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# Gila Activities News

GILA RIVER RELOCATION CENTER  
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## EDITORIAL



With this issue the Gila Activities News will conclude its brief career. Next Wednesday, in place of this rather modest one sheet bulletin, there will appear a full-fledged newspaper having its headquarter in Butte Camp. We know that the various departments in Canal Camp will give Editor-in-chief Ken Tashiro, former Ellay newsman, their complete cooperation in all activities reports for the proposed paper.

Insignificant as the Gila Activities News may have seemed to the readers, nevertheless we who have been responsible for its publication have worked with the hopes that you have received some benefit from it.

The policies of the Community Activities Section have been twofold in nature. The first and most important has been to echo the sentiments and wishes of the people; the second has been to try and shape the thoughts of the people along proper channels.

Director Morton Gaba and the entire personnel of the CAS have steadily worked towards the procurement of the recreational desires of the settlers. This can be testified by the varied activities in full swing--the library, the women's club house, the go-shogi club, the judo club, and countless others.

In providing the camp residents with useful and beneficial activities during their leisure hours, we of the CAS feel that our department is being instrumental in maintaining the morale and spirit of the people.

And this morale, this high spirit will be the factor that shall prompt the individuals in this center to greater sacrifice in the national war effort; and as a result to a firmer status of citizenship in the postwar America.

Signed

Mike Iwatsubo  
Tsuneo Shinmoto

### CUPID STRIKES CAMP

Dan Cupid claimed as his victim another couple last week when Masayoshi Harada and Nobuko Sonoda

ascended the sacred altar of matrimony. The couple were former residents of West Los Angeles and are staying at the "Honeymoon Cottage" at present.

### CHRISTIAN CHURCH SUNDAY SERVICE NEWS

1. Young People's service at 9:00 a.m. in Mess Hall thirteen.

Please bring your own chairs.

2. Japanese service in the Christian Church situated in Recreation Hall seven at 9:00 a.m.

Speaker -- Reverend So. Please bring your own chairs.

3. Children's Sunday School in Recreation Hall twenty-four at 10:00 a.m.

4. Fellowship gathering in Mess Hall thirteen at 3:00 p.m.

Chairman -- Hiroo Ishimaru.

### NOTICE

Will all persons who were formerly members of the American Red Cross please submit their names to the CAS Office. This information is vitally necessary for the proposed formation of a Gila River Red Cross chapter.

Signed

Karl Iwanaga  
Red Cross  
Executive Secretary

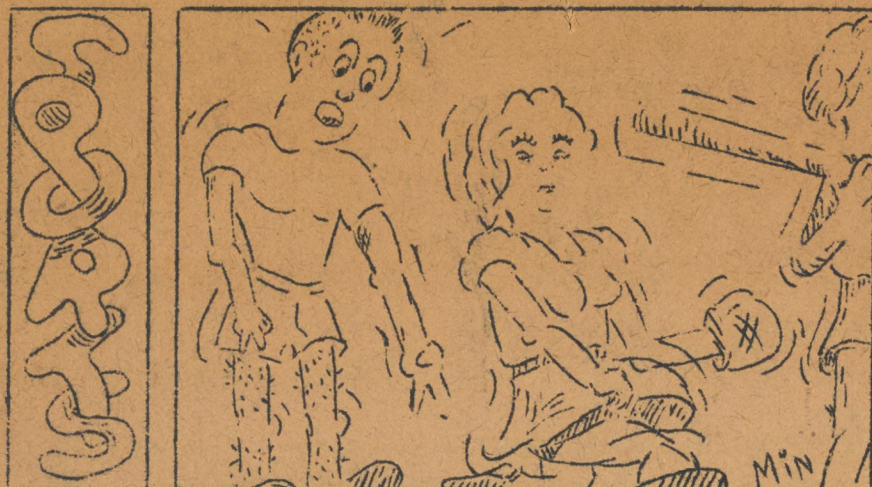
All persons interested in organizing a horse shoe pitching tournament please meet in Recreation Hall twenty-seven Sunday afternoon at 1:00 p.m.

### DANCE TOMORROW NIGHT

Recreation Hall 1 & 2 twenty-one and twenty-seven will be the locale for the weekly community dance tomorrow night. The starting hour will be 8:30 and the usual admission price of five cents will prevail.

Sak Yamashita and his Desert Serenaders are scheduled to play at one of the two live sessions.





## LEAGUE ENTER SECOND ROUND

This week the Ice-Breaker softballers swung into their second week of competition with the Parlier Cards and the Block 16 Medicos dropping out of the American League.

AMERICAN Last Monday the Vikings and the Cyclones ended up in a 4-4 deadlock after a fifth inning rally by the Viks.

While on Diamond Five the Bulldogs experienced a close 1-0 shave when they met up with the Rough Riders.

With one win to their credit already, the Firemen registered a 6-1 win over the boys from Block Seven on Tuesday.

San Jose Scrubs hung up their second win on Wednesday by downing the Rowdies to a 10-4 count. The Blister Bugs had to be idle with a bye that day and the Ag boys won their game by forfeit yesterday.

NATIONAL In their second league appearance on the diamond, the Solons easily pushed over the Gila Nines to a score of 8-1 on Monday.

Block 6 Salt Poters, a strong contender for the National pennant, throttled the Sanger Apaches 10-5 on the following day.

On the same day, the Arizona Wildcats squeezed out a 4-3 victory over the Scorpions.

The Golden Gophers took a 21-8 dunking at the hands of the Ochi Brothers Wednesday evening.

Really getting into strido, the 23rd Block Heads gave the Spitfires a 23-5 romping last evening.

On another diamond, a six frame game between the winless Giants and the Cactus Nines resulted in a 6-6 tie.

## POWDERPUFF LEAGUE OPENS NEXT WEEK

With ten teams definitely registered for the girls' softball league, Helen Inai, CAS worker, voiced the hopes that the Powderpuff League will open next week. Teams entered thus far for the Senior League include the Baby Cards, Gila Babes, Kingsburg, Sangerettes, and the Canteen softballers. Junior teams registered are the Small Town Scrubs, Fowler, White Shirts, Angels, and an unnamed team.

Diamond One has been exclusively set aside for female aspirants, and all ladies not engaged in the myriad role of domestic responsibilities are urged to participate in this slenderizing, muscle building activity.

A meeting of all team captains and manager is scheduled Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m. in the CAS office.

## COMMUNITY SING RESUMED WEDNESDAY

Basso Haruo Ishimaru led the Community Sing and Talent Show last Wednesday night before a crowd of 1500 song-inspired settlers. The occasion took place outdoors in front of the CAS office.

Intermediate talent participants included vocal selections by Jiro Hirose, Dorothy Ii, and Karen Hirasuna; a mandolin selection by Yasuo Keyonagi; and piano accompaniments by Rose Hagihara and Minnie Sasahara.

Co-workers with Ishimaru in promoting this popular activity were Grace Suechika and Harry Osaki.

## PEANUT SCHEDULES OPENING

With over two hundred members registered for the "Peanut League", George Ichimoto, Activities worker, stated that competitive practice softball will start next week.

Ichimoto has divided the 10-13 age group into seven organizations; while six clubs will form the league for the 14-16 age group. These distinctive teams will be organized into clubs having their respective officers and members.

Persons under seventeen years of age desiring to participate in boys' activities have until three o'clock Saturday afternoon to submit their names to the CAS office.

## JUDO STAFF ENLARGED

The enthusiastic response to the call for judo aspirants has necessitated the employment of three more full time instructors in this popular sports. Sachio Matsubara, Shogo Hamano, and Tsutomu Kawano have joined the CAS staff as judo teachers. They will assist Minoru Okamoto in imparting the art of self-defense to the one hundred-odd pupils.

## GIRL SCOUT TROOP PROPOSED

Harry Osaki, scout commissioner, has requested all girls interested in scouting to register immediately at the CAS office situated in Recreation Hall thirteen. All girls between the ages of ten and eighteen are eligible.

Girls with experience in scout leadership are especially urged to respond to this sign-up.

## ART DEMONSTRATION MONDAY

Shiotaro Inaba, nationally known Japanese artist, will conduct a demonstration in water color, crayon, and oil painting Monday afternoon from two to four o'clock in the Women's Club Room, Recreation Hall twenty-four. Although scheduled as part of the women's activities, all interested are urged to attend.





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# GO-SHOGI CLUB FORMED; RECREATION HALL 26 TO BE BATTLE-GROUND FOR MAH JONG, CHECKERS AND CHESS

## GIRLS' CLUB PLANS

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At the call of the Community Activities staff, twelve representatives of the older citizens met together August 5 to decide on the formation of a club room for men. Unanimous response of the committee was to form a Go-Shogi Club, to elect Mr. Frank C. Sasaki, general chairman, Mr. Kiyoshi Tani, Go chairman, and Mr. Frank Miyamoto, Shogi chairman.

Plans were discussed for the transforming of Recreation Hall 26 into a well-equipped room, where in addition to Go and Shogi, such table games as cards, mah jong, checkers, etc. can be played. Magazines will be provided, and it will also be a center where men come, meet their friends, and relax. It will be open afternoons and evenings and will be under the general supervision of the committee under Mr. Sasaki's direction.

At the present time the club is virtually completed. Numbers of chairs, tables, screens, and shelves have been built by the men anxious to participate in the program. Well-known artists are volunteering to beautify the building; plans are under way for landscaping, and before long, the Go-Shogi Club will be one of the show places of the Project.

Due to the present temporary housing shortage, the building is at present being used for housing purposes, but in the very near future it will be available for its club use and will undoubtedly become a center for men's activities in the Project.

All men in the colony are urged to participate in the club program. There are no dues of any kind.

With Arrival Of 500 New Residents From The Last Group  
GILA'S POPULATION NOW STANDS AT 6,554

With Birth Of Baby Girl To

The Norios Yesterday

CHRISTIAN CHURCH MEET  
WELL ATTENDED

## COMMUNITY SING

Song minded residents will have an opportunity to exercise their vocal chords at Camp One's first Community Sing to be held at 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 19th at Mess Hall 13. Haru Ishimaru, former Angeleno and Y leader has been assigned by Mr. M. J. Gaba to lead the songsters. Ishimaru has lead community singing in Los Angeles and should be instrumental in making the affair a success. On the tentative programme set up by him, several soloists will give variety to the evening. If weather conditions permit, Ishimaru states that the sing will be held outside to make it Gila's first "Symphony under the Stars". Interested talent contact Ishimaru at 7-1-C.

The first Christian Church Service held Sun., August 16 in Mess #13 was well attended with 250.

Under the chairmanship of Verlin Yamamoto, the churchgoers had the pleasure of hearing Rev. Joseph Easter, a guest speaker from Coolidge, Arizona who gave an inspiring sermon under the topic head of "The Golden Trumpet".

## OUTDOOR DANCE PAVILLION

One of the plans on the C.A.S. table calls for a 100 by 110 foot outdoor dance pavillion with a modern stage at one end. Dances, talent shows, theatricals for citizens and their parents will be held at this contemplated recreation center.

Helen Inai, Vacaville Miss, who is acting head of Girls' Club work, outlined an interesting sketch of proposed feminine activities in an interview with a press representative this week. A model home to occupy one whole barrack is one of the many projects on paper at this time. Girls who will miss the well ordered routine of a private home for the duration are offered a chance to learn the working of a practical household under the plan.

The barrack will be divided into a work room, club room, kitchen and dining room. In the work room, girls 10-16 will be taught useful handicraft. In the kitchen and dining rooms which will be equipped with all household necessities, girls will be given training in the proper usage of the same, so that when they return to homes on the outside they will be fully prepared to take up where their mothers left off, according to Miss Inai.

Girl Scout and Camp Fire Girls' activities are in the recreational set-up too. Miss Inai who can be found at Rec. Activities Headquarters or at 4-2-B, will be glad to furnish further information on the Girls' Club.

## ABSENTEE VOTERS

Registered voters of all counties in California should write to their respective registrars immediately for applications for absentee ballots. The deadline date for filing applications is August 20th. Primary elections in California will be held August 31st. Absentee ballots must be marked and sent in to reach the registrar of voters within six days after the date of election. Write now.



Welcome to Gila River Relocation Center! This is your home. The kind of life you will lead will depend, in large part, on the way in which you work and play together.

The Community Activities Section is set-up to help you spend your leisure time in the best possible way. Experts in athletics, entertainment, club work, fine arts and library work are part of the C. A. S. The administration hopes you will take advantage of their services in helping you live a better life.

Lewis Korn  
Assistant Project Director

#### "ICEBREAKER" LEAGUE TO BE FORMED; MEETING SCHEDULED

An "Icebreaker" League, a league to "break the ice" will be formed in a meeting scheduled tomorrow night, 7 P.M. in Recreation Hall #13, explained Goro Maeda who is one of the many recreational leaders.

This league to get players and fans acquainted will be a softball league which will be a prelude to a organized mid-winter league. Hard ball players' league will be organized in a future date.

All interested managers or representatives are asked to bring a list of the players (limited to 16 players to a team) and the name of the team. The players must be over 17 years of age. Boys under that age will be under the able supervision of George Ichimoto.

Equipments such as bats and ball will be provided for although players can bring their own equipments, particularly gloves because they are not available yet.

#### ATTENTION! BASEBALL FANS

A warning has been issued for the enthusiastic ball fans that the diamond is not a place for them to stand or sit.

Please take heed to this warning for it is for your own protection.

#### Y. P. COUNCIL TO MEET

The Young People Christian Council will hold a meeting at Mess #5 at 8 o'clock tonight.

#### MOTHERS' CLUB FORMED; FOUR-POINT PROGRAM

Mothers whose removal to camp freed them from myriad and manual tasks were one of the first groups to organize a club for the common good. American-born and non-citizen mothers have already formulated a four-point program of club activities, pointed out by M. J. Gaba as one of the most constructive to date. Mrs. Tomo Yamamoto of 16-6-C is head of the group, as reported by Goro Yamamoto, C.A.S. worker, whose information stated that the first section of the program stressed Americanization. Other parts of the first section are the study of the English language and American culture. Three other sections come under the heads of Cultural Art or Reigi Sa-ho, Health and Social Welfare. Interesting part of the Health activities planned is a series of First Aid lectures and demonstrations to be given by members of our city's medical staff. The identification of poisonous reptiles and insects, treatment of injuries and bites, preventive measures against heat exhaustion and sunstroke are among the things to be covered. Active heads of the four point programme include Mesdames, M. Yamaguchi, K. Iwanaga, E. Ito, M. Ikeda and Miss Eleanor Doi. Yamamoto stressed the fact that citizen mothers and maidens are welcomed to all meetings. Mrs. Takemi -- 8-13-B is secretary of the club, treasurer, Miss Yamashiro 24-5-B, Interior decorator, Mrs. E. Tanabe 7-2-A.

#### FIRST GILA WEDDING

Wedding bells rang for the first time in our city when Miss Ruth Ishimine became the bride of James Hisato Ishii in a ceremony held at Recreation Hall 13 last Sunday, August 16th with Rev. Joseph Easter conducting the ceremony.

The parents are Mr. and Mrs. T. Ishimine of L. A., and Mr. and Mrs. K. Ishii of W. L. A. In the citizens' fashion, match-makers were dispensed with, the couple making their own choice. The newlyweds are now residing at "Honeymoon Cottage", 22-7-B.

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Orchestra Aspirants -  
See Frank Onishii at  
C. A. S. Office.

#### "HARD TIME" DANCE GREAT SUCCESS

Over-crowded to capacity, the "Hard Time" Dance held last Saturday, August 15 in Mess #13 ended in a great success. It was sponsored by the C. A. S., the profit going to the Recreation Fund.

Under the able meeting of Tom Ishii, a former L. A. boy, the dancers and spectators enjoyed a pleasant evening. The crowd was able to refresh with soda pop which was on sale.

The feature of the dance was an eight piece Orchestra which played four pieces for the dancers and during the intermissions. The Orchestra which will eventually be increased in members expects to play a little at every dance until they can play through the whole dance.



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#### STATEMENT BY CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER

In an interview with a press representative, Dr. Jack C. Sleath, Chief Medical Officer, stated that difficulties in obtaining necessary equipments and materials handicaps the operation of the hospital but they are being put to use as soon as they arrive. A definite shortage of nurses also contribute to this problem.

"Rivers Infirmery" as this Hospital is known has only rooms for 20 patients without being over-crowded. The main hospital being completed in the Butte Camp will be able to accommodate about 200 patients.

The visiting hours are from 2 to 4 o'clock during afternoon and 7 to 8 P.M. in the evenings. Childrens under 12 years of age are not allowed to visit.

Dr. Sleath emphasized the fact that the doctor's automobile and ambulances are over-burden with work so he would appreciate it if the people would walk to the hospital if possible.

The following are the names of the Medical Doctors who are working in the hospital at present: Dr. George R. Baba - 16-6-A; Dr. Tsutayo and Toshio Ichioka - 3-5-A; Dr. Matsukichi Kanai - 16-2-B; Dr. Takesuke Nakamura - 8-12-D; and Dr. Yoshitaka Nakano - 16-9-C.

#### STANFORD GRADUATE FIRST TO LEAVE GILA

Cornelius Chiamori, a Stanford graduate, left August 17, Monday morning to travel to and reside in Austin, Texas. He was permitted to leave under Military Pass authorizing his departure to enroll in a medical school.

Chiamori left his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. Chiamori here, 10-9-D.

#### ENGLISH AND JAPANESE CHRISTIAN SERVICES

Christian Services in the English language will be conducted in Mess Hall #13 on Sunday from 9:00 A.M. under the chairmanship of Dr. Tets Sugiyama.

Services in Japanese with Reverend G. So will be given later as to the time and place of meeting. Issoi and Kibei are particularly urged to attend the Japanese services as it will be the first to be conducted in their native tongue in this camp.

#### YOUNG PEOPLE'S CLUB ROOM NAME SELECTION CONTEST

Petite Kiyoko Hosoura, active C.A.S. worker revealed that interior improvements are going ahead on Recreation Hall #8 for the Young People's Club Room. A contest for the club room name is being sought. Names on a "Frontier Theme" are being entered at the C.A.S. office. Prize is one "unmelted" box of chocolate candy.

The club room which will be open to all young people 17 years and up will be open from 1:00 to 5:00 in the afternoons and from 7:00 to 10:00 in the evenings. Charles Yonezu is chairman of the committee who are planning the latest extension of that departments activities.

A reading room, card tables and games are included in the set-up. Furnishings will be in Monterey style, with James Ishii designing the furnitures, says Miss Hosoura. Frank Onishi who is also working on the committee, states that a request has been made for a concession where soft drinks will be sold.

Operations on this project as on all others requiring needed space may be held up until the housing situation is adjusted.

#### BUDDHIST MISSIONARY NEWS

Buddhist Reverends in this center at the present time are as follows: Rev. T. Hata from Oakland; Rev. G. Kimura from Vacaville; Rev. Tsufura of Parlier; Rev. D. Ochi, formerly of Los Angeles; and Rev. D. Suzuki from San Francisco.

Recreation Hall #4 was being used as the Buddhist Temple but it is now being used to house the people from Turlock Center. So as soon as the hall is cleared of the tenants, regular Sunday and daily services will be held. It is stated that benches, enough to seat 400 persons have already been made. At present, daily services are being held at some of the Reverends' residence.

Some of the missionary work planned are: Sunday Schools; Sermon assemblies; Y. M. W. B. A.; W. B. A. Administration; Sunday School teacher's meetings; Consolation inquiry on illness; Hymn practice; Religious meetings; etc.

Anyone desiring more information are asked to see Rev. T. Hata at 5-9-A.

#### GIRLS' SOFTBALL TO START; MEETING SLATED TONIGHT

According to Miss Helen Inai who was in charge of Girls' sports in Turlock, a meeting is slated for team managers or representatives this evening at 7 P.M. at Recreation Hall #13.

The main purpose of the meeting is to organize a league for girls over 16 years of age. For the present, there will be no limit to number of players. It was stated by Miss Inai that it would help a great deal if the team 'name' is submitted at the meeting.

If the meeting is successful and the equipments are available, the league games might start sometime next week.

ENTER CLUBROOM NAMING CONTEST - READ COLUMN 2



JUDO TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED  
URGED TO MAKE JUDO-GI

Judo was temporarily suspended due to extreme housing condition but will be resumed as soon as circumstances permit.

All interested participants are urged to make their own "Judo-Gi" immediately so that classes can be organized without delay. When Judo is continued, Recreation Hall #24 will be used, for the participants.

All "Yulanshas" are requested to contact Mr. Okamoto, 3-11-D, Mr. Nagamatsu, 27-9-D or Mr. Kariya at 10-1-D.

## FIRST STORK VISIT TO GILA

The "stork" made its first flying visit to our city during the early hours of last Monday morning.

The heavenly bundle was a baby girl which was delivered to Mr. and Mrs. Seichi Nerio, formerly of Brentwood, California.

Due to the fact that there is no scale, the weight of the new arrival cannot be revealed. Both mother and child are reported doing fine.

"CANAL" CAMP POPULATION  
BOOSTED BY NEW ARRIVALS

With the arrival of twelve persons from the Santa Anita Assembly Center and two former residents from Fresno County (Mr. Misaki and Mr. Matsuura who were reunited with their families), the "Canal" Camp's population now totals 6,568, according to Miss Doris Mayeda, Housing Department Manager.

FIRST COMMUNITY SING  
HELD OUTDOOR NEAR DYKE

Originally scheduled to be held in Moss #13, the first "community Sing" was held out in the open instead, under the "mccoring" of Haruo Ishimaru and with the assistance of Harry Osaki.

Misses Sakayo Ogawa and Betty Hirano sang some vocal numbers for the unexpectedly big crowd.

"PEANUT" LEAGUER SIGN-UP  
RALLY TO BE HELD OUTDOOR

Not to get too far behind their big brothers who have formed an "Ice-breaker" League, the "bo-chans" will organize a "Peanut" League under the direction of George Ichimoto.

This Thursday, August 25 at 8 P.M., an outdoor sign-up rally will be held for the "peanuts" under 17 years. The Rally will feature skits, pop songs, and gymnastic and boxing exhibitions, stated Ichimoto.

These boys will be grouped into sub-division of 10 to 13 years old and 14 to 16 years of age. They will take part in many recreational activities such as softball, basketball, track, football and other organized sports. A workshop is being planned in which handicraft and other shop work will be taught.

FIRST GILA DEATH REPORTED;  
MR.T. Yoshida of Kingsburg

The untimely death of Mr. T. Yoshida, former Valley man, was reported at 10:07 last night.

Mr. Yoshida who was stricken during the early hours of the 17th, succumbed without regaining conscious.

A long time resident of the United States and a native of Kumamoto, he is survived by his Widow, two sons, Kazuto and Nobuto; and a daughter, Kinko.

Otsuya - 8 P.M. to-night and funeral tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock. Both in Rec. Hall #26.

MEETING OF SOFTBALL  
TEAMS SCHEDULED

Due to the departure of a number of softball aspirants to Butte Camp, another meeting of the "Ice breaker" League has been called for tomorrow night at Recreation Hall #13 starting at 7 P.M.

BIRTH of a baby boy, 7 3/8 pounds, at 7:45 P.M. last night to Mr. and Mrs. Sugita was reported.

TADA APPOINTED ASS'T  
C. A. S. SUPERVISOR

At the first C.A.S. Staff meeting last Monday, Mr. M. J. Gaba, C.A.S. Supervisor, announced the appointment of Mr. T. Tada, former executive secretary of the L. A. Japanese Chamber of Commerce as his Assistant.

## IMPORTANT

Due to the shortage of softball playing fields, Ken Yorioka who can be found at the C.A.S. office, has requested that the responsible member of each team make a reservation for the field.

## A LETTER TO THE SCOUTS

Fellow Scouts:

All who were formerly connected with the Scout movement are asked to contact me at the C.A.S. office. Scouters, Girl Scouts and Cubs are also to see me.

The Regional and the Phoenix Area Boy Scout council will give you an excellent opportunity to follow them along the trail of news and doings in Scouting. You will be surprised to find how high the news interest is among your fellow Scouts here.

We are counting on you all to help us make Scouting bigger and better.

Cordially yours,

Harry Osaki  
Scout Executive

## PHONOGRAPH RECORDS WANTED

Classical and semi-classic records are wanted for "Music Hours" which will be held in the near future.

Persons with these records who are willing to loan them for the Music Hours are asked to give a list of the records, their own name and address to Miss Kiyoko Hosoura or Miss Toshiko Imala, secretary at C.A.S. Office at Recreation Hall #13.



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## WELCOME TULAREANS!

TO YOUR NEW HOME,  
WHERE WE SINCERELY WISH  
YOU WILL LEAD A HAPPIER  
CONTENTED LIFE.

LEADERS PLAN BUSSEI CLUB

Forty sectional leaders gathered in Recreation Hall twenty-six last Sunday to formulate plans for the establishment of a Young Buddhist Association. The two hour conference, led by Chairman George Okazaki, former Central California leader, included Religious Advisor Goro Yamamoto, and Reverends Hata, Tsufura, and Kimura.

The body decided as its initial task to complete a camp survey to determine the approximate number of prospects.

Goro Yamamoto pledged the support of the religious department of the C.A.S. in the establishment of the organization.

An executive committee meeting has been scheduled for tomorrow night to form basic plans for organizing the club.

### BLOCK THREE TALENT PARADE

Three hundred and fifty appreciative spectators jammed the Block Three talent parade last Sunday night to witness the initial amateur entertainment of the Camp.

Block Manager, Eddie Kasugai acted as master-of ceremonies of the program, which included songs, skits, and instrumental solos.

Among the outstanding talent revues were Takeo Matsumoto, mandolin; Shizuo Okamoto, harmonica; Masayo Yasui, singer; and Shozaburo Otani, flute.

C COMMUNITY SING and Talent Show scheduled for every Wednesday evening will not be held tomorrow.

### OBSEQUIES HELD FOR YOSHIDA

Funeral services for Toshiyuki Yoshida, formerly of Kingsburg, 27-3-B, who passed away August 17 in the Rivers Infirmary, were held last Thursday morning with Reverends Hata, Kimura, and Tsufura officiating in Recreation Hall #26.

Under the chairmanship of F. T. Furuhashi, addresses were given by F. T. Muruyama representing family members and Tsuneyoshi Fuginoto, who represented the Community. Incense-burning was done by Shotaro Hamada for the Community.

The Fisher's Memorial Home of Casa Grande was in charge of arrangements and the cremation which took place in Phoenix.

### EQUIPMENT OF REC. HALLS

The Community Activities Section is busily engaged in mapping out plans for the equipping of the various recreation halls with diversified projects. A library, a chess club, and a women's club house are a few of the many activities which the C.A.S. plan to house in the halls.

Pointing out the impossibility of equipping each recreation building with the diversified activities in which the members of the block may be interested, the C.A.S. plan is to equip each activities building with a different project. Individuals can then commute to whichever activity they are most interested.

SUPPORT YOUR TEAM!

### REVEREND STEWART ADDRESSES SUNDAY SERVICE

Reverend S. A. Stewart of Mesa, Arizona, addressed 250 worshippers on the topic, "Faith and Courage," last Sunday at the second gathering of the Christian Church held in Mess Five. Having been a missionary in Japan for thirty years, Reverend Stewart impressed the congregation with his thorough knowledge of the faith and principles of the Japanese race.

At the conclusion of the Young People's service, Reverend So led the Japanese worship.

### CHRISTIAN COUNCIL MEETING

The Young People's Christian council meet tonight in Recreation Hall thirteen starting from eight o'clock.

### CHURCH CHOIR IS PROPOSED

Miss Kiyoko Hosoura, Young People's choir leader, has issued an urgent call for the formation of a Christian church choir. All interested parties are asked to contact her in Recreation Hall thirteen.

Miss Hosoura states that the proposed mixed choir will have no age limit.

### NOTICE! SCOUT MEETING

Through the courtesy of the Buddhist Church, Recreation Hall Four has been borrowed for the Scout meeting to be held this Friday evening at eight o'clock. All Scout leaders are urged to attend.

### TONIGHT

Gila Cyclones vs. Block 7  
Saltpeters vs. Gila 9's



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ICE-BREAKER LEAGUE  
TWENTY-FOUR TEAM ENTERED

In response to a call for teams to form a Softball Ice-Breaker League, twenty-four managers checked in their teams at the second League meeting held last Thursday evening. The movement of part of the residents to the Butte Camp made it necessary to call the second meeting.

Under the energetic chairmanship of Goro Maeda, C.A.S. Recreational worker, some of the main rules drawn up were as follows: All games to start at 7 P.M.; six innings to constitute a game; umpires' decisions to stand in all matters pertaining to game; and one week in which to change players.

Other information concerning illegal pitching, substitution, stolen bases, passed ball, and forfeiture of game, was explained by Maeda.

The League was divided into the American and National Leagues, with the winner of each to receive prizes for every player and play for the championship of the Canal Colony. There also will be an Inter-Camp play-off.

## VOLUNTEER UMPIRES

A call for volunteer umpires, to referee both boys and girls' softball games, was issued by the C.A.S. Office. The umpires will have full authority in making any decisions pertaining to the game.

Interested prospects are requested to see Goro Maeda at the C.A.S. Office.

## IMPORTANT-HOME TEAM MGRS.

Home team (Explained in Schedule) managers or players are responsible to get equipment for the games through Ken Yorioka at the C.A.S. Office, after 6:30 P.M. They must be returned the next morning.

DANCE BAND  
INCREASED TO TEN PLAYERS

The Band, that played for dance lovers at the last hop, was increased from eight to ten musicians. The newcomers are Chie Yamaguchi, sax player from Kingsburg and Art Sasahara, violin player of W.L.A., who incidentally is the youngest member of the Band.

The other members were formerly of a band in Turlock, organized and led by Roy Toranishi, former Stocktonian, who plays the violin. Frank Onishi, former Ellay boy, is the one that plays the saxophone. Active worker and skin beater is Tom Ishii, former West Angeleno. The guitar artist is Ted Isori, who hailed from the Bay City. George Hara from Concord, plays the trombone while Jack Kusaba, also from there is the first trumpet player. Second and third trumpet players are the Horiguchi brothers, known as Tom and Jack respectively. Their home town being Alamo in northern Cal. Sak Yamashita from Alameda is assisting the Band with his wide knowledge of dance bands and dancing.

The bandsmen are practicing at every opportunity they have because they will be playing through a whole dance in the near future.

## DEATH STRIKES OKAMURA

Kunasaburo Okamura, 71, a former Fowler resident, passed away at 12:52 yesterday morning in the Rivers Infirmary. Surviving him are his widow, Futayo; a son, Kenzo; daughter-in-law, Ayako; and three grandchildren, Raymond, Thomas, and Joyce.

## STORK KEPT BUSY

Another delivery of a baby girl weighing five and one-half pounds was made to Mr. and Mrs. Miyose, former residents of Turlock. Both doing fine.

## GIRL BASEBALLERS NEEDED

Holon Inai, Girl's Athletic Director, urged the formation of more teams to sign up for the Girls' Softball League. Thus far the only response has come from Kingsburg, Selma, and Parlier.

All interested girls' clubs are asked to contact Miss Inai immediately.

## CHILDREN ARE INNOCENT

Center life seems to agree with the tots. They act as though they are living a camping life. Every once in a while a young fellow will demand his parents that he wants to go home and play with Johnny, the Mexican boy he left behind in his old home town. In another Center a boy told his mother, he is tired of living in Japan, so he wants to go back to America. The parents on the other hand are pretty worried about them because their children miss the normal home life.

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## CANAL'S SECOND BIRTH

Canal Camp's second birth was reported last Wednesday, 7:45 p.m. at the Rivers Infirmary.

A baby boy weighing seven and one-eighth pounds was born to Mr. and Mrs. Yutaka Sugita, former residents of Sanger.

The newcomer also has the distinction as the first baby boy born, the other being a girl.

## LAST MINUTE NEWS\*-----

Another softball team for the National League is being sought, due to the fact that the French Camp Cubs have withdrawn.

## SERVICES FOR DECEASED

Funeral services were conducted last Saturday for Mrs. Tora Yoshida who passed away after a long illness at Turlock. Officiating at the ceremony was Reverend Kimura.





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**BUDDHIST MEETING  
SCHEDULED SUNDAY**

Concrete preparations for the organization of a Gila Young Buddhist Association will take place Sunday morning at nine o'clock in the Buddhist Church. A general mass meeting of all interested Busseis is scheduled at that time.

Co-chairman of the estimated five hundred delegation parley will be John Fujike, former Northern California YBA leader, and Mike Iwatsubo of Central California. Representative speakers, yet to be announced, will take part in the proposed program.

A house-to-house survey to determine the number of prospective Busseis last Wednesday netted a total of 465 members. This group will form the basic body for the initial meeting.

The general preparatory committee, composed of delegates from Northern California, Bay District, Central and Southern California, is meeting tonight in Mess Hall No. Thirteen to arrange the details of the mass meeting.

**REPRESENTATIVE  
ELECTED FOR COUNCIL  
C**

Canal Camp's initial community council representative election took place last Monday in block nine, Charles Yonezu, manager, reported. Takeo Tada, assistant C.A.S. director, polled the majority vote to win over his opponent, Ben Fukuzawa.

By virtue of this election, Tada will represent his block in all council meetings of the camp.

Block nine residents from sixteen years of age and above comprised the election body of over 80% eligible voters. Prior to

**PEANUT SOFTBALL RALLY  
PLANNED FOR SUNDAY NIGHT**

Five thousand settlers are expected to witness the grand revue of George Ichimoto's "Peanut Softball League" sign-up rally Sunday night. The program will take place under a canopy of stars in front of the firehouse.

Skits, gymnastics, wrestling matches, and pop songs are some of the contemplated program to take place.

Ichimoto, "Peanut League" director, and his staff of assistants have erected a ring and a bar at the rally area. Exhibitionists in this manly art will be Jim and Hank Ishii, and Mushy Tokunaga.

Former Ellay Y leader, Haruo Ishimaru, will have the double responsibility of directing the skits and of coaxing sweet music from the heat-parched vocal cords of the audience. Co-worker with Ishimaru will be George Yamamoto.

Ben Obata, Vacaville strong man, will tangle with the erstwhile Arizona Wildcat, otherwise known as the Gila Monster, in exhibiting the finer points of the "grunt and groan" profession.

**NOTICE**

Harry J. Inouye, sewing machine agent, will be available to all persons who may need his service free of charge. Interested persons contact the recreation building in Block nine.

**NOTICE \* SCOUTS**

Meeting tonight at eight o'clock in Recreation Hall four. Interested persons please attend.

the election the two nominees were chosen by popular vote by the block council.

**CHRISTIAN SERVICE  
SUNDAY MORNING**

Sunday Christian service in both English and Japanese will be conducted in Mess Hall five starting from 9:00 a.m., Religious Adviser Goro Yamamoto reported. May Shirakawa, active Young People's leader will act as chairman of the English congregation. A minister from the neighboring town of Casa Grande is being sought as speaker.

At the termination of the English service, Reverend So will officiate in Japanese.

**JUDO YUDANSHAS  
MEETING TONIGHT**

Minoru Okamoto, judo instructor, has requested all yudanshas to meet in Recreation Hall Twenty-five tonight at 7:30, to form plans for the organization of a judo club.

Okamoto, who holds the third rank in this popular sport, is a Meiji University graduate. For the past seven years he has been the ranking judo instructor in Northern California.

Recreation Hall Twenty-five, set aside exclusively for judo purposes, is rapidly nearing completion as a dojo. It is estimated that the hall will be ready for use next week.

**RITUAL HELD  
FOR DECEASED**

Funeral service was conducted last Tuesday morning for Kamesaburo Okamura, 71, who passed away in the Rivers Infirmary the previous day. Officiating at the Buddhist service were Reverends Hata, Tsufura, and Kimura.

**SOFTBALL GAMES TONIGHT  
Rowdies vs. Aggies  
Cactus 9's vs. Spitfires  
SUPPORT YOUR TEAM**



AMERICAN AND NATIONAL  
LEAGUES GETS UNDER WAY

The American League got off to a flying start with the L. A. BULLDOGS taking advantage of errors made by the KINGSBURG VIKINGS and to win the opener with a 3 to 0 count.

The opening game of the National League between the SANGER APACHES and the ARIZONA WILDCATS ended in an 1 to 1 deadlock. The tie will be thrashed out this Sunday.

GILA CYCLONES won a fast six inning contest from the boys from BLOCK SEVEN in the second American League game. The encounter ended in a 3-1 decision.

The second National League game ended in a lopsided victory for the BLOCK 6 SALT PETERS over the GILA NINES. The score being 16 to 4.

The FIREMEN really took the sting out of the BLOCK 10 BEES, last Wednesday in the American League contest when they piled up 30 points to the opponents' 3.

Attracting quite a crowd and playing till dark, the SOLONS took the GOLDEN GOPHERS to a 6 to 3 count.

Last evening, the SAN JOSE SCRUBS trounced the BLISTER BUGS, 9 to 5 in the American League game.

The ARIZONA GIANTS couldn't crush the OCHI BROS. in the National League game. The six inning tussle ended 5 to 3 in favor of the latter team.

MODEL AIRPLANE  
CLUB PROPOSED

George Ichimoto, active C.A.S. worker, is busily engaged in mapping out plans for a model airplane club. Under his supervision, twenty-five model plane aspirants are attempting to organize a club. Present plans call for two separate units, an advance group and a beginner's class.

Recreation Hall twenty-seven will be the proposed work-shop of the "Wright" minded youths.

ICE-BREAKER LEAGUE  
MEETING SLATED SUNDAY

Goro Maeda, C.A.S. sports leader, has asked all team managers to meet in Recreation Hall thirteenth Sunday night at 6:30. Rules and regulations concerning softball games will be announced.

All managers are urged to be present.

STORK MAKES  
MORE DELIVERIES

Busy Mr. Stork made two more deliveries of baby girls this week at the Infirmary.

The first being made to Mr. and Mrs. Hideo Hoto, formerly of Sanger, Tuesday morning at 4:05 a.m. The little bundle weighed five and one-half pounds.

Wednesday evening at 5:42 p.m., the stork left a baby girl weighing eleven and one-half pounds for Mr. and Mrs. Masao Kawauchi, former Turlock residents.

All are reported doing fine.

HUBBY LIKES MARRIED LIFE

James Ishii, the camp's initial male animal to tread the sacred path of marriage, in an interview with a press correspondent stated that the joys of matrimony far exceeded anything he had contemplated.

"I recommend marriages, especially camp marriages," Ishii said, "because here we can arrange the affair so simply and quickly."

Asked whether the negative procedure are as simple, he stated, "Oh, I haven't got around to that thinking-point yet."

RESPONSE NEEDED IN CONTEST

Kiyoko Hosoura, C.A.S. worker, has again issued an urgent call for response to the young people's club room name selection contest. As previously announced, names on a "Frontier Theme" are being sought.

DYKE BREAKS  
AT SWIMMING POOL

"Ye Olde Swimming Hole" had its share of hard luck last Wednesday morning when excessive waste water caused an over flow of the dyke. As a result the levee, built after five days of sweat and toil, completely washed away.

An urgent call for volunteer workers is being issued to remedy the situation.

Co-lifeguards Johnnie Otomo and Mas Kurata are leading the contemplated reconstruction work, which is under the supervision of the Community Activities Section.

RECORDS NEEDED  
FOR MUSIC HOUR

The contemplated "music hour" is being indefinitely held up due to the lack of response from owners of classical and semi-classical records. Those who possess such records and are willing to lend them out are asked to submit their list to either Kiyoko Hosoura or Toshiko Imada, C.A.S. secretary.

Miss Hosoura, in charge of the affair, can then arrange a program in accordance with the type of available records.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to all who so kindly assisted and for the sympathy and kindness extended to us during our recent bereavement. Also our deepest thanks for the attendance of the Wake and Funeral services.

Yoshida Family

We wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to our many friends for the kindness and sympathy extended us at the death of our beloved husband and father, also for the attendance of the Otsu-ya and Funeral rite.

Okamura Family





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### BUSSEI CLUB UNDER WAY

Official preparations for the organization of a Young Buddhist Association got under way last Sunday morning when one hundred and fifty Busseis met to lay the groundworks for the club. The meeting took place in the Buddhist Church.

Prior to the business discussion, John Fujiki, Northern California leader, conducted a religious service. Speakers included Reverend Hata and Reverend Kimura. Chairman of the business section of the meeting was Shig Horiguchi. Principal discussion speaker, Mike Iwatsubo, outlined the purpose of the proposed organization, and the accomplished work to date.

A joint constitutional and nomination committee of fifteen members were chosen from the group to act as the principal body in building the framework of the club.

### BLOCK TWENTY-THREE CONDUCTS TALENT REVUE

Manager Toshi Taketa's Block twenty-three talent revue catered to a crowd of three hundred last night. Emceeding the record-breaking audience was Kinsaburo Ono, active talent participant.

Vocal selections by Helen Sera, a mandolin performance by Yasuo Koyonagi, and the harmonica playing of Minoru Okamoto especially won the plaudits of the spectators.

Taketa, representing the audience, expressed gratification of the revue and the hopes for an encore performance in the near future.

### GAMES TONIGHT

Block 7 vs. Firemen  
Salt Peter vs. Apaches  
Scorpions vs. Wildcats

### CHURCH GOERS HEAR REVEREND VANDERHOOF

Reverend V. A. Vanderhoof of Casa Grande conducted the Christian service before a congregation of two hundred last Sunday morning in Recreation Hall seven.

Reverend Vanderhoof based his address on chapter five of John, verses 1-9.

May Shirakawa, active young people's leader acted as chairman of the gathering. The scripture was read by Miss Marjorie Sanada.

At the termination of the young people's gathering, Reverend So conducted the Japanese service.

### PEANUT RALLY ATTRACTS RECORD CROWD

Fifteen hundred Canal Campers, young and old, stamped the mark of approval to George Ichimoto's "Peanut League" softball sign-up rally last Sunday night.

Haruo Ishimaru, "warbler of the west", emceed the star-studded two hour program, and conducted the community sing.

Morton Gaba, CAS director, outlined to the throng the purpose and the accomplished work of the Community Activities Section to date.

Highlight of the program was the appearance of Sazah and her maharajah, better known as George Ichimoto and Tom Ishii, in demonstration of the finesse of acrobatic accomplishments. Gymnastic performers Jim Ishii and Mushy Tokunaga thrilled the capacity crowd with their ring and bar demonstrations.

### TOMORROW NIGHT

Blisterbugs vs. Cards  
S. J. Scrubs vs. Rowdies  
Golden Gophers vs. Ochi B.

### DANCE



### DANCE HELD SATURDAY

Dance lovers filled Recreation Halls twenty-one and twenty-seven to capacity last Saturday at the weekly CAS sponsored community dance. An estimated crowd of five hundred, equally divided between the two halls, participated in the swing session.

The Desert Serenade Orchestra kept company with dance hall twenty-one while transcribed jive masters provided the music for Recreation Hall twenty-seven.

### KATAYAMA ELECTED MODEL PLANE CLUB LEADER

Jimmy Katayama, active model plane builder, was elected to the office of flight commander of the airplane club last Saturday at a meeting held in Recreation Hall twenty-seven. His staff of assistants include the following: Assistant flight commander, Hiro Fujimoto; secretary, Warren Uchimoto; treasurer, Todd Sakohira; and field director, Bob Ikela.

The above named will form the active council of the organization with definite responsibilities.

A general program which includes financial setup, advancement, and leadership training is being studied.



# SPORTS

**DEBUT** - Twenty-four Ice-Breaker League softball teams made their initial debut during the past week with twelve teams emerging as victor and the same number going down to defeat. The first appearances revealed many outstanding teams and individual players that it would be a task in making a selection for an All Star team.

**AMERICAN LEAGUE** - The ROWDIES - AGGIES for a y played last Friday ended in a 21-6 defeat for the Ag boys. Feature of the near riot game was a scoring spree with two homers in the fourth frame by the winners.

Last Saturday evening the ROUGH RIDERS won an effortless victory when the MEDICOS of BLOCK 16 didn't show up.

**NATIONAL LEAGUE** - A 12-8 win was registered Friday for the SPITFIRES over the CACTUS NINES. A seven run splurge in the 3rd inning accounted for the win.

A close and dramatic triumph was earned by the young SCORPIONS when they upsetted a well-balanced nine known as the 23RD BLOCK HEADS. The Scorpions were able to squeeze out a 7-8 decision.

Ending in a 1-1 tie in their first encounter, the SANGER APACHES and the ARIZONA WILDCATS broke it in a five frame contest which was played Sunday. The Apaches easily downed their oppositions to a score of 7-12.



## JUDO CLASSES STARTS TODAY

Registration of all judo aspirants commenced this morning in Recreation Hall twenty-five, Minoru Okamoto, instructor, stated.

All necessary preparations have been completed and classes are scheduled to commence immediately. For the present, classes will be held three times daily, Monday through Saturday. The hours are 8:30 - 9:30 in the morning, 2:00-3:00 in the afternoon, and 7:30-9:30 in the evening.

The CAS office announced that there will be no fees, and all interested persons are urged to attend the classes.

## THANKS

In behalf of the "Peanut Leaguers" I wish to thank Mr. M. J. Terry and Mr. H. L. Hilyard of the Fire Department and his staff for the cooperation extended in watering the field for us at the out-door rally held last Sunday night. We feel that without your aid, the rally night have been merely "another performance" and not a success.

Signed

George Ichimoto  
Peanut League Director

## LIBRARY OPEN TO RESIDENTS

Shizu Abe, Canal Camp head librarian, announced a temporary opening of the community library situated in Recreation Hall six. The hours are from 8:30 to 11:30 in the morning and from 1:30 to 4:30 in the afternoon.

Miss Abe stated that one thousand books from a Phoenix library will arrive shortly. The local library already has in possession 675 books which were contributed from various individuals and agencies at Turlock.

A formal opening of this activities' project will take place when all preparations are complete.

## WOMEN'S ACTIVITIES ATTRACT HUGE CROWD

More than two hundred and fifty members of the fairer sex registered yesterday in the women's activity room, Recreation Hall twenty-four, for classes in needlecraft, crocheting, and rugmaking.

Mrs. T. Yamamoto, women's activity worker, reported that of this number, the majority were misses.

The daily schedule of the women's activities are as follows: Monday, knitting; Tuesday, crocheting; Wednesday, sewing, embroidery, patch-work, and rag rug; Thursday, knitting; Friday, crocheting; Saturday, sewing, embroidery, patch-work, and rag-rug.

## NOTICE

There will be a scout meeting Friday night in Recreation Hall twenty-seven at eight o'clock.

All scouts, scouters, and interested persons are urged to attend.

## FIRE DANGER CITED BY TERRY

Fire chief Milton J. Terry who was formerly a battalion chief in the Oakland Fire Department has started a fire prevention bureau in Camp One and has appointed Ritsuo Yamada chief in charge.

Chief Terry warns of the danger of piling rubbish against the buildings and calls attention to the fact that the fire equipment is not yet complete and any fires starting at this time might get beyond control.

He requests that all must cooperate with the fire department and the inspectors so that the fire hazard can be kept at this time when the fire department is handicapped by lack of equipment.

**CHALLENGE** - The Wardens' softball team will challenge any team in a practice game. Interested nines please notify the Warden's Office.