our schools and colleges. We hope that many of you are looking forward to making Des Moines and Iowa your permanent home because we believe that you will be welcomed and because you will make a real contribution to the life of the community. It has not always been easy and sometimes there have been problems, and there will be other problems in the future, but you have the "stuff" to meet and overcome the unpleasantness, friction, and the problems. And so again, we're glad you're here--we want you to feel that you are welcome and we want you to, in a simple, natural way, play your part in the everyday life of this city.

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Despite the adverse circumstance,  
Despite the sea of ignorance,  
Despite the darkness of distrust  
Quail not, Nisei, carry on, you must  
Have faith, Nisei, and face the world  
And through your Actions show the world  
True concept of Democracy,  
Our hope for world humanity.

TAKASHI TERAMAYE  
Des Moines, Iowa



## WHAT'S BUZZIN, CUZZIN'

Have you seen the Kita family of 1347 28th Street with their beaming faces? Reason - Son and brother, Sergeant Carl Kita has been home on furlough from Camp Grant, Illinois, for about a week.

A recent visitor to Des Moines has been the Rev. S. Kanow who visited a few days with his sister Mrs. Y. Katayama.

Roy Fukuto has recently returned from a few weeks' visit with his folks at Poston - Hope you enjoyed the "heat".

New Drake Alumna, Kazuye Sekiya, is so ambitious! She goes to a 7:30 class (AM) at Drake and then tackles a secretarial job all day at the National Screen.

May Ideta, Drake student, has a summer job as a secretary at the Columbia Pictures Corp. May no longer haunts the U. S. Employment door.

Popular Florence Takemura has done it again.....this time she has rated a trip to Denver to attend the Japanese Christian Convention representing the young people of the Christian Church of Los Angeles. Seems to have crossed roads with numerous friends too.....

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## SOCIAL AT UNITARIAN CHURCH

A "July Jig" is scheduled for the benefit of Nisei and Caucasian guests this Saturday on the 22nd. Everyone is cordially invited to attend and enjoy the folk dancing which will start the evening off. Refreshments will be served in the course of the evening to be topped off by a period of social dancing.

FOOTNOTE: Any likely suggestions or additions regarding THE MIDGET TRIBUNE will be accepted gracefully. Please mail to: Nisei Hospitality Committee, 520 Liberty Building, Des Moines 8, Iowa

## SIDE NOTES

Snoopy Soupy is on the prowl again..... Overheard from George Nishimura, as well as Pauline Shinta, Cherie Imai, Mits Nakamura, Gordon Sato and a few others from various centers, "Des Moines is a swell place!" (We all agree.) Above persons are a few of the boys and girls who have just completed their high school education in a relocation center and are looking forward to a future starting right here in our own Des Moines.....

IN APPRECIATION: Thanks to our friendly, helpful, well-built Frank Gibbs, relocation officer of the Des Moines WRA. "Frank" is always on hand to lend a hand wherever needed and can be reached when trouble is a'brewing (except cupid trouble).

To the two-some at the Friends Hostel--- Ross and Elizabeth Wilbur---go our sincere thanks also for their efforts.

ORCHIDS TO.....

Attractive Masako Kimura, former Manzanite, the only Nisei applicant among eight others applying for a clerical position at the Credit Reference Reporting Bureau - and got it!

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## PLACES TO EAT

Of the many places to eat and dine in Des Moines, Skondras Restaurant, 311-6th Street; Bishop's Cafeteria, 711 Locust; and Grace Ransom Tea Room, 708½ Locust, are outstanding.

The atmosphere, courtesy, and good food leave a lasting impression.

We would recommend Grace Ransom Tea Room or Skondras for a leisurely dinner while the appearance of the splendid food at Bishop's Cafeteria whets up the appetite. Won't you try them?



# MIDGET TRIBUNE

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DES MOINES, IOWA

AUGUST 19, 1944

Our guest writer today is Robert W. Root, chairman of the Des Moines Relocation Committee, and also staff member of the Des Moines Register and Tribune.

"The job of Des Moines citizens, as I see it, is simply to give Japanese Americans a welcome and a kindly push and let them make their own way.

This is the way the Nisei apparently like it, for with what seems a minimum of aid, they have come in and got homes and jobs. On the whole, they have had the friendly manner that has got them friends and won them their own places.

This does not mean there will be no problems. I think there are bound to be difficulties, as there always are when any minority seeks new houses, new employment, and new friends.

It might be very tempting for those of us with pinkish skins to try to "baby" the Nisei through these difficulties. We might very well over-protect you--do too many things for you. Some of us might feel so fine about "doing good" that we would even be condescending.

I think this would be too bad for us--and for you. It will be much better if the Nisei stand on their own hind-legs and fight their own battles. The establishment of this little paper, the existence of a Nisei committee, indicates you are acting on this same belief.

We should take care, of course, that the Nisei do not become a distinct group, cut off from others. Des Moines' old citizens will still want to lend a hand to the new.

At the same time, though, there are many things that the Nisei can do best.

If any individual does things that reflect on the whole group, a Nisei com-

mittee can straighten him out better than anyone else could.

If the attitudes of some Nisei need changing, the other Japanese Americans are the best ones to do the changing.

If a Nisei does a particularly good job of winning goodwill, the compliments of his fellowmen will mean much to him.

And all this will develop self-reliance instead of dependence among our new residents.

As the Nisei prove they have these marks of good citizenship, there need be no reason for us to doubt that the reception will continue to be friendly here."

## ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Our sincere appreciation goes to the American Friends Hostel for the gift of the paper used for the first edition of the Midget Tribune on June 22, 1944.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Our very hearty congratulations go to our good friends, Mr. and Mrs. George Yamasaki, upon the arrival of their new and fourth daughter, born July 21, 1944.

## THANK YOU

Miss Goldye V. Allen, employment secretary of the local Y.W.C.A., and good friend of all, conveys her appreciation to all her friends for their cards and expressions of speedy recovery during her recent illness. Miss Allen will be back at the Y.W.C.A. on September 1st, and she is hoping to see all her friends as before. We all agree that her return is a "good news" item, for we have sorely missed her.



### LIFE AT THE Y.M.C.A.

At five o'clock in the morning a young Nisei is awakened by the continuous ringing of the buzzer in his room. He gets up yawning, and his face shows distinct signs of weariness. As tired as he is, he is thankful for the faithful man at the desk who wakes him up every morning in time to go to work.

This is one of the many services a person receives as a resident of the Young Men's Christian Association dormitory. Not only does the Y.M.C.A. give service, but it also offers recreational facilities which are among the best to be had.

Briefly let us see what services are offered to a fellow staying at the "Y".

If there is anything a fellow hates to do, it's making his bed and cleaning up his room. This is done daily by an efficient maid who is hired by the "Y", and her services are gratis. Linen is supplied daily, cutting down one's laundry bill. Candy, pop, and other things are for sale at the main desk.

Every type of recreation but football can be found in the "Y" gym. These include basketball, volleyball, swimming, weightlifting, boxing, wrestling, and yet others. In the basement, one can find the billiard and ping-pong tables.

On Saturday nights a social dance is held for the dormitory members with plenty of hostesses. During the fall and winter months, a feature movie is shown every week in the main lobby. All these opportunities are at the disposal of every fellow staying at the Y.M.C.A.

But there is a finer thing that one finds by staying at the "Y". Here lives a group of fine, up and coming citizens of the Stars and Stripes - not English, French, Japanese, or what have you, but just plain, free-thinking, free-speaking Americans. Such things as prejudice and discrimination never have, and never will, exist in the Y.M.C.A.

Being able to get along with fellow A-

mericans, regardless of blonde, brunette or black hair and regardless of other physical differences, is the prime reason for the resettlement of those of Japanese descent. If an evacuee fails to make good at this point, his efforts in resettling is in vain. To associate and get along with other Americans is the foundation of successful living, and the Y.M.C.A. offers such an opportunity.

### AROUND TOWN

For delicious sea food and also for superb steaks, try the Sea Food Grotto at 811 Walnut Street. For a delightful evening of dancing and dinner, you will find Ernie's West End Coffee Shop to your liking (1906 Ingersoll).

Then we would suggest the three places to dine at Younkers: In the basement, west-side, is the Cremona Room where one can buy tasty lunches, sandwiches, and other light dishes. On the fifth floor is the delightful Garden Room Cafeteria for informal meals. Then, for that special date or extra special occasion, we would suggest the Tea Room on the fifth floor. Besides very fine dinners, the Tea Room offers a dinner-movie combination for that special date - a very tasty dinner and tickets to the Des Moines, Paramount or Roosevelt Theaters.

Have you gone to Riverview yet? Try it for fun sometime. It's not very big and not very small, but a wide variety of entertainment is offered every day. Try the Penny Arcade at Riverview for money will not fly very fast as long as you stick to pennies. The Fun House and Boating on the lagoon should be nice for a change, if the weather is suitable. There is dancing nightly in the Riviera Ballroom with music and entertainment to please. The Pine Room Restaurant, a new feature at Riverview this year, should be something different and new too.

A word of suggestion--wherever we go let us be dressed neatly and cleanly. The first impression goes a long way, and a good first impression will be helpful in making the proper representation.



WE FIND THEM IN KHAKI

It is with great pleasure and with much pride that we remember our former Des Moinesers who are now serving Uncle Sam. Let us know if we have omitted any name, and won't you share any news you have?

Pvt. KOSHI ANDO and Pvt. JOHNNY TAKAYANAGI are really taking full advantage of week-end passes from Camp Blanding, Florida. Others at that camp are Pvt. GEORGE FUJIMOTO and Pvt. FRANCIS HO-SHIJO. Pvt. JAMES CHIKAHISA is just dying for his furlough which falls due in a few weeks. We wonder where he will spend it?!? Pvt. H. KAY ITO is happier now that he is in the Army - he just knew that the war couldn't be won without his aid. KAY and JAMES are both at Fort McClelland, Alabama, as is Pvt. HARRY T. OTA. Pvt. KEN TAKEMURA, Pvt. HIROSHI NISHIJIMA, and Pvt. GEORGE YAMADA were finally taken into the Army at Fort Logan, Colorado, and they are now enroute to somewhere. Sgt. YOSHIO HANDA thinks that Springfield, Missouri, and the O'Reilly General Hospital are super-duper places to be - after spending the last several years at Camp Dodge, Iowa. Pvt. MARVIN URATSU and Pvt. JITSUMI KUNIOKI have been transferred to Fort Snelling, Minnesota, and both were recent visitors of Des Moines. AKIRA MIYODA and WILSON OGAWA were lately inducted from Poston and sent to Fort Douglas, Utah. Sgt. KAZ FURUTO, Cpl. JOE MIYAZAKI and other formerly stationed at Fort Des Moines are now in Camp Shelby; Pfc. TADA HASHIMOTO, Pfc. STEVE YANO and Pfc. OKUMA of the same group are now on their way overseas. Last, but certainly not least, Pvt. MARY UYESAKA of the WAC is stationed at Camp Crowder, Missouri, and doing a whale of a job there. But where are MAS OKUDA, HIROSHI TANAKA and NORMAN FUJII???

NOTE FROM THE EDITORS

We do want your suggestions, criticisms, and any items of interest that we can use. Mail them to Mas Dobashi, Y.M.C.A. and there will also be a suggestion box in the WRA office for your convenience. This is YOUR paper, so let's hear from you!! (Nisei Hospitality Committee).

SIDE NOTES FROM SOUPY

BEST OF LUCK....to our two popular and helpful gals, Florence Takemura and Fumi Miyaki, who will be leaving us this month for the windy city of Chicago. Both Flo and Fumi have been very active here - Flo as chairman of the Nisei Hospitality Committee and Fumi as secretary of the same Committee. Flo will continue her education in social work at the University of Chicago while Fumi - well, we shall wait and see. This is war-time, and anything can happen without notice!

SCHOOL DAYS....will hit the three Wakonda Kids - Gordon Sato, George Nishimura and Tak Teramaye, as they will head for Pella, Iowa, to begin their fall semester at Central College. Mits Nakamura is scheduled to roam the walks at Drake University this September.

SLEEPY, BUT....it isn't a good idea to sleep on the street car as Dora Hori did, who woke up only to find herself at the end of the street car line. Nope, it's best to go to bed early in this case, don't you agree, Dora?

HAVE YOU HEARD....that Mr. and Mrs. J. Sato and son Wilbur, formerly of Manzanar, visited the Windy City recently and discovered one thing - Des Moines is the best place to live....that Joe "Casanova" Nakamura is employed at the Fort.. ..that Roy Kita is working at Skondras.. ..that Sid "Chef" Inouye was loaned to a hotel in Ames for four days. Did you miss him? Somebody did....that Yas Katanano is the newest man at the Fort and doing right well....that all the noise at the Hostel at midnight comes from the one and only wolf on the run, Fred Tokuyama....that Shiz Furuto is employed at the National Screen, as is her sister-in-law, Sachi, who has been there since '43....that Jack Takayanagi finally got a good job after his recent trip to Denver. Where is he? Well, he went directly back to his old job....that Mas Dobashi is vacationing at Rohwer....and that Rocky "Goldfish" Kimura, another "Y" man, has returned to us once again after a long term visit to Central Utah? Enuff said!



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DES MOINES, IOWA

SEPTEMBER 30, 1944

Our guest writers today are Mr. and Mrs. SAM SAKAMOTO. Sam is the chairman of the Evacuee Advisory Committee and we believe the views of the Sakamotos will be of interest to others who plan to relocate their families....

We hope others may benefit by this article based on our own relocation plan.

Last year in September we started on our plan of relocation. Our one year plan may seem long but with a family of our own, and parents besides, we had to allow enough time to be assured of permanent security.

The first step was to find a place which we thought would be a suitable place to live. We wanted a place that did not have large war industries to make housing impossible to find, and prices high. Without these war industries, we would have less competition in the labor market should there be a depression. From the information we gathered from the various W.R.A. field offices, we found Des Moines to be our choice. To be on the cautious side, I arrived first on the last day of September, a year ago. Upon my arrival I found Des Moines to be what we hoped it to be, and also found the public accepting us with a warm welcome. Two weeks later on the fourteenth of October my wife joined me after I had assured her of the possibilities in Des Moines. We left our two daughters with their grandparents, knowing that they would receive good care.

We both started to work, and thus we started on the second step of our plan which was to work and to save, while learning the feelings and the general sentiment of the public. After a year of working, we found that our co-workers

gave us equal chance as other, and thus we lost our feelings of shyness.

After spending a year here we found the conditions very satisfactory, and decided to go into the final step of our plan. We rented a not-so-easy-to-get furnished house and had it ready for the arrival of the rest of the family.

One year was a long sacrifice to be away from the children and parents, but we feel that our cautious steps may in turn benefit us in the future. We ourselves could not have worked out our plans successfully without the aid of Mr. Frank Gibbs of the W.R.A. and his staff, the Friends Hostel, its staff, and the people who have made it possible to have a hostel, and Miss Goldye Allen of the Y.W.C.A.

Since we are all settled here, many have asked us if we intend to make this our permanent home. That, we are not able to answer, but we do intend to become good Iowans, and to be considered a successful and good Iowan, we must, in time, work up to retiring to sunny California, as all other Iowans do.

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## HOT TEA TIME

Starting in October, the Hostel will have a series of Tea every Sunday from 4 till 6. The Nisei Hospitality Committee will sponsor one Tea every month and wishes to announce the program for October 8 which consists of Nisei and Caucasian talent in Des Moines and a Guest Speaker. We hope everyone will attend this service on October 8, 1944. Please bring your Hakujin friends and also invite their friends along too.

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NISEI HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE



RELIGION

"A TEST CASE"

By Jackson Takayanagi

In the pages of history we have read of numerous men and women who have met supreme tests of life with all obstacles, patience, courage, and faith to overcome, thus their lives were triumphantly victorious.

One cannot read the biography, "The Life of George Washington Carver," without realizing that here is a man who gave to science some of its greatest contributions because he knew how to overcome the test cases of life. Discriminated against because of his race, Dr. Carver made good his test case for success because he knew the meaning of patience and possessed the faith and courage that reaps triumph at the end.

It was Edison who in his laboratory had tried over 500 experiments in his search for light, and each one a failure. His assistant, a young man, exhausted and fatigued, pleaded with Edison, "Let us give up." "No," replied Edison, "we have not failed. We have just found five hundred ways of how not to do it." Edison met the test with patience and self-confidence and gave to the world one of the greatest contributions to life - the electric light.

How well Abraham Lincoln stands out in our minds as the pillar of democracy. E. Stanley Jones, in his book "Christ on the American Road," refers to Lincoln as the "embodiment of democracy." Certainly, in those most crucial years of the Civil War, Lincoln met the supreme and greatest test of his life. Consider that Lincoln had failed at this crucial moment...no Gettysburg Address, words put together as only an individual such as Lincoln could...no Emancipation Proclamation, the freedom of slaves. But, no, the test came! Lincoln met the test with vigor, patience, courage and faith - and that was all he needed for the case was won. The world received one of the greatest oracles of its time given in twenty minutes or so and saw the long needed democracy in action, the freedom of slaves.

I have cited up to now men who found themselves to be confronted with a test case. They met the situation in which they found themselves. They met it with courage and faith and were successfully triumphant in life. What is the lesson it gives to us? Today we are passing through a crucial time. The clouds of warfare have brought upon our generation a great test. As Americans, we find ourselves involved in the whirlwind of increased crime, juvenile delinquency and

economic pressure. As Japanese Americans we find ourselves facing racial intolerance and discrimination. We are being put through a test of faith, of patience, of our ability to walk through darkness without stumbling. Victory or defeat shall depend upon how much courage, patience, and faith we have to meet the test of adjustment and relocation that is before us.

It is our concern, individually and collectively, for us "it takes hundreds of nuts to hold an automobile together, it takes only one 'nut' to tear it apart." As Nisei, let us count the experience of the past as an enrichment to life and meet the test of relocation and assimilation with patience, courage and faith, for success and honor shall depend upon these virtues. As a Japanese American, let us beware of being a loose "nut" in the machinery of successful and triumphant relocation and assimilation of our people in American society.

"Let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking ever unto Jesus, the Author and Perfecter of our faith."

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INSTALLATION

was held by the Free Methodist Church (22nd and Clerk) on September 11, 1944, for Rev. HIDEO AOKI who was recently appointed to become the Assistant Pastor of that church. Rev. Williamson gave a welcoming speech while Robert W. Root, chairman of the Relocation Committee, and on the editorial staff of the Des Moines Register and Tribune and Rev. Aoki gave addresses to some eighty church members. Ross Wilbur, director of the Hostel introduced members of the relocation heads to the church members.

The celebration was continued with a tea at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace. About twenty-five Nisei attended this service.

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SERVICE

was held for the first time at the Hostel Saturday night with hymns and a sermon by Rev. Suzuki, both in Japanese and English. Approximately thirty Nisei and Issei enjoyed this service.



EDUCATION"DRAKE DOINGS"

Bookworm Section: A farewell to ROY FUKUTO, former student, now pounding walks and halls of University of Minnesota... Among freshmen "beanies" and registration blanks, we note an array of new Nisei faces around the Drake campus... ROBERT KOBA of Washington, LEO NAKAYAMA from Utah way. ESTHER SANEMATSU staying at FLO TAKEMURA'S former abode, also YUKIE IDETA (MAY'S sister), already a veteran, having finished a grueling summer session... ARTHUR YAHIRO (related to ANDY?), TAK TERAMAYE, MITS NAKAMURA, and DAVE SHIMIZU are also invading DU... then there's JOHN MIZQUE, TOSHIO SAIKA and LOUIE KOBAYASHI... "SHAG" NISHIJIMA was last debating between commerce and liberal arts... at DAVE UNOURA'S there's FRANK HAYASHI, ROBERT NISHINO, GEORGE TAKEOKA and KAY KOKUBUN (the latter is quite musical we hear... give forth, Kay!) Other Drakians to return are MAY IDETA, CHRYS KUBOTA (at the Hewson's now), YOSH INADOMI, GEORGE KITA (our football star) SEIJI MURASHIGE and FRED "WANDERER" TOKUYAMA.

A chirpy little birdie has told us about a star athlete in our midst in the field of tennis, namely, LOUIE KOBAYASHI of Drake. Anyone want to challenge him? And give us time to warn him--he doesn't know we've discovered his talent!

High School: Congrats to JUNE KAGAWA, student at Roosevelt - elected president of her home room and in charge of editorial dept. of Rough Rider staff... other ambitious students out "on their own" to complete high school studies in DM are: "CHUCK" KITAGAKI from Cent. Utah to West Hi... ISAMU MOMII, Cent. Utah to West... RAY NAKAGAWA, Jerome to Roosevelt... MAY SHIMIZU, Tule Lake to West Hi... MARJORIE YOSHIZAWA, Minidoka to Roosevelt Hi... HIRSHY SHIMOHARA, Colo. River to West... HENRY KUBOTA, Colorado River to West...

School Notes: YASUKO FUJIKI, popular student at Ypsilanti, Mich., departed Sept. 22 to re-enter school after a month's visit with sis "Nobbie" and Father in Mass... Entering Central College at Pella this semester are GORDON SATO, GEORGE

NISHIMURA and YASUNARI KATANO, all from Manzanar and MIYO SAKAGUCHI of Granada... JESSICA HOSHINO, late of Gila, is now in Le Mars, Iowa, attending the Western Union College.

COME ONE, COME ALL!

The Nisei Hospitality Committee wishes to announce to each and every one of the people in and around Des Moines that you are cordially invited to attend the Fall Frolic and the Friends Hostel, 2150 Grand Avenue, September 30, starting at 8:29 P.M. This affair is another social sponsored by the Nisei Hospitality Committee to help all of you get acquainted with each other. The evening will be an affair of games, refreshments, and dancing. Chairman of this social will be YOSH INADOMI; while ALICE UCHIYAMA will head the decoration; HANAYE OTA and SHAG NISHIJIMA, refreshments; MAS DOBASHI, music; and tags and invitations, SOUPY MYOSE. Come one, come all, let's enjoy a night of real entertainment.

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- CALLING OUR READERS -

The Nisei Hospitality Committee is experiencing an inconvenience in issuing the Midget Tribune to all of its readers due to lack of funds to purchase postage for mailing. We would appreciate your subscription of at least 25¢ per family group whereby we can then assure each paid group of regular delivery. Those interested in the Midget Tribune is requested to mail subscription dues to Yukie Takata, Midget Tribune Treasurer, 1215 1/2 - 25th Street, Des Moines. Delivery will henceforth be made to subscribers.

THE DRIVE IS ON!

NISEI HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

RE: MIDGET TRIBUNE

Enclosed please find \$\_\_\_\_\_ for my subscription to the Midget Tribune. Delivery should be made to the following name and address:

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Please detach this slip and mail together with money to:

Yukie Takata  
Midget Tribune Treasurer  
1215 1/2 - 25th Street  
Des Moines, Iowa



IN SERVICE

## NISEI WARRIOR

It was still dawn when the men of the Headquarters Company of the Second Battalion of the famed 442nd Infantry, starting out for their first offensive under enemy fire. The first two miles of the task were quite simple but just as soon as the group reached the river, death screamed at them.

A disorderly scramble for safety had taken place but the Sargeant in charge had complete control of the outfit after a few short moments of panic.

Their objective for the day was to annihilate an enemy artillery position just across the river. The soldiers realized that it was a difficult task to perform but the determination to accomplish their mission drove them ahead. Taking cover wherever it could be found, the squad edged their way towards the enemy.

It was on this day while taking shelter beneath an old Roman bridge, that Sgt. Noboru Togioka was injured. The enemy had opened up with their heavy artillery barrage and one of the shells accidentally hit the bridge bringing a chin of concrete right on top of the Sargeant's leg. Being temporarily put out of action, he was taken back to the advanced medical post to determine the extent of the damage. A few hours later, Sgt. Togioka was flying back to the field hospital in Naples in an ambulance plane. The pain had set in on his broken leg and he was given morphine to kill the ache.

While in the Naples Hospital, he was given the best of care and in his lonely moments in bed, he would dream about the good times he had in the States. He reminisced the time when he ditched school to play basketball. Playing and winning a ball game was wonderful, but the detention and the lecture at the school from the "prof." the next day was another thing. He used to dread the idea of working in a vineyard but now, he'd give anything to be back with his family on the ranch. He'd much rather be plowing with a team of horses than to be carrying a gun and decreasing the world population.

One day, a medical officer approached him and asked the question, "For what, and why, are you here in Italy, giving up everything, possibly to the extent of your life?"

The Sargeant's answer was simple but deep in thought: "I'm here because my country is at war and I have been asked to do my share in preserving the Bill of Rights and privileges the nation of the people, by the people, and for the people, has to offer. And, moreso, to prove to the American public that we can be, and are, good citizens of the United States. That we, the Nisei are ready and willing to serve whenever called upon. I only hope that the Japanese Americans in the United States will help us boys up in the front lines to build and preserve a fine reputation.

NOTE: This story is based on true facts received by a personal friend.

\*\*More and more of our DM boys are being inducted and five others have reported for active duty directly from DM in the last four weeks...JOY KUMAGAI, destination unknown, JIMMY MURATA and MASATO TSURUDA (Bila River boys) reported to Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas, and ROCKY KIMURA (Central Utah) is now at Ft. Snelling, Minnesota.

## SIDE NOTES WITH SOUPY

One JOE NAKAMURA in DM is having a bit of competition in the form of a second JOE NAKAMURA, latter being the brother of Mrs. MITZIE FURUTA. To assure more complication, the second JOE is also working at the very same place - tis a wee, wee world..BOB HOSOKAWA may well become a prosperous poultry farmer before long - he is now the proud owner of a roost of 20 hens and, believe it or not, eggs are actually on the breakfast table! BOB'S doing a two-fold job and doing both very well...MRS. H.E. NEVONEN better known to WRA goers as "MILDRED" is taking a well-earned two weeks to attend her husband's graduation from Officers' Candidate School at Ft. Monmouth, New Jersey...Wedding bells?!?! In Sept. 19's DM Tribune, we noted FRANK KITO's application for a license to wed JEAN MADOKORO of Kansas City, Mo. Holding out on us, Frank? Congratulations!.... Our DM hostel dietitian, RUTH WAKIDA had a surprise birthday party sprung on her the other day, celebrating her (?) birthday. Some 30 friends were present with games, singing, and refreshments on hand. Convalescing at the Hostel is well-liked TOM NAKASHIMA, and getting along quite nicely too, thank you...

THE SUBSCRIPTION DRIVE IS ON!!!



# MIDGET TRIBUNE

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## 270 IN DES MOINES

### SUBSCRIPTION DRIVE CONTINUES

RELOCATEES FILL  
MANY POSITIONS

#### OUT-OF-STATERS SUBSCRIBE TO MIDGET TRIBUNE

In the last issue, the Midget Tribune subscription drive was begun and many persons residing in other states have shown interest and given encouragement through their subscriptions.

The Midget Tribune subscription drive, with its newly-organized staff, will continue for one extra issue. Since the Nisei Hospitality Committee took over this voluntary project, it has experienced difficulty in securing funds for regular delivery to every person in the area; therefore, the Midget Tribune will be published in subscription form and will hereafter be mailed to subscribers only. The drive will end with this issue, so we urge you to send in your subscription fee (25¢ per person) to:

Midget Tribune,  
c/o 2150 Grand Avenue  
Des Moines 12, Iowa,

or subscribe personally through any Midget Tribune staff member. (See below)

Non-subscribers and those desiring extra copies may purchase the Midget Tribune for 3¢ per copy through the above medium.

#### MIDGET TRIBUNE STAFF APPOINTED

The new Midget Tribune staff, appointed at a meeting held recently by the former volunteer workers of the Midget Tribune, will be headed by Jackson Takayanagi, newly-appointed editor. The new staff which will work with Mr. Takayanagi has been appointed as follows: Copy Editor: Mariko Matsumoto; Art Editor: Alice Uchiyama; Business Manager: Susumu Myose; Circulation Mgr: Ray Nakagawa. Reporters consist of May Ideta, Mary Takayanagi, Miyoko Sakaguchi (Pella, Ia.). The staff, appointed on the basis of interest and willingness to cooperate to make the Midget Tribune a success, is not complete and others will be selected shortly. All work done on this project is voluntary. The Midget Tribune will be published the 3rd Saturday of every month.

I HAVE SUB-  
SCRIBED!  
HAVE  
YOU?



Starting with a mere handful of pre-war residents and relocatees in 1942, Des Moines has increased its evacuee population steadily in the following two years. Statistics show an average of 18.0 persons resettled "permanently" in the city of Des

Moines itself within the last 15 months, the present total standing at 270.

Among the 270, sixty family units have successfully worked into the community and their children are attending various grammar, junior high, and high schools. A great objective for those seeking education beyond high school would be to attend Drake University in Des Moines which was one of the very first of its kind to open its doors of welcome to those of Japanese ancestry in 1942. Each year they have met their quota of 33 students and it is quite apparent that this practice will be carried on.

A great difference in the attitude of prospective employers has been noted within the last year. Des Moines has been recommended for ideal relocation due to the general acceptance offered by its citizens; however, jobs were rather limited to certain professions and industries. Much credit is due to those who have started at the bottom and worked up the reputation for others who were to follow, thus making it simpler for each evacuee to enter into his chosen profession. In comparison with 1943, the year of 1944 has been marked as one of many wonderful opportunities, brought about with openings for physicians in hospitals, laboratory technicians, pharmacists, a skilled linotype operator, war production work, and many other industrial and service positions. The way now looks clearer for those who plan to make Des Moines their home.

The "WELCOME TO DES MOINES" slogan displayed by the Des Moines Railway Company of this city greets each newcomer as he boards a public conveyance, and it expresses itself true to form.

It is expected that many more groups will take advantage of the opportunity to begin their normal life in Iowa.

LAST FREE ISSUE!



## EDITORIAL

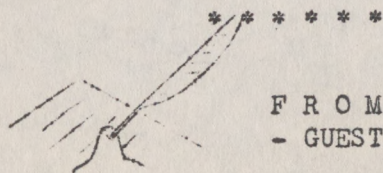
During the past summer, a small group of Nisei gathered together for the purpose of publishing a newspaper under the auspices of the Nisei Hospitality Committee. After a great deal of work, the Midget Tribune made its debut to the people of Des Moines on July 22, 1944.

It was not long before it gained wide recognition throughout the State and into other states. Published whenever time permitted this little group to get together, the Midget Tribune has made three appearances. With each edition the publication gained more popularity and recognition until it was decided by the little group that a definite staff was needed to carry on the work regularly.

This was effected last week and the present publication is the first issue under the newly-appointed staff. The work is all voluntary.

The Midget Tribune is a newspaper of the Iowa relocatees, and its success shall depend only upon the support given by the Nisei and Issei in our city. Only as you are willing to meet the expenses of this little publication will it be able to survive. Therefore the staff is calling upon you to make your subscription NOW! Time, effort and expense are put into every issue. We are asking you only to meet the expense with your subscription and back your paper up.

SUBSCRIBE TODAY TO INSURE YOUR CHRISTMAS EDITION AS SUBSCRIBERS ONLY WILL RECEIVE THE COMING ISSUES.



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FROM OUR  
- GUEST'S PEN -

Most evacuees who have been in the tall corn country for a short while soon realize that they are accepted as full-fledged members of the community. One is not restricted, segregated, or relegated just because his ancestors happened to have come from Japan.

The attitude of midwesterners - which seems to be that a man should be accepted for what he is and what he can do and not what he was born - is a reassuring contrast to the attitudes we have been exposed to in other places.

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YOU WON'T REGRET IT, SUBSCRIBE!!!

This situation necessitates a pair of precautionary "don'ts" if you can stand another sermon:

(1) Make yourself completely at home, but don't be too conspicuous. You can't go around dressed as you did in the centers, nor is it good sense to congregate in large numbers, because the moment you become conspicuous, you attract attention to yourselves and to the fact that you are "different". Unfortunately, a reflection against one evacuee affects all others.

(2) Forget your camp and coast complex and remember that you are being accepted by this community as the equal of any man. A cur that slinks around expecting to be booted usually does get a kick thrown his way, and the same is true of human beings. Be proud of the fact that you have a job, that you are a free American again doing usual work instead of killing time in a center.

Whether you intend to stay here or move on, be sure you are a credit to Iowa and to the 100,000 other evacuees trying to get a new start.

(Editor's Note: The above message has been brought to us by today's guest writer, Mr. Bill Hosokawa, prominent citizen of Des Moines and employed on the staff of the Des Moines Register and Tribune Company.)

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## HOPE AMONGST TEARS

I can't express in words my sentiments,  
As I recall that tragic exodus  
When all my joys, my aims, accomplish-  
ments,  
Were torn and left my hopes ambiguous.

Those happy days and weeks of yesteryear,  
Those valleys cool, and green, and pic-  
turesque,  
That life I led which was, to me, so dear  
Are now to me just memories antique.

Yet in these bitter thoughts my heart  
tells me,  
Look to your future years, think not of  
past,  
I must decide my fate, my life to be,  
And so I vow I shall redeem the past.

And now, with faith in God, undoubtedly  
My hopes someday will bloom immortally.

TAKASHI TERAMAYE  
Drake University



**"DRAKE DOINGS"**

The latest news - Hanaye Ota recently announced (more or less) her engagement to Ben Morishita who is presently residing in Cleveland, Ohio. Date unknown but we all hope to see Ben back in Des Moines - Congratulations...The Morishita brothers are doin' all right - this time Ted has worked himself up to the good graces of Shag Nishijima who has resigned her Drake "career" to take up a valuable position as future housewife. Both from Gila River Relocation Center and presently in Cleveland, Ohio...Next! Chrys Kubota elected vice-prexy of International Relations Club...Yukiko Ideta, initiated into Phi Sigma Iota, honorary language fraternity....Alice Uchiyama, elected secretary of Delta Phi Delta.. George Kita proving himself outstanding on Drake football team (be surprised if he didn't)...Maria Fujitomi, Roy Fukuto, "Kow" Endo and Akira Asano, former Dra-kians, gracing campus of University of Minnesota this fall...Toshiko Horita now joined with family in Denver...Reputable FreddieTokuyama spending his last year at Drake...so many new faces on the old campus grounds, welcome to Drake!

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**CENTRAL COLLEGE NEWS**

A brief introduction of students enrolled at Central College, Pella, Iowa:

Miwako Tanaka - Formerly of San Francisco, Pomona Assembly Center and Heart Mountain, Wyoming. Sophomore, member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Literary Society.

Kenneth Tsutsumi - Via Honolulu, Hawaii, and Tule Lake. Sophomore, and one of the stars on the campus football team.

Akiko Morimoto - Freshman, formerly of Orlin, California, and Amache, Colorado. Member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Literary Society.

Gordon Sato - Freshman, formerly of Terminal Island, Manzanar, California, and Des Moines. His parents and brother are residing in Des Moines.

Yasunori Katano - Freshman, formerly of Los Angeles and Manzanar, California.

George Nishimura - Freshman, from Beverly Hills and Manzanar, California.

Miyoko Sakaguchi - Freshman, from Cortez, California, Merced Assembly Center and Amache Relocation Center. Member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Literary Society.

**WRA DIRECTOR SPEAKS AT FORUM**

Dillon S. Myer, Director, spoke at East High School in Des Moines on the program of the Adult Education Forum October 26, 1944. His topic was titled, "What About Our Japanese Minority?"

Mr. Myer received his higher education at Ohio State University and earned his M.A. at Columbia University. His government posts have been Chief of the Compliance Section and Assistant Director of the Program Planning Division of A.A.A.; Assistant Chief of the Soil Conservation Service; Assistant Administrator of the Agricultural Conservation and Adjustment Administration of the Department of Agriculture.

In his talk, he traced the history of relocation from the time when it was decided that 112,000 Japanese Americans and aliens would be evacuated from the West Coast. He stated that one-third have been relocated, and praised the efforts of Des Moines citizens. Quote, "The results might well be held up as a model to the entire country." He also lauded the 100th Infantry Battalion fighting in Italy. In this Battalion more than 1,000 Purple Heart awards had been made in addition to 44 Silver Stars, 31 Bronze Stars, 9 Distinguished Service Crosses, and 3 Legion of Merit Medals.

**ISSEI ENJOY FELLOWSHIP SUPPER**

With thirty Issei present at the first all Issei Fellowship Supper at the Hostel on October 29, 1944, Henry Sakata was elected to head and organize all future meetings. This is the first attempt to bring the Issei together for fellowship purposes. A good time was had by all over tea, cake, and osushi. Mr. Sakata announced that a similar meeting will be held on the last Sunday of this month, Nov. 26, and all Issei are invited to attend.

**BUDDHIST MINISTER VISITS IOWA**

Rev. Gyomay Kubose, Chicago Buddhist minister, visited Des Moines and Grinnell enroute to various relocation centers to give a report on "outside life".

Before some 25 Issei and Nisei at the Friends Hostel, Nov. 9, 1944, Rev. Kubose talked on his experiences throughout the Mid-West. Rev. Kubose stated that on the grand opening of the Chicago Buddhist Church, newspapers carried articles and pictures and a radio station broadcasted the opening affair.



## HOSTEL HI-LITES

By "Kimi"

Back from their well-deserved vacation to Media, Pennsylvania, are congenial directors, Ross, Libby and Little Cardyn.

Convalescing from a basketball game injury is Soupy, that hard-working Hospitality Committee Chairman. "Brother" Kenny (Tom Nakashima's dad) now has two patients on his hands. A quick recovery to you both. Visitors welcome!

Among new arrivals to the Hostel are Tak Tanino from Heart Mountain via Chicago and Jim Hayashi of Chillicothe, Missouri. Swell fellas! Bob Fujii, Sam Momii and that husky gridiron man, Jim Shinohara (who have all deserted their former jobs) account for those pin-up pictures in the wolf's den on the third floor.

Dorothy Hatai of Waukeee spent part of her vacation here with her sister, Lorraine Kusumoto, who is attending A.I.B.

Our dietitian, Ruth Wakida, is missing the able assistance of Ralph Kawabe who has taken a part-time position at the Fort Des Moines Hotel. Fred Umade, one of those who enjoyed our "ochazuke" feed the other nite had three heaping bowls of rice!

Heard from Fumi and Florence. "We both miss Des Moines so much," they say. Roy Fukuto and Aki Asano send regards to all from Minneapolis.

Reverend Lester Suzuki is in charge of our big housecleaning which will last until the middle of November. He can use plenty of help, so notify him of your spare hours and he will set you to work.

The Hostel, with its "homey" atmosphere, is open to all.

## FIRST TEA HELD

Sponsored by the Nisei Hospitality Committee, the first tea for the season was held at the Hostel Sun., Oct. 7, 1944, with 60 in attendance. Entertainment was provided by: Gordon Miller, soloist from Grandview College; Esther Sanematsu, pianist; Kay Kokubun with his "Voice"; and Philip Pearson, violinist from Grandview College. Following the musical program, the guest speaker, Mr. Ed Maher, manager of Ft. Des Moines Hotel, spoke on his experiences while visiting Heart Mountain Center. Concluding the program was a special guest speaker, Rev. Bennett, from Santa Monica, California.

## IN SERVICE

"Going to school ten hours a day may sound easy compared to the swell job the other soldiers are doing on the front lines, but soon we'll get a taste of it. Regards to all...if it isn't too much trouble, could you send me the Midget Tribune or have the person in charge send me one whenever they come out?" Says Pfc. James Chikahisa, Fort Snelling, Minn. (You'll get 'em, Jim!)

"It has been three weeks since we finished our training. A few of us have been held back because we volunteered into another branch of the Infantry. I have been expecting to go to another camp for the last three weeks but to my dissatisfaction, I'm still here. The latest rumor - we'll be out of here by the end of next week. It's beginning to get chilly in the mornings and we want to take our shirts off - just plain screwy weather! I'm still looking for the guy that started all that propaganda about Florida!" Pvt. Kosh Ando, Camp Blanding, Florida. (Well said, Kosh)

"I was on a furlough visiting in Arizona and in Colorado with friends, and my family. I was only able to spend five days with my folks, but it was grand after not having been able to see them for a year and a half. On the way back to camp from my furlough, I stopped in Kansas City to visit the WRA office and see some of the girls I know, and I met Mr. Simmons, the director...he seems to think that the program is very successful in Des Moines." Pvt. Mary Uyesaka, WAC, Camp Crowder, Mo.

"Here I am just waiting for school to start. It's a king's life compared to Camp Blanding. It's just the reverse of things at Blanding, where we were lucky if we had a good night's sleep." Comments Pvt. George Fujimoto, Fort Snelling, Minn.

"Guess you got a pretty good idea where I am. About all I can say is that I'm on the east coast someplace and it's plenty cold out here. The only way you'll know when I've made the trip on the banana boat is to wait and hear from me over there." Pvt. John Takayanagi, APO, New York.

The above excerpts were from letters received by Goldye Allen of the "Y". We'd like to hear from others who have gone into the Service from Iowa. If you hear from any others, won't you please share some news with us?



## SIDE NOTES WITH SOUPY

Hooray for the A.F. of L. Ralph Kawabe has been accepted in the A.F. of L. Laundry Union. He is probably the first Nisei to be accepted by this Union in this locality - good work, Ralph!

Kimi Ruth Fukuto, our Hostel secretary, enjoyed a well-earned vacation in Minneapolis, Minn., visiting her brother Roy. We hear she also enjoyed herself with a top Sgt. from Fort Snelling. Nice going, Kimi. Incidentally, Kimi is now on the O.P.A. payroll - "congrats" to you from all of us.

Halloween Hi-Jinks.....a pre-Halloween celebration was held at the Hostel Saturday night, October 28, with some 60 attending the "old clothes" affair. Alice Uchiyama and Yukie Takata took charge of the affair while Sumiko Horibe took charge of the refreshment. Kay Kokubun handled the music and Hip Matsuo, clean-up. Thanks everyone.

Magic did it! Yes, magic with Magician Virgil Betts did the trick. Approximately 60 Caucasians and Nisei enjoyed a grand Tea Time at the Hostel last Sunday when he entertained the crowd with spectacular tricks.

This affair was the second of a series of the teas which the Nisei Hospitality Committee sponsored. More are forthcoming, so read your notices.

Hear ye! Hear ye! All ye fellows and girls! The Cosmopolitan Club, under the sponsorship of the "Y" is now scouring the community for new members. They are especially interested in new Nisei members. Apply to Miss Ruth Wiltz, in care of the YWCA, 9th and High, Des Moines.

## "WANT ADS"

TURKEY, well done and stuffed. Would prefer additions of gravy & cranberry sauce but will be content with plain turkey if not ready by November 23. Deliver to Midget Tribune staff, in care of nut house.

RELOCATEES TO IOWA. Male or Female, no preference. No waiting, any number may apply, and all are welcome to Iowa. Reservations must be made in advance, however, if relocatees wish to be met at the station by mayor and brass band.

SUBSCRIBERS, young and old, all sizes and shapes. No experience necessary but ability to count up to 25 cents preferred. Apply for subscription immediate-ly at address shown somewhere in Midget Tribune

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## SERVICES HELD FOR TORU MIYAKE

A funeral service was conducted for Mrs. Toru Miyake on October 26 at the Dunn Funeral Home, Des Moines. Rev. Lester E. Suzuki led the small gathering of friends who had come to pay tribute to the memory of Mrs. Miyake. An inspiring service which was marked by its simplicity and spiritual beauty was held and, in accordance with the request of the deceased, a soloist sang Ave Maria accompanied softly by an organ.

Mrs. Miyake, former resident of Portland, Oregon, passed away on October 24, 1944, of a long illness. She had arrived here a year ago from Heart Mountain Relocation Center and made her home in Des Moines with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. William Hosokawa.



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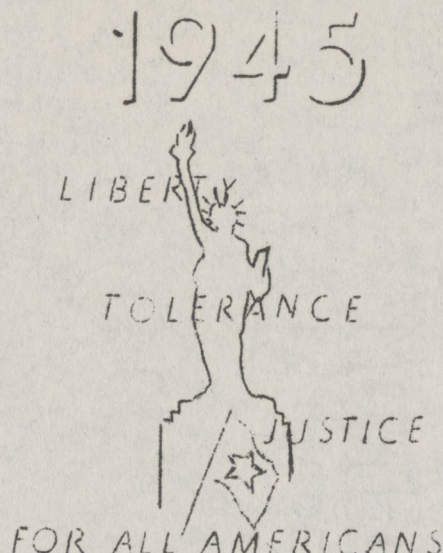
JANUARY, 1945

## MASS EXCLUSION ORDER

Revocation of mass exclusion orders affecting Japanese Americans on the West Coast has now led us into our final phase of work. To some, this change will be a shock and disappointment since it will mean a complete readjustment from a simple kind of life which has been led in a center for the last 2½ years and, to others, it will mean returning home. How fortunate you are that you have relocated and have successfully "looked the public in the eye" and overcome any original question that you or the general public might have had. Had all of you remained in the centers until after the war, undoubtedly, these same fear and prejudices would have continued. Your presence in the Middle West and East has dispelled any doubts that the people have had.

Now that plans have been completed for discontinuance of all centers, relocatees can be of great assistance to their many friends and relatives in the centers. Letters of encouragement and invitations extending hospitality could be given to these friends and relatives. There has been a vast change since the first relocatee left the center. Cooperation has now been secured from practically all national and state agencies. Many employers are stating a preference for Japanese American employees. With this change of events, it is much easier for new individuals to adjust in a new community.

It is anticipated that some relocatees will wish to return to the evacuated area. Provisions are made for the return at government expense, provided a plan is worked in advance for housing and means of support. This does not preclude a person from travelling anywhere in the United States at his own expense if he hasn't been individually excluded from a designated area. Persons



## FOR ALL AMERICANS

who have been excluded have received a registered letter from the War Department notifying them to that effect. Others who have not kept the WRA advised of their changes of address and have reason to believe they might be excluded may verify this by writing to the Commanding General, Western Defense Command, Presidio of San Francisco, California, Attention: Civil Affairs division.

Since emphasis is placed on discontinuance of centers, reinduction have been stopped. Visits to the centers are approved if relocatees wish to return to the center to discuss relocation with center residents, or, if they have some other valid reason to return for a limited time. Advance approval is required from your relocation officer.

The War Relocation Authority is still interested in relocation in the Mid-West and East. Services through the district office will still be available, and there will be increased activity on the part of the United States Employment Service, Service Clubs, church groups, and relocation committees organized solely for this purpose. The relocation committees in Iowa extend an invitation to relocatees to call your friends and relatives to join you now.

Ed. Note - The above report was written especially for the MIDGET TRIBUNE by Frank Gibbs of the local W.R.A. Mr. Gibbs is now on a two months trip to Tule Lake Center.

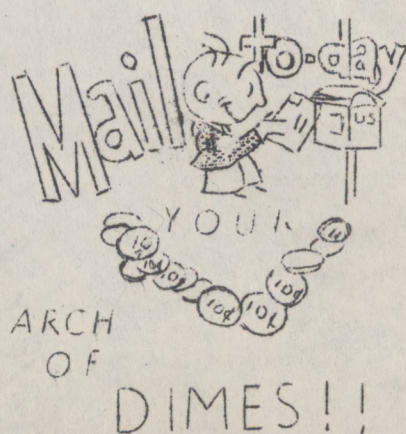
## NISEI PARATROOPER VISITS HERE

The first Nisei from Des Moines to join the Paratroopers, Koshi "Andy" Ando, paid a visit to old friends on his way back to Camp Benning after visiting his family in Manzanar Relocation Camp. Pvt. Ando being one of the early draftees from Des Moines comes from Santa Monica, California and was evacuated to Manzanar. After doing sugar beet work in Idaho he relocated to Des Moines in December, 1943 and was employed in the stock room at the Koch Stationery Store.

"The worse part of the whole thing was waiting your turn," quoted Pvt. Ando when asked how he felt on his first jump. He is now holder of the Paratroopers Wings which signifies that he has made five jumps. Anxious to join his many buddies in France Pvt. Ando said he had four more weeks of training before being assigned for any active duty.

Pvt. Ando left Des Moines on Thursday, January 11th and went on to Chicago for a few days before returning for further training.

DUE TO FINAL EXAMINATION WEEK AT DRAKE UNIVERSITY THE MIDGET TRIBUNE THIS MONTH HAS BEEN MINIMIZED. MANY OF THE STAFF MEMBERS ARE STUDENTS AT DRAKE U. AND ARE GIVING THE GREATER PORTION OF THEIR TIME TO STUDIES.





MIDGET TRIBUNE AND  
1945.....

As its policy to serve the Nisei of Iowa for closer relationship among themselves and their Caucasian friends, the Midget Tribune enters into the new year with objectives of service and providing information of events to come and those that have taken place. It endeavors to serve as the "good news" for the relocatees of Iowa. All criticism and suggestions are welcomed by the staff for only by such means shall we know whether our purpose is being fulfilled or not. We comment you on the support given us the year past and hope that you will continue to support "your newspaper" in 1945.

## LIFTING OF THE BAN.....

The lifting of the ban on the Pacific Coast does not cover those clouds of darkness which contained for thousands of Nisei and their parents the program of evacuation, assembly centers, relocation centers and then again the process of relocating. To many of the Nisei, California has become a "has been" as they have found new friends, new life, and a new world beyond the horizons of the Sierras. There is, no doubt, that many will once again pack their suitcases and tie their duffle bags, which, by now, has become a matter of habit, and trek back over the hills to familiar grounds. But let it not be mistaken that all Nisei have had their bags packed since relocation for the trip back for many bags have been unpacked for the last time. "Going back?" "No thanks, my home is Des Moines."

## DRAKE NEWS

As on other campuses in the Middle West and the East, a problem confronting Nisei students at Drake this year will be whether to remain here or to return to the West Coast to continue their higher education. The attraction over to the latter path will in many cases be counter-balanced by the fact that many of them have already been assimilated into campus activities and have become an integral part of the University scene. The following interview represents the opinions and plans of but a small portion of the students on the Drake campus:

MIITS NAKAMURA: "I'll be back at Drake next semester but am planning to transfer to U.C.L.A. in September."

TOSH SAIKA: "I've got to get my degree in May and then go back and help my parents prepare to leave camp when that time comes."

IAK TERAMAYE: "I'll be back here next semester but my plans are indefinite after that."

KAY KOKUBUN: "I'm not planning to return just yet. 'I'd like to stay at Drake as long as I can.'"

HANAYE OTA: "My folks are going back very soon, but I'll stay here and finish at Drake. My sister, Masaye, plans to go to New York after she graduates in May."

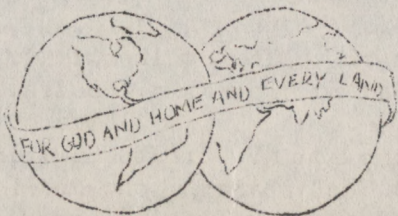
FRANK MURAMATSU: "I'll be graduating in May and will probably stay at Drake for a year of graduate study. My immediate plans do not include return to the Coast."

INTRODUCING: Victoria Hata who arrived on the campus via Emmanuel Missionary College, Berrien Springs, Michigan. We want to welcome "Vickie" to Drake and know that she will make many friends.....

## CHRISTMAS NIGHT SERVICE AN OUTSTANDING EVENT

The Christmas Night Service which was held at the Hostel proved to be one of the highlights of the Holiday Season. The program was planned by Rev. Lester Suzuki, assisted by an able committee. Tom Umade was chairman of the devotional period during which Dick Suzuki led the singing, and Lester, his older brother, brought the spiritual message. Ben Hashimoto had appropriately arranged the living room of the Hostel for the Service.

A mixed group of about sixty attended which was followed by a social period led by George Nishimura and Fred Umade. The Hostel provided dainty sandwiches and fruit punch. The gathering seemed a fitting way to close the day of Christian fellowship and goodwill.



## ISSEI DOINGS

Sunday, Jan. 7, 1945, was an eventful day for about twenty Issei resettlers in Des Moines. Highlight of the gathering was the naming of this club. The club will henceforth carry on under the name of "Des Moines Yu-ai-kai," which means "Des Moines Friends."

Chairman Henry Sakata announced that tentative plans are now under way for future activities.

## "NEW YEAR'S"

New Year's Day at the Hostel was ushered in quietly by the ringing of bells and good wishes among the few guests who were home since most everyone had gone to the Social at the YWCA.

Ruth Wakida, with able assistance, filled the dinner table with delicious dishes especially prepared for the occasion. Three students came up from Parsons College and several friends came in for the dinner, which was followed by group games. Gene Bonham of Ames CPS Unit gave a number of vocal selections and the afternoon closed with "Up-Jenkins." Fun and fellowship made the group lose sense of time so that most everyone stayed on for supper.

## HOSTEL HI-LITES

By "Kimi"

The Hostel is once again full and reservations for the coming months are beginning to trickle in. Among those staying with us now are JOYCE HASHIMOTO from Gr-

(Continued page 3)

## NOONTIDE HOUR OF PRAYER

"It is always noontide somewhere  
And across the awakening continents  
From shore to shore, somewhere  
Our prayers are rising evermore"



## THE GUEST'S PEN

IT'S "JAPS" ON THE COAST BUT "AMERICANS" HERE

We have all been disturbed by the unfavorable publicity which has been coming from Oregon the last few days relative to local sentiment toward the return of the evacuees. It is so foreign to our own attitudes that the Des Moines Relocation Committee has telegraphed Governor Snell of Oregon and asked him to publicly support the Army's action in lifting the ban. Reports come from the Relocation centers indicating that there are many rumors relative to favorable and unfavorable reactions on the West Coast so that those in camp are wondering which way to turn - East or West? Meanwhile, the WRA states that the centers will be closed by the end of the year!

The New Year edition of "Penn-Notes" (the Philadelphia resettlers' paper) points out many of the advantages of relocating in that city. What's the situation in the Iowa-Des Moines area? Most of you can advise your families and friends relative to the answer to that question better than I. We all know that no area offers all that every individual wants when looking for a new home but, for family relocation, I would like to call your attention to the following:

The PUBLIC SCHOOLS, COLLEGES, AND UNIVERSITIES are open and the Nisei students are usually well liked. The SOCIAL AGENCIES of the community have been assisting resettlers in the areas with medical care, individual counselling, and public welfare grants. Numerous INDIVIDUALS and ORGANIZATIONS are interested in helping the evacuees. For example, the Hostel has recently received over \$700 from interested friends in addition to furniture for its lending pool, canned goods, household furnishings, fresh fruits and vegetables, and many hours of free labor from persons who wanted to have a hand in helping the Japanese Americans. The CHURCHES have

been all-out for the program. This all adds up to good public sentiment!

The Iowa Committee of the American Friends Service Committee has decided to keep the Hostel open for another six months so as to continue to encourage those in the relocation centers to come this way. It appears that there is a big job ahead for each of us, if we are going to help those still in camps to come out and resettle before the deadline of DECEMBER, 1945, is upon them. Mr. Gibbs reports several of the Iowa-Des Moines resettlers have already encouraged relatives and friends to come this way NOW, and plans are being made for several family groups to come within the next few weeks. Here is an important job!!!! Are YOU doing what you can to help those in the center you know and love to make their plans and then act up on those plans?

Ross T. Wilbur  
Director  
Friends Hostel

### BY THE WAY -

LOOKING FOR SOME PLACE TO EAT  
TRY THESE

Lowry's Uptown University-  
42nd. Street.

Forest Cafe..24th.-Forest

HAVE YOU SEEN----

"Since you Went Away"

DON'T MISS....

The Valentine Party...A good time in store for everyone!

ORGAN RECITAL...Saint Paul's Episcopal Church...Feb. 11th Sponsored by Nisei Hospitality Committee. Tea will be served. KEEP THIS DATE OPEN!

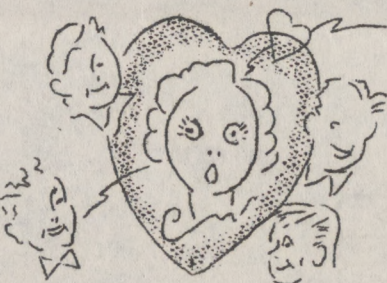
### HOSTEL HI-LITES-Cont.

nada who is attending AIB, EDWARD NIIMI, that handsome boy, and his roommate, GEO. NISHIMURA, formerly of Central College. (Incidentally, Joyce draws many visitors.) With us, also are JUN IMAKIRE, YOSHIMI ONO from Ht. Mt., TOM YOKOI & JITSUO HASHIMOTO from POSTON, HARRY FUJITA and ED JONOKUCHI, two old time Des Moines, LOUIE KOBAYASHI of Drake U and SUN TSUJII, formerly from Topaz.

TOM NAKASHIMA has been up since Christmas and here is his coming up address: "Uh huh! It sure is swell to be back in the vertical position again! The credit should be given to all who came to visit me. 'Can't keep a man down when his morale is up,' they say... Thanks for all the visits, gals, and you two, fellas." Our piano virtuoso, HARRISON WAKIDA, has a guest book with the hobbies of all those who have signed. Very interesting. Those of you who have seen DeeDee (age 4) knitting may be interested in knowing she has finally finished her scarf, and very pretty too.

MARION KONISHI stopped in at the Hostel on the 4th returning from a trip to Cleveland, Mpls., and Chgo. We thank you, Mr. NAKASHIMA, for shoveling our walk so early each morning.

Among the Hostel holiday guests were TOKI INOUE, from St. Paul; ROY FUKUTO and AKIRA ASANO, Mpls. DICK SUZUKI, Evanston, Ill; PVT. TERRY OKIDA, Ft. Snelling, Minn; EMMIE & TOSHI HARADA & MASAYE AMINO, Parsons College at Fairfield, Ia; & NOB HASHIMOTO, Ames, Ia. Also noted is the engagement of MARIKO MATSUMOTO Poston, and SID M. INOUE Gila River. Here's wishing oodles of best wishes to you both!



COME TO THE  
VALENTINE  
PARTY!!

YWCA GAME ROOM

FEBRUARY 17

8:30-12:00

SPONSORED BY NISEI HOSPITALITY COMM.



## SEVEN RETURN TO PACIFIC COAST

With the announcement of lifting the ban on the Pacific Coast effective since January 2, the W.R.A. office reports that seven relocatees to Des Moines have returned to California. Of these seven, three have returned to Los Angeles, two to their farms in Winton, and two to San Francisco.

The first returnee, Harry Y. Fujita, left Des Moines on the 18th of January for his home in Los Angeles. He was previously employed at the X-L Toy factory on Grand. Others who have returned to Los Angeles are: Mr. Justus Sato who was affiliated with Wood Bros. His family is expected to follow him as soon as he is settled. Rev. F. Omi, who was employed here by the Des Moines Steel Co. returned to take further study at a Bible school.

San Francisco was the destination for George and Clara Yamamoto. Mr. Yamamoto has been accepted by the University of California where he will continue his study in the field of dentistry. He was employed as a dental technician during his stay in Des Moines.

Two relocatees returned to the Granada Relocation Center to help their families return to their farms in Winton. The returnees were Tom Nakashima and Noboru Hashimoto.

The W.R.A. office is open for assistance to anyone who is contemplating relocation for their families from centers or returning to their original residence in the evacuated area. The W.R.A. is ready to render aid with problems concerning these types of resettlement. In the absence of Mr. Frank Gibbs, Mrs. Mildred Nevenen and Mrs. Sid Inouye will be available for consultation.

The W.R.A. office is on the fifth floor of the Liberty Bldg. located on Sixth Street between Locust and Grand.

## WEST COAST'S LOSS - IOWA'S GAIN



"RETURNEE"

## MINISTERS PLAN CHURCH SERVICE FOR NISEI

The first church service for Des Moines Nisei has been set for the 18th of March at the north-east room of the Y.W.C.A. on the second floor. The service will be of a vesper nature starting at 5 P.M. with the Rev. L. Suzuki bringing the message. The purpose of the service is by no means to discourage assimilation but purely as a supplement for those who have not found a home in any Caucasian church but still are desirous of a place for worship. The service will be open to everyone. The First Baptist Y.P. have been invited to join with the Nisei in this first service. Others who are working with the two ministers, Rev. L. Suzuki and Rev. H. Aoki are Andrew Yahiro, Ben Hashimoto, Bob Ohki, Mrs. Aoki, and Jack Takayanagi.

DO YOUR PART  
AT HOMEDECLARES D.M. TRIBUNE  
Busy Iowa Nisei  
DES MOINES TRIBUNE

"The West Coast's loss is Iowa's gain," the Des Moines, Iowa, Tribune declared in an editorial last week, citing a WRA report on how 486 evacuees of Japanese ancestry have fitted into the life of the State.

The report, noted by the Tribune, listed 102 of the evacuees as non-employables, housewives, children and aged. Another 152 are students. The others have all kinds of jobs, according to the Tribune.

The biggest group of 80 persons are in the service trades, hotel, hospital and domestic work, while 74 are skilled workers in industry. Among the latter are 21 welders. One young Nisei woman is described as one of the most competent welders and mechanics employed by a Des Moines manufacturing company. There are 21 unskilled workers and 21 clerical employees, in addition to 18 farm workers and 18 professional employees. Among the professional group are the acting clinical director of a large hospital and an osteopathic physician who has his own office in a small Iowa city.

## MRS. INOUE HONORED

Mrs. Sidney Inouye (nee Mariko Matsumoto) was honored at a miscellaneous surprise luncheon shower given by Miss Kimi Fukuto at the Grace Ransom Tea Room on Tuesday, February 20. Mrs. Jackson Takayanagi, on behalf of the group, wished the couple happiness in their new life together. Guests were Mesdames Shiozaki, Nevenen, and Takayanagi, Misses Kimura, Furuto, Wininger, and Fukuda, and Messrs. Inouye and Inadomi.

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GIVE TO THE

RED CROSS



## EDITORIAL....

From the point of view of those of us who are resettled, there seem to be many reasons why we should encourage our families and friends to relocate now rather than in June or next fall, if they possibly can do so - and relocate they must, if they are going to help close the gates at the center on December 31, 1945.

Those who come on now to the midwest to settle will have some advantage over those who come later inasmuch as they may have a larger choice of jobs to choose from, a wider range of housing to select from, and will have already gotten established when the greater rush comes later.

Many of us believe that while an unknown number will be returning to the west coast, there still will be a substantial amount of relocation from the centers in the midwestern area and further east, so if you are thinking of Des Moines, come early and avoid the rush. Young children can transfer from center to city schools now as well as later.

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In the past week, some talk has been given to the fact that a few Nisei had been seen in the downtown area with "pachook haircuts" and "zoot suits." We understand that these few are new comers to our city and have not as yet got away from the fact that they are now in a city and not within the gates of a center. Such fashions are permissible in a center but to you "few" such fashions are out of order here in our city. The Nisei to now has been well received by our friends of Des Moines and we are not ready to overthrow such friendship by a "few" who still think such fashions are acceptable and a virtue of smartness. Stop, Look, and Listen, you "few," and visit a barber shop...get straightened out for this is Des Moines and not a concentration camp.

## WEDDING NOTES

Miss Mariko Matsumoto, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. K. Matsumoto of Poston, Ariz., and Sidney Masaru Inouye, son of Mr. & Mrs. K. Maruyama of Rivers, Ariz., were united in marriage at 8:30 p.m., February 21, 1945, at the Westminster United Presbyterian Church, Des Moines. The Rev. W. W. Orr performed the single ring ceremony before approximately 300 guests.

The bride was given in marriage by Mr. Erie Kawai, a close friend of the family. She wore a white satin gown with long sleeves and train, fashioned with a sweetheart neckline and long veil. She carried a small white prayer book with a lavender orchid tied with white satin streamers.

Miss Mary Stock of Des Moines was the maid of honor. She wore pale pink tulle with a sweetheart neckline, long sleeves, and carried a bouquet consisting of Freesia, lavender sweetpea, and flags.

Miss Bertha Winingar, bridesmaid, wore a gown of

pale pink chiffon and carried lavender sweetpeas and flags. The groom's brother, Mr. Frank Inouye acted as best man, and Mr. Yoshiharu Inadomi, was the usher. Both are residents of Des Moines.

The reception, which followed immediately after the ceremony in the church lounge, was sponsored by the Attendants. Those assisting were Misses Pauline Huxley, Mary McConaughy and Neva Plaehn.

The couple left for a short trip and now have made their home at 672 Eighteen Street, Des Moines.

The bride, formerly of Los Angeles, California, has been a resident of Des Moines since July, 1943, and is employed by the War Relocation Authority.

The groom has been in Des Moines since October, 1943, and formerly resided in Santa Paula, California. He is employed by the Fort Des Moines Hotel of this city.

Organist: Miss Marjorie Brickley  
Solo: "Oh Perfect Love," sung by Mrs. P. M. Hanzlik

HERE.....THERE....EVERYWHERE  
TRIBUTE....

To Mr. E. A. Franquemont, who has left the W.R.A. Office for a much deserved rest. To many Nisei he has been the channel by which we have found relocation successful. His assistance during his time with the W.R.A. to the Nisei has been invaluable as he gave us greater understanding of our problems. Now strictly a home man Mr. Franquemont is resting following a short period of illness. To you we give thanks for service well rendered.

To Rev. L. Suzuki, as assistant director of the Friends Hostel gave much guidance and counsel to those who made temporary residence there. Although with the Friends Committee we regret to see him relinquish his position and we extend deep appreciation for work well done. Rev. Suzuki is still available for counselling for he is still in the community now affiliated with the Methodist Hospital.

## PICTURE....

A picture of Pvt. Koshi Ando now decorates the window of the Koch Bros. Stationery Store along with the other fellow-employees who have entered the service of their country. He was last reported to be stationed at Fort Ord, Monterey, Calif., with the paratroopers.

## FOR YOUR CHILDREN....

Do you have some trouble keeping track of your children as you shop downtown? If so, here is your solution to your problem. Nursery care is now available for your child 2-6 years at the Y.W.C.A. each Wednesday and Friday from 1 to 5. A fee of 50 cents is charged for four hours or any part of the four hours. Only children free from colds and diseases are accepted and you can be sure they shall have the best of care.

## WITH THE NISEI....

Chrys Kubota elected to the Phi Beta Kappa at Drake University....Skating Vanities attract both young and old Nisei-goers..... Ben Hashimoto elected president of Cosmopolitan Club...."Ye Are My People," pageant a great success with many Nisei participating....Geo. Nishimura writes he has been called into the Army via Manzanar.



# HOSTEL HI-LITES by kimi

## WANTED --- AN APARTMENT

If you visited the Hostel over the weekend of the 11th, you may have met Bob Fort of the Social Industrial Section of the American Friends Service Committee in Philadelphia (as he fondly calls it). This section is in charge of the Japanese American work. Local evacuees who chatted with Bob enjoyed tales of his many experiences, his quips, and his comments on relocation. Bob was Director of the Chicago Friends Hostel while it was in operation.

Pvt. George Yamada spent part of his last furlough before overseas duty in Des Moines. Good luck, George! WACS in the person of Amy Okada and her pal, Nancy, have been frequent visitors. Dew drop in whenever you're free, girls....glad to have you.

One of the recent evacuees to Des Moines is Tom Hayaishi who hails from Idaho and Oregon. He has taken a job at the Wakonda Country Club. Two charming girls, Barbara Takahashi, and Janie Kobukata, were overnight guests over the Valentine Party weekend.

We enjoy having company for dinner very much, but please notify us at least 2 hours in advance so that the "soup" will not have to be thinned out to "water" and so as to eliminate last minute hustle and bustle. The dishwashers, I am sure, will appreciate frequent diners' assistance. We have also had numerous guests seeking accommodation without notice. It's a task to get up in the middle of the night to make a bed, so please, whenever possible, try to give us a little warning. One more thing....Wednesdays are the Wilburs' day off. We kindly request that they be given a day off. Positively no consultations, moving assistance, or business transactions of any kind. They certainly are entitled to at least one full day of rest.

Dottie had twin puppies ---one black and one brown. Carolyn has named them Spot-tie and Jip.

With a vounce and a jostle the old Ford slid down one hill and chugged up another. We were out apartment hunting, and it is no easy job at this time, as anyone in Des Moines knows. Some folks say it is easier here than in Cleveland or Detroit or some other place, but it is still a full-time job to find a home, especially when you are looking for a place that will take children. Things are not as bad as the papers make you feel. We have already visited four apartments this morning although the papers show only two being advertised today.

"Look, a sign FURNISHED APARTMENT FOR RENT."

The car came to a sudden stop and wearily we trudged up the walk and pushed the doorbell.

"Hello! You have a sign out saying you have an apartment for rent...."

"Oh, it is already rented...."

"Do you know of any other apartments nearby?....Well, thanks just the same."

We again slid down the path to the Ford and reluctantly climbed in. It's hard to keep one's morale up when you go through this same operation time after time but, by golly, that is about the only way anyone can get an apartment or house anywhere.

The engine started, and with a jerk we were off again coasting from one block to another like a vulture soaring over a landscape trying to spy a choice apartment that we could seize. Then we were pushing another doorbell.

"Yes, you have the apartment and it is not rented?....." "How do you feel about children?....." "Oh! That's fine. May we see it?....." "Just a minute, I'm not looking for myself, there's a woman in the car who is wanting the apartment for her husband and little boy."

The apartment seemed to suit the Nisei family to a tee. There was plenty of room for storing baggage and the place looked fairly

clean. Of course, the wall paper needed to be renewed, and if one was going to be too critical, the kitchen was terribly small and you had to use a common entrance, but after hunting for ten days, this apartment seemed a paradise, and it was decided that it should be taken as soon as possible.

The tenant on the first floor seemed agreeable enough, but the landlord had to be approached. After talking with him--an attorney downtown---the decision had to wait until he had a talk with the tenant on the first floor about having a Nisei family living in the same house.

What can one do in a situation where housing is competitive for everyone? Certainly there is an opportunity for some of us who are more courageous to lend moral strength to those who are trying to find a place to live whether one be a hakujin, nihonjin, or kokujin, but the mere fact that it is hard to find housing should not deter any one of us from doing what he can to help others in getting settled here. We need to encourage those who are here, and those who want to come, in facing the problem realistically, and making concessions to what is available and then trying to make the place selected as homelike as possible.

The least any of us who are less courageous can do is to keep a sharp watch for places for rent and to immediately notify Goldye Allen at the Y.W.C.A., by telephoning 4-8455. If you cannot reach Miss Allen, call the Hostel. At the time of this writing, there are seven families looking for either homes or apartments in this area. Just think how much help 350 extra pairs of eyes could be to them, and those coming later. Don't give up! Do your part to help the rest of us.

Ed. Note-They got the apartment two days later.



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MAY-JUNE, 1945

Hello Friends:

An extra month has slipped by and the absence of the Midget Tribune has been conspicuously noticed by its readers. In the interim, JACKSON TAKAYANAGI, our former editor, has resigned to take on added duties elsewhere and two of our reporters, MASAO DOBASHI and MASAKO KIMURA, have answered the call to the Wild West. The circulation department had been crippled by the resignation of supervisor RAY NAKAGAWA, but has been ably replaced by FRED UMADE of Gila Center and Selma, California, and whatwithall, we take this short cut form and means to bring you up to date on the various activities which have been carried on during the past two months.

Every week for the last two months, the nucleus of the Des Moines Relocation Committee has met to discuss and act on local relocation problems. The meetings last from an hour and a half to two hours, and the members - including prominent Des Moines business and professional men - give their time voluntarily. The committee is not new, for it operated here even before the local W.R.A. office was set up, but it has changed its schedule from monthly to weekly meetings because of the accelerated relocation program.

The immediate objectives of the committee are twofold: (1) To help make as many opportunities as possible for evacuees to leave the centers and establish homes in Des Moines; (2) To make the adjustment of Japanese Americans in Des Moines so complete that their security and acceptance will not be altered by postwar changes. The latter objective is obviously long-range, and all phases of the relocation program contribute toward it. But the first objective is much more pressing. Earlier in the committee's history employment was the big problem. Now housing is the bottleneck.

The committee has taken the stand that it cannot invite more Japanese Americans to Des Moines unless it can assure them that adequate housing is available. Its main efforts, therefore, are directed toward making housing available to Japanese Americans. This does not mean that committee members walk the streets looking for vacant houses; it means that the committee currently is working out systems whereby vacancies will be brought to the notice of evacuees.

Committee chairman is CORNELL HEWSON, member of the American Friends Service Committee and promotion manager of the Grocers Wholesale Co-operative. Many Nisei students have found hospitality in his home. Mr. Hewson succeeded ROBERT ROOT, former editorial writer of the Des Moines Register and Tribune, who resigned to take a position in Geneva, Switzerland, with a religious news service.

Many members of the committee do not have regular contact with the evacuees, but they are deeply interested in the program from the standpoint of public-spirited Americans. They realize that the evacuee problem affects all Americans, not Japanese Americans alone, and they are anxious to have a part in a demonstration of practical democracy in action. Following are the names of the more active members of the committee. They will be glad to talk over any special problems you may have: MR. AND MRS. CORNELL HEWSON, 1347 - 29th Street; MISS GOLDYE ALLEN, Y.W.C.A. Employment Service; REV. C. LOPEZ MCALLISTER, 1647 Walker; REV. JAMES FURBAY, 615 East 13th Street; PROFESSOR THOMAS DUNN, 2830 Rutland; MR. ROSS WILBUR, 2150 Grand Avenue; MR. BILL HOSOKAWA, 1608 - 32nd Street; REV. FREDERICK MEEK, 520 - 43rd Street; DEAN ALFRED NIELSEN, 2823 East 9th Street; MR. ARTHUR DOWNING, WRA, 526 Liberty Building.

Friends and well-wishers of FRANK E. GIBBS, our local War Relocation Officer for over two years, gathered at Friends Hostel on May 14, 1945, to bid him farewell. Mr. Gibbs was presented with a handsome cigarette lighter as a token of gratitude for the work he has done here. A beautifully decorated cake contributed by the Yuaikai was enjoyed by all. We wish Mr. Gibbs success in his new position which takes him to Hawaii and hope that our paths may cross again.

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Filling the position left vacant by Mr. Gibbs' resignation is MR. ARTHUR DOWNING who is now on duty. Mr. Downing was formerly Social Welfare Supervisor for the State Department of Social Welfare, Des Moines, where he was in charge of welfare work in eight Iowa counties, including Polk. With his experience, Mr. Downing is well-equipped to assist in the W.R.A. relocation program. For counselling and other personal service, Mr. Downing may be contacted at 526 Liberty Building, Des Moines 9, Iowa. (He's already proven to be a good fit for the space left vacant by our good friend Mr. G.)

The months of May and June have brought graduation exercises and in Des Moines, Nisei who accepted the challenge of relocation to continue their education donned their caps and gowns to receive their well-deserved diplomas. The following students received the various degrees from Drake University, Des Moines: YOSH INADOMI (Gila River-Brighton, Colorado) B.C.S. Marketing; CHRYS KUBOTA (Central Utah-San Francisco, Calif.) B.A. Zoology; SEIJI MURASHIGE (Waialua, Oahu-now U.S. Private) B.A. Mathematics; MASAYE OTA (Gila River-Carpinteria, Calif.) B.S. Education; TOSHIO SAIKA (Colorado Springs, Colo.) B.C.S. Commerce; ALICE UCHIYAMA (Gila River-Pasadena, Calif.) B.F.A. Art; DAVID UNOURA (Rocky Ford, Colo.) B.A. Religion; FRED TOKUYAMA (Gila River-Lompoc, Calif.) B.C.S. Commerce. The local high schools also boast a number of graduates. From Roosevelt High School are: JUNE KABAWA (Jerome-Hawaii); MARJORIE YOSHIZAWA (Minidoka-Milwaukee, Ore.); FRANCES YOSHIDA (Colorado River-Exeter, Calif.); HENRY IDETA (Minidoka-Seattle, Wash.); RAY NAKAGAWA (Jerome-Selma, Calif.). MAY SHIMIZU (Tule Lake-Sacramento, Calif.) graduated from North High School and in a letter from the principal of Des Moines Technical School to the local W.R.A. office, we have learned that SAM MOMII ranked fifth in scholastic achievement in a class of sixty-eight graduates. Sam is originally from Central Utah Project and Alameda, Calif.

Truly they have entered to learn and are now going forth to serve...

This month, as well as the next several months, is expected to be a busy one for Friends Hostel. The Friends Hostel is reminiscent of Grand Central Station as resettlers come and go. Recent arrivals there are CHIYO YAMADA (Ht. Mt.-Mountain View, Calif.), whose brother George we all know; MAY IMAKIRE (St. Louis, Mo.-Ht. Mt.-Sacramento, Calif.) who expects to find a stenographic position here, and she should have no trouble (Iowa Valve Co. has claimed her services as this issue goes to press); little AMY UMETA (Colorado River) who seems to be enjoying life in Des Moines; WILLIAM NISHIOKA, a quiet (but you can't tell) fella. Incidentally, William is MARTIN MARUMOTO's brother-in-law - Martin has returned to Ht. Mt. for his family recently; KIYOKO TERAMAYE (Gila River-Vacaville, Calif.) and her mother; and little KIMI KITAGAKI (Central Utah-Oakland, Calif.). Long-term guests are HENRY K. HAYASHI (Minidoka-Portland, Ore.), now employed at Frenchway Cleaners (Mr. Hayashi and son Tom and Frank are searching diligently for a house); ROSEMARY SATO and son WILBUR (Manzanar-Los Angeles, Calif.) who will both be leaving for Los Angeles to join the head of the family as soon as gas and tires permit (we'll miss Wilbur, our Henry Aldrich); and SACHII TERAII (Granada) and son GERALD, whose father in the Pacific has never seen year-old Gerry. Here to attend the Drake University graduation were the REV. AND MRS. K. UNOURA, formerly of the Los Angeles Christian Church; MR. TOKUYAMA, father of FRED; and TADUKO INADOMI, student of Grinnell College. IDA NAKASHIMA of Parsons College in Fairfield spent a night with us before accepting a job at the Broadlawns Hospital. Also in Des Moines for the summer at the Friends Hostel are TOM SAKAGUCHI (Jerome) and MANUAL SISNETT from Parsons College; sociable KATS MURAKAMI (Colorado River) of Grinnell and JUN ASAKURA (Ht. Mt.-Los Angeles, Calif.) from Iowa State at Ames. ED NIIMI graduates from ALB soon and returns to Gila before induction.

A carload of hostellers spent Sunday afternoon strawberry picking at the REECES. The Reeces not only donated quarts of berries but provided whipping cream with sugar. The household enjoyed delicious strawberry shortcake cooked by Mrs. WILBUR. KONNIE YOSHINAGA's (Newton, Iowa) donation of baby chicks has swelled the menagerie in the backyard. Hostel Director Ross Wilbur spent the latter part of May travelling. He attended a Resettlement Workers' Conference in Denver, visited the Amache Relocation Center, and attended a Youth Retreat at Davenport, Iowa. HARRY WAKIDA (Gila River-Selma, Calif.) father of DEEDEE and HARRISON, spent his vacation from the Seabrook Farm at the hostel. The Snack Bar is the popular place at the hostel anywhere from 10:30 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. Some call it a fourth meal. We miss seeing YOSH INADOMI (Gila River-Brighton, Colo.) around the hostel. He's taking his basic training at Camp Hood, Texas. (NOTE: Above info. on hostel is review given to Midget Tribune by Kimi Fukuto, its secretary.)



On June 16, the Iowa Committee of the American Friends Service Committee which sponsors the hostel decided to keep the hostel open after August 31, when its annual lease expires, on a month to month basis if the requests for hospitality for those coming out of the center warrant it. While the committee will be very happy to continue the hostel as a community center for resettlers, its main purpose is to help those coming out of camp. There are many churches as well as the Y.W.C.A. which will be very glad to take over the community aspect of the hostel when it closes. However, as long as the hostel is open, it is a place where we all like to gather and visit. For those of you who have some spare time: Let's get down to the hostel and welcome the newcomers who always feel a certain amount of reserve and strangeness and appreciate a helping hand. There have been a good many people coming into town recently so ye old timers do have a real duty in helping them feel at home here.

We are proud to announce our fighting G.I. Nisei from Iowa. At present, the following are known to be across the seas: PFC. KOSHI ANDO (Manzanar-West Los Angeles, Calif.) Pacific Theater with the 36th Paratrooper Division; PFC. JOHNNY TAKAYANAGI (Manzanar-Colorado River-West Los Angeles, Calif.) with the 442nd's in Italy; S/SGT. GEORGE TAKAYANAGI in Germany for many months; PVT. GEORGE YAMADA (Ht. Mt.-Mt. View, Calif.) France; PVT. AKIRA MIYODA (Colorado River-Santa Ana, Calif.) wounded in European Theater of War; PFC. YOSHIO NAKAMURA (Gila River-El Monte, Calif.) Italy; and PVT. MASATO TSURUDA (Gila River-Santa Barbara, Calif.) Italy. Others in the service and also the latest inductees are: WILSON OGAWA (Colorado River); ROY OKUDA (Granada); NOBORU FUJIMOTO (Colorado River); RAY IMAMURA (Granada); FRANK KURAMOTO (Manzanar); JITSUMI KUNIOKI; ROCKY KIMURA (Central Utah); KEN TAKEMURA (Manzanar); HIROSHI NISHIJIMA (Gila River); NORIO MATSUKAWA (Granada); JIMMY MURATA (Gila River); ROBIN IZUMI (Manzanar); GEORGE NISHIMURA (Manzanar); SHIGEKI ARAI (Central Utah-Sacramento, Calif.) ARTHUR NISHIMURA (Gila River); KIYOSHI RUSTY URATSU (Granada-Loomis, Calif.); SUNAO NISHIOKA (Jerome); SEIJI MURASHIGE (Hawaii); LOUIE KOBAYASHI (Gila River) Ft. Knox, Kentucky; SUN TSUJII (Minidoka) Jefferson Barracks, Mo. On the roll call from Des Moines are: KEN YAHIRO (Ht. Mt.) MITS NAKAMURA (Manzanar-ret. to Los Angeles); ROBERT OHKI (Granada); ED NIIMI (Rohwer); TAKASHI TERAMAYE (Gila River); KIYOSHI CHUCK KITAGAKI (Central Utah); JOHNNY MIZOUE (Colorado). We regret we are unable to furnish other details on our men in Service but shall be glad to look up any information if you will write directly to us.

We are glad to have SGT. KAZ FURUTO back in Des Moines with us again. Sgt. Furuto was wounded in Italy in April and has been visiting at home on a convalescent furlough at 819 Seventh Street, Des Moines. We rejoice with wife SACHI on his return. Here are veterans presently residing in Iowa. HENRY HATA spent three years in service and is now attending Iowa State College at Ames, Iowa, under the G.I. Bill of Rights. He plans to take all four years of college and is attending the summer session at present. Also attending Iowa State is KENNETH OTAGAKI who, though carrying physical wounds, is carrying on his studies in animal husbandry. We are proud to have Kenneth with us and look forward to the day when he will resume responsibility as manager of a farm in Hawaii after completing his course. Another discharged veteran is 18-year-old NOBU AKAHOSHI (Poston III) who gave three days of his life to the Army and was honorably discharged after three days of service.

The Nisei Hospitality Committee plans a social in the near future. SOUPY MYOSE (Manzanar-Imperial Valley, Calif.) chairman of the committee, announces it on June 30, 1945, at 9:00 p.m. Games, refreshments and dancing are in store for all guests at the maximum cost of 35¢ per person. Heading the social will be YUKIE TAKATA (Tule Lake) while the following will chair the various divisions: ESTHER SANEMATSU (Colorado River-Riverside, Calif.), Refreshments; KIMI FUKUTO (Colorado River-Los Angeles, Calif.), Invitations; YASUKO FUJIKI (Ypsilanti, Mich.-Gila River-Los Angeles, Calif.), Games; GEORGE KITA (Colorado River-Calxico, Calif.), MUSIC; and ROY KITA (Ht. Mt.), Clean-up. Everyone is cordially invited to this social - let's make it a gala affair!

Many of you, no doubt, are now contemplating a visit to the center to plan for relocation of the remaining members in your family. We've checked with the local War Relocation Authority on its newest policies and they are, as follows: Anyone may now visit a center without prior approval; however, in order to conserve the resources of W.R.A. and transportation facilities and to enable them to offer



maximum service to visitors, all such visits are permitted on a limited basis only. A visitor may make two visits to a center and the total duration of both visits together may not exceed thirty days. The visitor may divide the 30 days between the two visits in any way he wishes, or elect to utilize the entire thirty days for one visit. Guest charges will be made when you enter the center and if the duration of the stay is shorter than previously reported and paid, a refund will be made for the unused amount. Refunds will also be made if the relocation of the family members is completed during the visitors' stay; however, if plans are made and the family departure is to be made at a later date, the refund shall be made by check at the time the family leaves the center.

All visitors shall be required to pay the regular charges with the exception of students returning at the end of a college or school year (we've been informed a written notice of your attendance at the school is required); also members who have passed their pre-induction physical examination but have not yet been inducted into the Army and members of the armed forces in active status, who will be charged for board but not for lodging.

If other clarification is desired, we suggest that you contact the local W.R.A. at 3-8681, Ext. 44, or call personally at Room 526, Liberty Bldg. on 6th & Grand.

There are some individuals returning to the centers and the outcome of their visits are proving to be very encouraging so far as relocation is concerned.

We list our youngest arrivals, as follows, with hearty congrats to proud parents:

JAMES ARTHUR TAKAHASHI, born to MR. & MRS. JAMES TAKAHASHI, Marion, Iowa;

ALIGE MITSUYE KURAMOTO, born May, 1945, to DR. & MRS. SAM KURAMOTO,  
713 Wilson, Webster City, Iowa;

SUSAN SAKATA, born May, 1945, to MR. & MRS. HENRY SAKATA,  
2023 Grand Avenue, Des Moines 12, Iowa;

Daughter, born May, 1945, to MR. & MRS. HENRY MIYAHARA,  
429 Second, West Des Moines, Iowa;

Son, born June 24, 1945, to MR. & MRS. JACKSON TAKAYANAGI,  
2621 S. E. Fourteenth Street, Des Moines, Iowa.

Arrivals from relocation centers are: (During May through June 24, 1945)

MISS YAYE KOJIMA, from Rohwer to Newton, Iowa;

HARRY SAITO and son TOSHI, Minidoka to Y.M.C.A., Sioux City, where family will join them as soon as housing arrangements are completed;

MRS. TOSHIKO HIESHIMA with children ASAKO AND HOWARD, Rohwer to 1615 Harding Road, Des Moines, where husband ROY has established residence pending their arrival;

MRS. YOSHI NISHIOKA arrived with daughter Mrs. T. Hieshima.

MR. WILLIAM NISHIOKA, formerly of 17-8-B, Colorado River Project, temporarily residing at Friends Hostel and employed Wood Bros.

MISS CHIYO YAMADA, formerly of Ht. Mt. Project and Mountain View, Calif., employed locally. Family will arrive as soon as housing arrangements can be made;

HENRY HATA, veteran attending Iowa State College at Ames;

KENNETH OTAGAKI, veteran, and wife at Ames, Iowa;

MRS. CHIZUKO AKITA with children JANE AND JIMMY and parents MR. & MRS. N. SAKAMOTO arrived from Minidoka earlier this month to Des Moines but all are now settled in their own apartment at 415 So. Fifth, Burlington, Iowa, and employed nearby;

MISS KIMIKO KITAGAKI, from 22-12-E, Minidoka, to join brother CHUCK in Des Moines to complete high school education. Now residing in home of the Robert Evans' at 338 - 29th Street with brother;

MRS. H. YAHIRO, from Granada with children ESTHER, STEPHEN, SUSANNE, to join another son and daughter ANDREW and EUNICE. Residence established at 219 E. Fifteenth Street, Des Moines.

MISS ADDIE ISHII, from Worland, Wyoming, to attend Marycrest College at Davenport, Iowa;

MRS. SAYO TERAMAYE and daughter KIYOKO from Gila River to join son TAKASHI, student at Drake University;

MISSSES YOSHIYE and MIYOKO OKIHARA from Minidoka to join sisters TOSHIKO and HARUE in Des Moines;

MR. SATAZO KASHIWAGI with wife CHIYO and daughter YUMEKO to be employed by Academy of Visitation, Dubuque, Iowa;

MR. YOSHIO AOKI from Minidoka to attend Iowa State College at Ames;

MISS SAKIKO YAMASHITA from Colorado River Project to Friends Hostel;

MISS KIYOKO MORINAGA from Colorado River Project to Friends Hostel;

MISS TOMOKO KURAMOTO also from Colorado River Project arrived with



Misses Yamashita and Morinaga. They are all from Block 39.  
MR. HIROSHI KAMEI, originally from Westminster, Calif., relocated from the Colorado River Project to Des Moines and now resides at the Friends Hostel;  
MISSSES FUSAKO IMOTO AND ROSIE YOSHIDA from Colorado River Project II to Des Moines to join relatives.

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Misses Yamashita and Horikawa. They are all from Hiroshima. Mr. Hiroshi Kashi originally from Westminister, Calif., relocated from the Colorado River project to Des Moines and now resides at the Hyattsville Hotel. Misses Yumiko and Koushi Yoshida from Colorado River project II to Des Moines to join relatives.

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JULY, 1945

Hello Friends:

The staff extends mid-summer greetings to Iowa resettlers and hopes all are enjoying the heat which invariably accompanies the month of July.

On Sunday afternoon, July 15, the Nisei Hospital Committee called together a group of relocatees representing various age groups to discuss the possibility of formulating a central planning committee. It had long been felt that there was a need for such a committee in order to make certain there would be some program provided for each age group of resettlers in Des Moines. Such an over-all program would make certain that newcomers to the city would have an opportunity to meet those resettlers who had been here for some time and thereby be assisted in feeling at home in Des Moines.

All groups were well represented and the discussion was both varied and vigorous. It was decided that a central planning committee should be organized, whose functions will include the following:

1. That this committee act as a clearing house for time, place, transportation arrangements for social events sponsored by the various groups;
2. that this central committee stimulate more activity in certain groups and in cases where there is no group already in existence, to send representatives to speak to those concerned and if they wished to do so, form their group;
3. that this committee help the groups in putting over their socials and functions by helping with transportation, last minute details, etc.

There was general agreement that no age group should be pushed into organizing if there was no interest within that group. A good many of you have already established yourselves with other groups in the city and there is no special need for activities that are primarily planned for evacuee groups. SOUPY MYOSE, chairman of the Nisei Hospitality Committee, was instructed to invite the various age groups to organize and ask each group to send two representatives to the central planning committee which would be made up of representatives from the Issei, Nisei, Young Married, Grammar School, Pre-school, and Church groups. As soon as this is done, a meeting will be called of the planning committee and a program for the next three months developed.

Time did not allow a number of other items in the agenda to be discussed such as bridge classes, Buddhist meetings, summer vacation school for young children and Issei English classes, but these will be covered at the next meeting.

Mrs. KAZUYE YOSHIMURA (nee Ota), 3408 Cottage Grove Avenue, was the first Nisei to take the Iowa state cosmetology test in June, 1945. Mrs. Yoshimura, who was among 137 to take the test at the statehouse, came to Des Moines in 1943 from Gila River Relocation Center. Her husband, George, is employed by the Des Moines Steel Company in this city.

Miss CHIYO YAMADA, after house-hunting for four hours Sunday, July 22, rented an apartment at 1154 - 19th Street for her mother, Mrs. ICHINO YAMADA, and two sisters who are now at Heart Mountain. The Yamada family formerly lived in Mountain View, California. Chiyo found two other vacancies but rejected them as being not "clean enough" and we're surely happy she secured this one to her liking. Chiyo's brother, GEORGE, is in the Army overseas. George, as you know, was employed in Iowa prior to his induction into the Army.



We are in receipt of a letter from T/4 Harry Ota, who is now enroute to the Pacific. Harry relocated to Des Moines with his family in 1943 and was employed by the Des Moines Oats Products prior to his induction in the Army the early part of 1944. He had been stationed at Fort Snelling, Minnesota.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Summer in Des Moines offers a number of opportunities for outdoor recreation. Perhaps we lack the majestic grandeur of Colorado with its rocky horizon and the cooling beauty of the Pacific which is a birthright of west coast dwellers, but even so, Des Moines flourishes with attractive parks and natural beauty.

Greenwood Park, at Grand Avenue and Polk Boulevard, offers ideal facilities for picnic suppers since it is provided with fireplaces (plus wood), and children's play parks with swings, wading pool, sliding boards, as well as an impressive view and an adult swimming pool which many of us enjoyed last summer. The pool closes at 9 so be sure to get there in plenty of time.

Grandview Park is another favorite spot for young people. Bicycles can be secured at the service station on 31st Street and University for reasonable hourly rates and a ride westward on University Ave. will take you to Waveland Park on 49th Street. Eastward across the Des Moines River will bring you fairly close to Grandview Park which is another ideal location for Sunday afternoon picnicking, outings, etc.

For those who want commercial amusement, Riverview Park offers the usual concessions. Riverview Park can be reached by boarding the Highland Park or Oak Street busses on 6th Ave. to Hull.

The Drake University library and the main library, located by the River between Locust, and Walnut, are worthwhile places for rainy afternoons. The main library is closed on Sundays during the summer but will remain open from 2 to 6 in the afternoon beginning in September.

We hope the above suggestions will be helpful in providing good times in the remaining summer season.

We list our newest and youngest arrivals, as follows, with hearty congrats to the proud parents:

BEVERLY ANN ABE, born to Dr. & Mrs. TOM ABE, 3904 Tenth St., Des Moines, on July 16. They are formerly from Los Angeles & Jerome.

SHERY ANN FURUTO, born to Sgt. & Mrs. Kaz Furuto, 819 Seventh St., Des Moines, on July 17.

Arrivals from other areas are: (June 25 - July 24)

HENRY MIYAMURA, from Central Utah Reloc. Center to Des Moines. He will attend high school here.

FRANCES TANAKA and daughter Nancy, from Heart Mountain Reloc. Center to Des M. SUZUKO SUE MARUMOTO with daughters JANET AND PATRICIA, from Heart Mountain Reloc.

Center to join husband MARTIN at 2015 Pleasant Street, Des Moines.

TORI SAITO with daughter TOKI to join head of family HARRY SAITO at 1711 Omaha Street, Sioux City. Another son TOSHI has been employed in Sioux City.

The family is from Minidoka.

KINICHI KAJITA, from Central Utah to Des Moines. (See article)

JIM NAKAMURA, from Minidoka to Des Moines. He is employed by Des Moines Steel Company in Des Moines and plans to call the two remaining members of the family to this area as soon as housing can be secured.

TARO MATSUI, from Peoria, Ill., and Rohwer, to Des Moines. (See article)

SUMIKO HASHIMOTO, from Granada to join sister at 450 - 29th Street, Des Moines. She will continue high school education in the fall.

MAY IMAKIRE, from St. Louis, Mo., and Heart Mountain, to join parents and sister who are employed in Ottumwa, Iowa, and Des Moines, respectively. May is now employed in an insurance company and resides at 2606 Forest Drive.

TOKUYE IWASAKI, from Heart Mountain to Des Moines. She is temporarily residing with Mrs. CHIEKO TAKAYANAGI at 1158 - 18th Street.

VIOLET R. YOSHIMURA, from Gil River to Des Moines. She is residing with her brother and sister-in-law, GEORGE & KAZUYE YOSHIMURA, at 3408 Cottage Grove.

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DES MOINES, IOWA

AUGUST, 1945

• I NO. 10 DES MOINES, IOWA  
hostel highlights by K I M I  
Hostels are combined with the best of Des Moines.

Hostelers rejoiced with the rest of Des Moines following the end of hostilities in the Pacific. A service was conducted by REV. E. SUZUKI soon after the surrender announcement was made.

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The ROSS WILBURS attended two Yearly Meetings for Friends, one at Whittier and the other at Oskaloosa, Iowa. Ross reported that the Friends showed considerable interest in relocation and enjoyed SUMI HORIBE's paintings, exhibited at both meetings...FRED NAKAGAWA, from Washington and Heart Mountain, carried on very capably as director during ROSS's absence. Much of FRED's time during the last two years has been spent in what he calls "beating around the country"... He now wants to go to Tokyo with the Army!

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Mr. HUBBELL, housing expert from Chicago, visiting the hostel stated that evacuees here should be thankful for the housing available in this city...that 60% of the families in Chicago are living in apartments or rooms heated by pot belly stoves rather than central heating, share common toilets with other families, and lack bathing facilities. He also claimed there is a kick-back on the West Coast because of retrenchment of jobs and lack of housing.



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Our latest guest is YOSHIYE ONE from Sacramento and Amache. YOSHIYE expects to be joined by two brothers and a sister of high school age, and her mother as soon as she can secure an apartment...ANNA SHISHIDO and her brother, ICH, employed as a mechanic, have located a suitable house and are now looking for furnishings. We look forward to meeting the rest of the family...ESTHER RHOADS, Director of the Evergreen Hostel in Los Angeles, spent a day with us the beginning of this month. We appreciated first-hand news of the West Coast...KEIGO HASE returned from Lemoore, California, for another semester at Still College... sorry to hear about your father's illness, KEIGO. On the Hostel guest list for the past two months were Pvt. OTIS KADANI, BARBARA TAKAHASHI, YAS KATANO, HENRY MIYEMURA, MARIE MORISAWA, MARY MATSUDA, ROBERT IMAGIRE, and YONE KITAGAWA.

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The Hostel averaged 20 persons per day in June and 21 in July. Although our house count at the moment is not as high, the directors are busy with house hunting and pooling of furniture.

Good luck,

G E O R G E

Slated to leave in the near future via N. Y. City is GEORGE KITA, who recently signed a contract with the New York Giants. This may well mean a pro-football career for the Drake student! Having past his State Board and now a full fledged lawyer, GEORGE will graduate from Drake this month.

WE NEED 2 or 3 bedroom apartments or houses for local relocatees immediately. Kindly notify the Friends Hostel, 2150 Grand Avenue, 4-8761 or the W. R. A., 4-8523 of any possible openings.



## Drake Doings by M A F

That old joke about college life being a four-year loaf no longer holds true. Many are making their B.A.'s in three or less. CHRYS KUBOTA departed August 15th for Philadelphia via Minneapolis and Chicago to attend Women's Medical College after a three-year sojourn at Drake...

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Now faces at Drake this fall will be those of FRANCES YOSHIDA and JUNE KAGAWA, Roosevelt '45...missing will be those of YUKI IDETA and SOUPY MIYOSE...YUKI will be a junior at the University of Washington this fall...SOUPY had his eyes on Iowa University or the University of Minnesota...graduating in January, 1946 will be VICKIE HATA...

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BETTY KAGAWA sporting an enviable tan these days acquired while detasseling corn...a true Iowan we say!

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Alumninews is good news: AKIRA ASANO, Drake '44 received his M.A. in Pharmacy at the University of Minnesota and is now studying toward his doctorate...it is also rumored that MAS OKI will also pursue his Pharmaceutical career at the same locale...FLORENCE TAKEMURA, Drake '44, is spending these summer days in the offices of the University of Chicago Bookstore. She says the weather's fine and extends an invitation to her friends to "come on up." SEIJI MURASHIGE now Uncle Sam's property in Louisiana says, "We got word that the war was over. There wasn't any sort of celebration here in our Battalion since we worked, should say trained, till late that evening."

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Among recent Iowa relocatees are...Mr. NAKAMURA's wife and daughter from Minidoka...Mr. and Mrs. K. ISHIMARU from Gila River to Ames...TOM AONO, Sioux City...Mrs. KIYOKO SAKAMOTO...FRANK HAYASHI's mother and sister...CHIZUKO MATSUMOTO, 12 to join her sister Mrs. SID INOUE and husband.

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Iowa losses to California...Dr. MASAYOSHI ITO by car to Florin...Rev. HIDEO AOKI and his wife, L. A....also Mrs. SATO, L. A....Mr. and Mrs. BILL YOSHINO, Livingston, California.

WATCH FOR Lake Ahquabi outing sometime in

September. According to rumors plans sound

super!!!

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*Thanks, SOUPY!*

After ably guiding the Nisei Hospitality Committee over many a bump during past months, we say "thanks and good luck" to SOUPY MYOSE, former Chairman. SOUPY has done a grand job in spite of numerous headaches loaded upon him as "head man" for all Nisei doings.

Taking over the chairmanship will be Mrs. MARIKO INOUE with MAY IDETA as vice-chairman. Other officers recently elected are:

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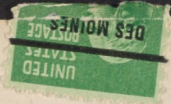
Slated to leave late this month is ESTHER SANEMATSU, Drake Fine Arts student, for Riverside, California. ESTHER plans to join her family and resume studies at Riverside Junior College. Good luck, pianist!

What makes SOUPY MYOSE so elegantly happy every time Chicago is mentioned? His recent Chicago jaunt must have been very eventful!

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