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NORTHERN CALIFORNIA
NEWS LETTER NO. I

WHAT'S GOING ON?

Neighborhood news of folks you may know.

Colorful open house festivities - featuring an impressive candlelight service bringing together people of various races and creeds - recently inaugurated the conversion of the Japanese Methodist Church, 10th and West Streets, Oakland, into a comfortable hostel for returnees in the East Bay district.

Young people from a dozen of the local churches joined with Dr. Aurelia H. Reinhardt, President Emeritus of Mills College, Reverend Frank Morey Toothaker, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Oakland, Reverend John Yamashita, minister of the Japanese Methodist Church, Mary Fong, John Chew and numerous others in a gathering reflecting good fellowship and a real desire to be of service to the community. Tea was served. Several of the guests expressed the hope that similar affairs will be held frequently.

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What are the actual feelings of returning citizens? What are their thoughts, traveling the road back, back to their former homes, places of business, old neighbors, associations that may stem from their childhood days?Well, Masago Shibuya, holder of a Master's degree from Stanford University, recently accompanied her father, from the Heart Mountain Center, relocating on his nursery near Mountain View. Here are a few highlights from a letter received from Miss Shibuya a few days ago: "There naturally was a feeling within us of wonder and curiosity as to what actually was to come.... We found that in most cases the way had been paved for us not only by those American Japanese who had returned to California before us, but also by other interested groups.....Naturally, there were a few antagonistic faces and unfriendly remarks....but they are heavily outweighed by those who receive us generously and cordially.....The reception has been that of an individual citizen, rather than to a representative of a racial group.....One opportunity: to come back and start life all over again: just for the privilege of being HOME again! It is up to us to prove that we deserve and fulfill the high recommendations that have been given us. We must not fail them for their faith in us!"

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Sam Uchyama is a sharecropper on 40 acres of fine vegetable land near Mountain View, California. Sam brought his family back recently from Poston,

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doffed his business suit and donned overalls and heavy brogans, tuned up a tractor, and is really contributing something tangible to the immediate relief of the present and critical food shortage. While Sam is a vegetable farmer, he also does rather well as a writer of crisp editorials. How's this one, as a thumbnail of attitude and action which may provide material for a leaf in the books of many who are considering returning to their former homes? "Even if we don't get rich, at least we'll get the children out in the open, away from camp life, and back under normal conditions....And that is our plain, patriotic duty, today, as I see it."

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A Master's degree, a cook stove and a nursery! Buemon Kitazawa, recently returned to San Jose from the Manzanar Center, throws a few highlights on living conditions when he and his family arrived: "We found our home ready for occupancy, with the exception of a cook stove. That was soon delivered and set up. This example of friendship is only one of many.....Our only son received his Master's degree from Syracuse University, and is now employed as a chemist in Syracuse: proving again that the United States is indeed the land of opportunity.....Our plans are to reestablish our nursery as quickly as possible, and again take our place in the church and other society of San Jose."

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Busuke Saito, recently returned from Granada to 705 E. Street, Fresno, California, says he'd like to re-open his fish market, formerly known as the West Side Fish Market. He has three sons in the Army.

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Eight American born Japanese were in a congregation of one hundred persons gathered at the Church of the Brethren on a recent Sunday, at Live Oak, California. The occasion was an inter-racial fellowship service. After the service all joined in a noon-day meal in the social room adjoining.

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Fresno women are cheering a new beauty shop opened there recently by Lilly Ishii, 911 F. Street. Lilly returned to Fresno from the Gila River Relocation Center recently. Her "new" shop is really a re-opened one. She says she's busy, that more patrons are coming daily. As a matter of fact, she's "just too busy to talk!" and - that's busy, for any woman, isn't it?

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Aiko Kuroki, American citizen born in Idaho, 21 years of age, and blind, recently returned from the Granada Center, has been successfully relocated in comfortable quarters in Oakland, California, through the good offices of the WRA, the California School for the Blind, and the Alameda County Welfare Association. Aiko plans to resume telephone solicitation work, a vocation to which she is well adapted, through a pleasing voice and "phone personality."

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The other Sunday night Shinzo Shiraki, his daughter Ruth, and Jane Shiraki whose husband, Kiyonobu Shiraki, is now in the U. S. Army in France, attended the services at the Hillside Presbyterian Church where the picture "Challenge to Democracy" was being shown. Mr. Shiraki and his family have recently relocated to 1932-81st Street, Oakland from the Central Utah Relocation Center.

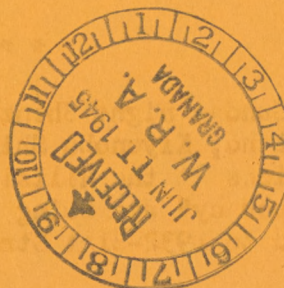
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Hisajiro Honda has recently returned to his nursery at 1771 Eastshore Blvd., El Cerrito, California from the Central Utah Relocation Center. We noticed the other day that he had rehabilitated two of his greenhouses and has them planted with carnations. Mrs. Honda and their daughter, Sue, are also back helping to get the business going.

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We were talking to Mr. Yoshimi Shibata who is managing the Mt. Eden Nursery. Mr. Shibata returned to Mt. Eden from the Tule Lake Center about ten weeks ago. He tells us that they now have working for them nine Caucasians and an equal number of evacuees. Everything is working very smoothly. The following are the names of the Japanese Americans employed at this nursery: Ken Takahashi (Topaz), Seijii Sato (Heart Mountain), Mikio Yamamoto (Heart Mountain), Tokuya Yasuoka (Gila River), Yoshio Matsura (Granada), George Ohara (Granada), Kanzo Kodai (Granada), Naoichi Kodama and his son, Joe (Minidoka).



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SAN FRANCISCO.--The Northern California Area office received three welcome visitors Saturday, June 9. Technical Sergeants, JOHN YOSHINAGA, GIECHIRO SHIRAKI and JOHN S. OCHI, of the United States Army, all members of a combat unit, visited San Francisco briefly. Sergeant Yoshinaga hails from Los Angeles where he attended Los Angeles City College. Some of his family are in the Rohwer Center, Arkansas, and a sister lives in New York City, Mrs. EI SUSUKI, 545 111th Street, Manhattan.

Sergeants Shiraki and Ochi are from Honolulu. The latter was with the Home Insurance Company in Hawaii before he joined the Army. The former was engaged in Naval construction work.

The boys are enthusiastic over their Army service and send hearty greetings to their friends in the Centers.

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FRESNO.--Dr. GEORGE SUDA, formerly from Gila River, has opened an office at 945 E Street, Fresno, California. Dr. Suda says that he has a large clientele and that appointments have to be made a couple of months in advance. His clientele is composed largely of Caucasians.

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WATSONVILLE.--The balance of the MITOSHI HIRAHARA family have returned to their ranch near here from the Rohwer Center. Those returning recently include the mother, Mrs. TEYO HIRAHARA and ten children ranging in age from two to eighteen years. Mr. Hirahara and son FUMIO returned in March.

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FRESNO.--ROBERT YABUNO, Optometrist, at 619 E Street, Fresno, California, former resident of Gila River, reports that his office is progressing well and that he welcomes new patrons.

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SANTA ROSA.--HIROO SUMIGAWA, Route 4, Box 113, Petaluma, returned to the Granada Center to bring the UYEDA family back to California.

Driving a Chrysler car, Mr. Sumigawa brought KISAICHI, SHIZAYO, NAZUKO UYEDA and BABY CHRIS to Petaluma safely. No trouble was experienced. The Uyedas live on Star Route, Box 76, Petaluma. They have twelve acres, raising

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chickens and are getting their place ready. They report they have been well treated with lots of work to do and are very busy. Mr. Sumigawa is working for a Caucasian.

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SAN JOSE.--Dr. GEORGE KAWAMURA, formerly of Poston Center, is relocated in his former home at San Jose. Dr. Kawamura has arranged for office and living quarters and will return to his practice here as soon as he can be spared from the Center. "There are still 4,500 people in Poston depending on me. I'm anxious to go back into private practice and get off the government payroll at \$19.00 per month. But my first duty is to the people in camp."

A three and a half year old daughter, BERNICE, is enthusiastic over leaving the Center.

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SANTA ROSA.--The TAK KOGA family arrived in Petaluma recently from the Granada Center. They traveled in an Oldsmobile sedan, while H. KAWAHARA, with his wife and two children, followed in a Chevrolet. They stopped over night in auto camps and cooked their own meals en route. All report happiness over being home and all are well.

Inquiries from friends at Granada concerning Petaluma community or business situation, will be gladly handled by Tak Koga, Petaluma, California. Prior to evacuation and moving to Petaluma, Tak Koga farmed at Los Animos.

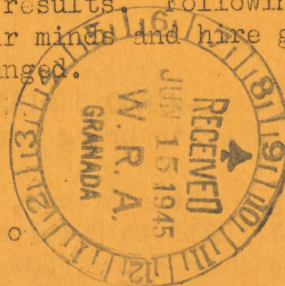
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SAN JOSE.--SHIGERU IMURA, recently relocated from the Gila River Center, has completed the planting of two acres of strawberries on the farm of Julian Piazza near Gilroy. The Imura family is now settled in the new housing unit built for them on the ranch. All the members of the family, except TED who is farming in Nevada, helped to plant the strawberries. HARRY, 18, is awaiting his induction call. NANCY and MAY are about to accept employment as domestics in San Jose to assist the family income until the production of the first berries.

"It seems like a dream to be back on the land again in California. One of those dreams that has a happy ending," concluded Mr. Imura.

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SAN JOSE.--At an annual meeting of the Mens Club of the Congregational Church, San Jose, held on the Lester Ranch on June 2, the film, "A Challenge to Democracy" was shown, with excellent results. Following the meeting, two farmers announced they would change their minds and hire good Japanese workers as soon as housing could be arranged.



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SANTA ROSA.--JAMES MIYANO, sister LILLY and MRS. MIYANO were observed busily feeding their chickens and gathering large white eggs on their place in the Petaluma area, during a recent visit of WRA officers.

The father, ISHITARO, had been to Dr. James Gold, dentist, Petaluma and had been treated well. James Miyano suggests that his friends in Granada should return as soon as possible before the season gets too late for planting.

All of the members of the family stated that they are well and happy and getting along all right.

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FRESNO.--The International Institute held its first social gathering of Japanese Americans and Caucasians Saturday evening in Institute Hall on "F" and California Streets, in the interest of good-will and good neighbor policy.

The principal speaker was Dr. George Rundquist who gave the folks a hearty welcome.

Among those present was TOM OKAWARA, former prominent Fresno attorney who plans to open his office as soon as possible. After community singing and the playing of games, refreshments were served.

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SANTA ROSA.--DOROTHY NAKAMURA and family, JANE, STANLEY, PHILIP and JOHN, arrived home in Petaluma June 2 and are very happy. FRANK KAWAOKA and SAM NISSON, Petaluma, drove to the Oakland pier to meet the Nakamuras.

While their home was being made ready for them, RISUKE KAWAOKA had the Nakamura family as their house guests. The Kawaoka sons reported everything going well.

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SAN JOSE.--KATSUZO UCHIYAMA and his brother ISAMU SAM, recently relocated here from Poston, find it easier to get vegetable seeds to come out of the ground in California than to get many of their Poston friends to come out of camp and relocate in Santa Clara County! The Uchiyama brothers are seeding sixty acres of

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vegetable land in Mountain View. Their present major problem has to do with getting enough competent Japanese vegetable growers to do the planting.

"We have found conditions much better than we had dared hope for", said Katsuzo today. "We had no difficulty borrowing money from banks for operational costs, and all government agencies, from O.P.A. down through W.R.A. have been most helpful and courteous. Things are looking fine at the ranch, but we would have been up against it had it not been that a lot of our Japanese Issei and Nisei neighbors came over and gave us a hand in planting. The W.R.A. has even gone so far as to provide us with an outlet for our produce."

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WATSONVILLE.--Louis Martin, head of the Fish Cannery Workers Union at Monterey, states that close to 500 persons of Japanese ancestry are in good standing in the Monterey Cannery Union. Anticipating the return of evacuee workers, he has made a survey of the possibility of their employment in the fishing industry. He stated that without doubt, any and all of the former evacuees employed in the industry would be welcomed by the industry and by the union, should they desire to return in the coming season.

The canneries expect to start on August 1 and they generally run continuously for six and a half months. During the peak of the season, there is much overtime work. There are jobs on both salary and piece work basis for both men and women.

Persons interested should bear in mind they should return before August 1 to locate suitable housing. The housing situation in Monterey - like other west coast cities - is critical. However, several places owned by evacuees in Monterey may be used if they are made available. It is believed that certain housing may be secured if evacuees display sufficient interest at once.

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SAN FRANCISCO.--Thursday, June 7, at the 16th Street Southern Pacific Station, Oakland, some 100 evacuees returned to California from Heart Mountain Center, were met by three members of the WRA staff and safely delivered to their former homes at Palo Alto, Mountain View, Sunnyvale, Santa Clara and San Jose.

Traveling in two special coaches, the 1500 mile trip from Cody, Wyoming, was made without incident. Naturally, older Issei, younger Nisei and many husky and enthusiastic children were looking forward to being comfortably relocated again in their California homes.

Among the many and prominent families represented in this sizable contingent from Heart Mountain are: INOUE, KURASAKI, YAMASAKI, TERADA, DOBASHI, TAKEISHIMA, KIMURA, NAKATA, TEMARI, ASAOKA, NAGAO, OKAGAKI, TOKIMURA.

The paper shortage and space limitations do not permit quotes from interviews with many of the returning evacuees. However, your reporter can state definitely that all of those interviewed expressed the utmost delight in being back in California again; reported no unpleasant incidents enroute; and look forward with pleasant anticipation to their successful relocation. Possibly two former editors of the "San Jose New World Sun" summed up the general reaction when they said: "Many of our people have sons in the Army. California is our home. We are glad to get back home and we hope to have our soldier sons home with us soon. Certainly we shall try to do everything we can to have things go well. Every Japanese American in Santa Clara County is most pleased with the way the WRA office in San Jose is operating."

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SAN JOSE.-- Mr. and Mrs. TOSHIO KIMURA, recently relocating here from Heart Mountain, are enjoying a visit with their son, LINCOLN, on furlough from Modesto Army Hospital. Lincoln is another of the San Jose boys returned from service in Italy with the 442nd Combat Team.

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FRESNO.--A newly opened beauty shop, presided over by ALMA COLLIER, formerly of Poston center, is attracting much favorable attention here. Former patrons and friends of Mrs. Collier sent many beautiful flowers for the opening, predicting much success for this needed addition to the services-for-women facilities here.

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OAKLAND.--TS/4 JOHN Y. YOSHINO, 35, one of a number of fighting Japanese Americans, visited friends here recently, reminding them that members of his race are on fighting fronts with our Army. John formerly lived at 2200 Lincoln Avenue, Oakland, operating a dry cleaning establishment. He has been in the service 20 months, training for special duties. Three brothers are with our armed forces: HENRY, a corporal in the Pacific; PAUL, training in Minnesota; JOE, with the Merchant Marine. "We are trying to show our loyalty, and we're not wearing our patriotism on our sleeve," asserted John.

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WATSONVILLE.--FRANK UYEDA and his sister, ROSE, born and reared here, have recently returned to their home, relocating from Poston center. Frank secured a position immediately with the Economy Photo Service. His employer is a veteran recently discharged from the Pacific theatre of operations..

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SAN JOSE.--Flying here from Camp Shelby, Mississippi, where he is stationed as a Tank Corp medical officer, Captain HENRY OKAGAKI, recently spent one day of his short leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. KICHITARO OKAGAKI, who returned to their home here on June 7 from Heart Mountain. The Okagakis have two other sons in the Army, WARREN and LINCOLN, both with the Infantry. Captain Henry Okagaki is a graduate of Stanford.

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WATSONVILLE.-UKICHI FUKUHARA and his daughter ALICE, recently returned to their home, 521 Elm Street, Seaside, California. Alice immediately talked with Mr. Krogh, principal of the Monterey High School, arranging for her enrollment this fall.

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LOOMIS.- SAHEI MAKIMOTO, Route 1, Box 22, relocated on his 4-acre ranch here from Granada recently, expects to harvest a fine crop of fruit and anticipates no trouble in marketing. He has an eleven year old daughter at home, and an older daughter MIDORI, with the WRA in Chicago. He says employment is available and that his ranch was well cared for during his absence.

His message to the people in the centers: "Come back! What are you waiting for? Lots of jobs now. We have lots of Caucasian friends; no trouble at all."

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SACRAMENTO.-GEORGE MIYAO, his wife and two sons. 5 and 7, have returned to their home, Route 1, Box 34A Florin, and they are getting on well. George's sister, mother and father have also returned to their ranch, overlooking the Sacramento-Stockton highway. George has 70 acres, 40 in cultivation. The Tokay grapes look fine. He believes the people in the centers should return to their homes at once.

He says, "You must make up your mind now to return. If you come now jobs are available. They may not be later on when winter comes, or when the war is over."

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SACRAMENTO.-The KOBAYASHI family, 2100 Fifth Street, was the second family to relocate here. They have never regretted their return. MASAKO, GEORGE, ARTHUR, HARUKO, NOBURO, all agree that "everything is just as it was before evacuation.". The five Kobayashi children, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 14 years, attend Lincoln school and report no difficulties. The family "strongly recommends return to Sacramento."

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SACRAMENTO.-TAMIJIRO NISHIMURA, with his wife and daughter, UKI and KINUKO, have successfully relocated here at 227 J Street, where they operate their 44-room hotel and are doing an excellent business. They report no unpleasant experiences but friendly assistance from Caucasian neighbors. Financial aid has been offered, but not needed. Says Tamijiro: "Things are fine, business good. Business people should come back right away. Our property has been well kept up. We are glad we returned when we did." He offers to make reservations of room, with sufficient advance notice.

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SANTA ROSA.--FRANK KAWAOKA was the first returnee from Granada to relocate here. He has assisted the KIROSHI KAWAHARA family in getting settled, as well as other evacuees. In between times he has vaccinated his chicks. By the way, Frank is single. And he might make a very good husband!

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KINGSBURG.--On June 2 marriage vows were exchanged in the Methodist Church here between MALCOLM OKADA and MICHIKO ANDO. Reverend Donald M. Castlen was the officiating minister. A group of friends from each family attended the ceremony. The bridegroom is from Gila, the bride from Jerome. Both were former residents here.

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WATSONVILLE.--Mr. and Mrs. ASAKICHI HAYASHI, who relocated in Watsonville some time ago, have opened their hotel at 27 E. First St., and are getting along fine. They suggest that evacuees returning to Watsonville should pay the Hayashis a visit. Report has it that the beds are nice and soft at the Hayashi Hotel.

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LINDEN.--KO HIRATA and family, who recently returned from Manzanar to their farm near here, have just finished transplanting 18 acres of tomatoes and are now busy picking their cherry crop. Part of their cherries will go to the local cannery and the balance to produce markets in Los Angeles. Ko recently purchased a Farmall A tractor for the cultivating and also bought a caterpillar tractor for the heavy plowing.

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GRESSY.--BOB MORIMOTO and family have practically completed their new five-room house near here and plan to move in shortly. The Morimoto brothers have done practically all the construction work themselves, during their spare time, while operating their ranch and orchard.

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STOCKTON.--FRANK KANEDA, recently from Gila center, is living in the Japanese church here. Frank is working with the committee on plans to open a hostel in the newly purchased church building at Clay and Monroe streets. Mr. ISHIMARU, recently returned to Bacon Island from Rohwer, is also an elder of the church and is assisting Frank.

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LIVINGSTON.--TOMI KAJI and family, from Granada center, are established on their farm here. They found that their strawberry patch had been neglected during their absence, but they have cleaned the weeds out and now have it producing well. HUBEI is attending Livingston High School. LILY HIRATA, the oldest daughter, is now in Minnesota, but plans to return here soon.

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ATWATER.--The BEN NAGAI and MIYAKE families living near here again report a good crop of fruit and nuts with practically no frost damage.

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CRESSY.--T.ANDOW, formerly of Granada, has completed the girdling of the grape vines on his vineyard near here. This, he explains, makes larger grapes. Assisting in the work have been K. NAKASHIMA and JOSEPH MAKITA.

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BACON ISLAND.--ART HISAKA, formerly of Rohwer, is now busy farming on this island near Stockton. Art says that the fishing in the river is good, but that he and his group are farming 200 acres of celery and so have been much too busy to attempt much fishing. GEORGE HISAKA, on neighboring Mandeville Island says that striped bass up to 25 pounds are being caught.

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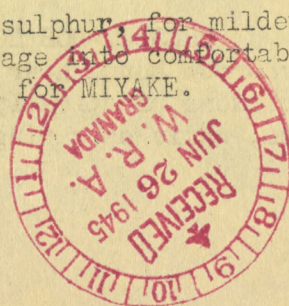
LODI.--GEORGE TSUSAKI is busy making plans to re-establish his former car repair shop. George says that he found all his tools in good shape, on his return, and that he is anticipating being in business for himself again, soon. Preparing for the early return of his wife and daughter to Lodi, George recently repainted the interior of his home.

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SALIDA.--JACK KIYOI has relocated with his family on his farm nearby. Jack recently recovered from an attack of pneumonia.

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STOCKTON.--S. MIYAKE is busy dusting grapes with sulphur, for mildew control. He recently completed the remodeling of a garage into comfortable quarters for FRANK FUJII and wife. Frank plans to work for MIYAKE.



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OAKLAND.--MISS AIKO KUROKI, who returned from Granada about mid-April, is employed by a Berkeley baking company. Aiko is glad to be back in Berkeley and reports a warm welcome from her neighbors. She is completing plans to attend the University of California, to prepare herself for a social service career.

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OAKLAND.--MR. and MRS. JIRO NINOMYA, with their children, are back from Granada. They say they are highly pleased with the condition of their nursery, and are grateful to their neighbors for their assistance in helping the family get settled. The children, with the exception of the two youngest, are all registered for the fall semester in Richmond schools.

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PIEDMONT.--SHIGERU MATSUMOTO and family are back from Gila Center and happily settled in the home of Mrs. Paul Kohlhaas, 101 Wildwood Gardens. SACHI, a daughter, is employed as a stenographer at Mills College. TOMMY, a son, has been reclassified I-A. Report has it that Tommy is greatly pleased. The family recently purchased a car and, like many of the rest of us, express much interest in the gasoline problem.

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OAKLAND.--REVEREND JOHN YAMASHITA, manager of the Oakland Methodist Hostel, 797 10th St., is doing an excellent job assisting returning evacuees. Reverend Yamashita left Topaz in 1942 to study at Garrett Institute of Northwestern University, Chicago. He returned to Oakland last February. Observers are of the opinion that he deserves much credit for the fine work he is doing at the hostel now.

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PETALUMA.--HIROSHI KAWAHARA, wife and children are happy to be back in their home, Route 3, Box 389. All are well. Pending the delivery of young chicks, Hiroshi is working four days a week at \$1 an hour.

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SANTA ROSA.--ITSUKO HAMAMOTO, 1144 Los Carneros Avenue, Napa, recently from Granada with his family, is exceedingly anxious to get a tractor, hard to find these days, as everybody knows. If anyone at the center knows of one available, Itsuko will appreciate word, at once.

The Hamamoto children are doing well. HENRY, 6, is getting on fine in the first grade. WILLIAM, his brother, attends the Napa Junior high school. During his spare time he picks cherries for nearby ranchers. MARY, a sister, graduated from high school at Granada. She has enjoyed shopping in Napa stores since her return. One of her former teachers in Napa, a Mrs. Brauers, called at the Hamamoto home to visit with the family.

Mr. and Mrs. Hamamoto and children are anticipating the homecoming of MOMYE HIROOKA, sister of Mrs. Hamamoto, in July.

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PETALUMA.--KINBEI OKAZAKI, his wife, CHIKUYO, daughters MASAKI, SUMIKO, the latter's husband, HAROLD OKAZAKI, and their baby boy, MITSUGI, arrived at their home, Route 1, Box 526, Petaluma, from Granada this month. They made the trip in a Dodge sedan, had no trouble, reporting excellent service at restaurants and gas stations en route, with courteous treatment.

The family operates a poultry ranch of $3\frac{1}{2}$ acres, with a normal capacity of 7,500 hens. They are happy to be back; report good treatment by the community; are well; mightily enjoying their good "home cooking" once more. WRA personnel who called were treated with cookies and "cokes!"

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STOCKTON.--KAYAKO TAKECHI has recently completed her second week as a member of the staff of the WRA office here. Kayako is just 17, is doing well on her job, which she secured just a week after leaving Rohwer center.

Her family is comfortably settled on Bacon Island. Due to the distance, Kayako has found satisfactory quarters in Stockton, with board and room. To use her own words: "they treat me like one of their own family." She reports most agreeable surprise at the friendly attitude of everyone in the building where she is employed. People, she says, seem to "go out of their way to be friendly."

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OAKLAND.-Miss DOROTHY HARADA, who left Topaz to prepare their home at 2940 Harrison Street for the arrival of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. CHOGORO HARADA, reports their arrival and "although the house is still unsettled, we are getting along very well. The neighbors have been more than kind."

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SAN JOSE.-The first Nisei wedding bells to ring out in San Jose since relocation started will herald the union of BERNICE HINAGA, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. HIKATARO HINAGA of Heart Mountain, and HARRY YOSHIOKA, son of Mr. and Mrs. MAGOICHI YOSHIOKA of this city. Miss Hinaga is leaving Heart Mountain this month for San Jose. The ceremony will be performed soon after her arrival.

The Hinaga family plans to locate in this area, where they farmed for many years prior to their evacuation. The bridal couple are old schoolmates and the families are friends of long standing. Harry is farming in the White Road district, east of San Jose.

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SAN JOSE.-S/Sgt JACK KAWAMOTO, Purple Heart veteran of the Italian campaign who lost an eye overseas and is now stationed at Dibble General Hospital near here, and T/Sgt Tom Taketa, on furlough from the Officers' Candidate School at Fort Benning, Georgia, were guests of honor at a picnic held at Alum Rock Park recently. Hosts and guests included Caucasians and Japanese Americans. T/Sgt Taketa was here to assist in the relocation of his family from Granada. He has two brothers with the U. S. Army, who were formerly residents of Marysville, California.

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VISALIA.-MIYO HASE, recently returned with her family from Rohwer Center, has secured a position as medical stenographer at the Mount Zion Hospital, San Francisco.

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FRESNO.--MILES SUDA, formerly from Gila River and a cousin of Dr. GEORGE SUDA, who has recently opened a dental office, was in the WRA office inquiring about a position in mechanical engineering. He has had an offer from a large chemical company in the East, but prefers to return to California. He is a graduate of the University of Missouri, '45, School of Mines.

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SAN FRANCISCO.--A recent addition to the office staff of the Northern California Area Office of WRA is Miss GRACE KAWAHARA, recently from Gila River Center, who will serve as a clerk and stenographer. Her mother, Mrs. TEI KAWAHARA, has relocated in Parlier, California. Grace has a brother, DENBY KAWAHARA, with the Armed Forces. Denby is 22 and is with the Infantry at Camp Hood, Texas.

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SAN FRANCISCO.--TAMOTSU SAKAI, his sisters, FUSAKO and SHIZU, and his mother and father were all busily engaged recently in painting and redecorating their store on Post Street, between Laguna and Buchanan. Soon they plan to open the first Japanese American grocery store and fish market in the city, since evacuation. Many old San Francisco and Topaz residents recall the former UOKI FISH COMPANY. Returnees are anxiously awaiting the opening in order that they may again purchase some of the characteristic delicacies relished by them.

Tamotsu's wife, CHIEKO, has taken a position with the ILWU, Local 2, as a secretary. The Sakai family returned from Topaz.

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PETALUMA.--The KISAICHI UYEDA family, recently from Granada, on June 19 secured occupancy of their home on Star route, Box 76, a poultry ranch of 12½ acres. They lived there for 20 years prior to evacuation. With Kisaichi and his wife, SHIZUYO, a daughter, NAZUKO, returned with them. A son, MYUO, now in the East, will rejoin the family in August.

The Uyedas are awaiting the arrival of 5,600 chicks; have their large brooder house spick and span and in readiness for them and are anticipating a busy and profitable season.

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SAN JOSE.--Mr. and Mrs. SAM TAKEDA and their daughter SU MATSUMURA are celebrating the arrival of the first child born to a returnee in this district since relocation started. The newcomer, christened SHIRLEY, was born to Mrs. Matsumura about mid-June. Mrs. Matsumura is residing here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Takeda, during the absence of her husband, PHIL MATSUMURA, who is with our Armed Forces. The Takedas are from Gila River, and are now living on their fruit ranch, Route 2, Box 958, San Jose. Recently the family unit received an addition through the arrival of THELMA TAKEDA, from Chicago.

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WHAT'S GOING ON?
(Neighborhood news of folks you may know)

SACRAMENTO.-Mr. ROKUTARO NAKAMURA, formerly of Granada, has returned to Woodland and is re-opening his hardware and furniture store there. He will also open a branch store in Sacramento in the near future, under the trade name of "Nakamura Brothers".

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OAKLAND.-Mr. KAZUO SHIKANO, P.O. BOX 130, Centerville, Calif., is back in the farming game. His crop of string beans and canning tomatoes will soon be marketed. Mr. Shikano, formerly of Topaz, Utah, states that he has had no difficulty in finding market outlets.

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WATSONVILLE.-GEORGE TANIMURA and FRANK FUKUHARA of Poston visited the WRA office here recently. They made the statement that sentiment in this locality is "par excellent" - much better than they expected.

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SACRAMENTO.-Mr. and Mrs. J. ISHIDA, formerly of Topaz, are now located at their old home, Route 1, Box 967, Sacramento. Two daughters, CHIZUKO and EMIKO, are now with them. Emiko is making plans to enter McClatchy High School in Sacramento in September and Chizuko has an application now being considered for Federal employment. BILL K., a son, and veteran of World War II, is now at Veterans Hospital at Fort Miley, San Francisco, recuperating from wounds received in action on the European front. He will join the family later.

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FRESNO.-Miss ALYCE YOSUHIRA, since her return from Granada, has been a patient in the Fresno County Hospital.

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SAN JOSE.-REVEREND YASUHARA OSUGA, 47, pastor of the Japanese Methodist Church in San Jose, has returned with his family from Heart Mountain. With their two daughters, SHIZUKO, 9, and TERUYO, 3, Reverend and Mrs. Osuga are settled in their home, 566 N 6th St., San Jose.

Friends of Reverend Osuga report that his health is much improved since his return from the center.

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SACRAMENTO.-Mr. and Mrs. TOYOCHI MAMAMOTO and son, GEORGE, have resettled on their ranch at Route 3, Box 5730, Sacramento. The Hamamotos are from Topaz, and report a fine reception from neighbors upon their return.

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VISALIA.-KAZUO ANZAI, from Poston, recently looked over the situation here. He reported he planned to return to Poston and bring his family back to relocate on their farm in the Woodlake area.

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STOCKTON.-SHOJI TABUCHI, age 17, formerly of Rohwer, has completed his first term at Stockton Junior College. But Shoji, an ambitious lad, is packing again! He leaves Stockton for Berkeley, California this week to attend the summer session of the University of California.

Shoji is looking forward to seeing everything there is to see in the Bay Area. And he will not have to miss a thing on the campus, since he will take up his residence at the Alpha Delta Phi Fraternity house, he will be right in the "swing".

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SAN FRANCISCO.-Mrs. EIJI KAWAMORITA and family of Topaz have returned to San Francisco and are residing in a building housing the Filipino Methodist Church, next door to the Sturge Memorial Foundation Hostel at 1516 Post Street. Daughter EMIKO has not made up her mind as yet whether to work or attend college.

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SANTA ROSA.-On June 25, KISAICHI UYEDA and his son-in-law, HARRY HIROO SUMIGAWA, Star Route, Box 76, Peterson Road, Petaluma, California, called at the Santa Rosa Relocation Office to confer with officials to determine how evacuees already resettled may assist in obtaining jobs and housing for other evacuees not yet relocated.

Harry Sumigawa is in the process of getting his garden and 3 acres of potatoes planted. The family is looking forward to enjoying some fresh home-grown vegetables.

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WATSONVILLE.-FRANK UYEDA, from Poston, born and reared in Watsonville, who has been in this district for some four or five weeks came into the office this morning very jubilant and announced that his wife and two children were safe and sound in their home in Watsonville after their two day trip from the Colorado River Relocation Center, and were delighted to be back.

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OAKLAND.-MOTOICHI YANAGI, recent arrival from Topaz, is looking forward to resuming his studies at the University of California where he has registered for the summer session. He is residing at Oxford Hall, 2140 Oxford St., Berkeley, Calif., together with more than 10 other students from the various centers.

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WHAT'S GOING ON?
(Neighborhood news of folks you may know)

WATSONVILLE.-The corner-stone and foundation for a new seafood products factory in Seaside, near Monterey, were laid here recently by K. NOBUSADA, JAMES MANAKA, and GEORGE FUKAGAWA, all from Poston.

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STOCKTON.-Mandeville Island, near here, now has a community of 9 family groups, 22 single men and 3 family men. The latter are making arrangements to receive their families who are to arrive from Rohwer on the next special coach.

Latest arrivals included the members of the ICHITARO MORITA family, who detrained at Stockton June 25. They were met by SHIGEMI YASUDA, also formerly from Rohwer, who drove them to quarters awaiting them on Mandeville Island.

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SAN FRANCISCO.-TOGO OKAMURA, 13, brother of KIMI ONO, from Granada, is living with the Ono family and attending the John Swett High School here. Togo and the Ono children plan to attend summer school here. The session will consist largely of art, social and athletic courses.

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OAKLAND.-Recent arrivals from Topaz include Mr. and Mrs. KOZO YATABE and Mrs. TAKESHI YATABE and her son Jon, 8. They are getting settled in their home, 835 University Ave., Berkeley.

Mrs. Yatabe's husband, Pfc TAKESHI YATABE, holder of the Purple Heart award, was recently home on a furlough, when he visited with his family at Topaz. He has rejoined his regiment, the 442nd Infantry.

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WATSONVILLE.-SHIGERU MURATA, and his daughter HELEN, from Poston called at the WRA office here recently and expressed their gratitude at being home. Helen has secured a position and her father plans to go back to work with the Boyer Fertilizer Co., the firm he was with prior to evacuation.

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OAKLAND.-TANEJIRO HIRANO and family, from Rivers and formerly residents of Danville, Calif., are now comfortably quartered in the home of Mrs. Eugene K. Sturgis, 76 Sea View Ave., Piedmont, Calif. SUSIE, a daughter, is enrolling at the Merritt Business School, Oakland, preparatory to employment as a stenographer.

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✓ FLORIN.--GEORGE MIYAO, from Amache, reports that he is getting on well here. He is working on a hostel in the Methodist Church here, to house 15 families. He suggests that people in the Centers return soon to take advantage of extra earnings and to prepare their children for enrollment in school. George reports that 11 returnees worked on the Fulton Farms, Florin, on labor crews including Mexicans and Filipinos. He says the Filipinos are particularly cooperative in this district.

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✓ FRESNO.--Mrs. ARATA SASASHIMA, formerly at Granada and now living in Sanger, Calif., Route 1, Box 352-A, with her four children called at the WRA office here a few days ago.

The children range in age from six months to eight years. BARBARA, the eldest, reports satisfactory relations at school and commendable progress. The teachers "skipped" her three grades up, due to her mental aptitude.

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✓ SACRAMENTO.--Everything is going along fine with the DOI family at RFD No. 2, Newcastle. Sumio, his mother and dad have been picking lots of plums and apricots in recent days. They have an excellent outlet for all their fruit. Granada used to be their residence.

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OAKLAND.--Mr. and Mrs. KOZABURO AKAGI, just returned from Topaz Relocation Center, are happy to be back in their home at 1314 Woolsey Street, Berkeley, Calif. They report that they found the house in very good condition.

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FRESNO.--

Mr. GEORGE TANIMURA and J. FUKUHARA, Poston residents, who have been visiting the San Joaquin Valley area, for prospective agricultural land for returning evacuees, left for Poston recently. While here, Mr. Tanimura and Mr. Fukuhara visited many districts, which might prove very profitable in the near future.

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✓ SACRAMENTO.--The GEORGE MIYAO family, formerly of Granada, are now residing at Route 1, Florin. George was painting his house the other day when visited. He is also fixing up a new hostel and expects to have it ready to accommodate 15 families within the next few weeks. There are already over a dozen families back in this area and everything is going along fine.

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VISALIA.--Mr. and Mrs. G. S. NAGATA and family, from Poston, have relocated on their farm at Dinuba, California. Their address is Route 1, Box 370, Dinuba. They report they are happy, have had no disturbances, are well liked and treated in their neighborhood.

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WATSONVILLE.-HARRY MANAKA, his mother KIN, and his father TOMOKICHI, returned to Monterey July 1 from Poston. All are glad to be back. Harry says that it is mighty good to see some real fog again, after living in the Arizona desert.

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OAKLAND.-TOYOTARO YAMANASHI and family, from Topaz, are getting settled in the home of KOZABURO AKAGI, 1314 Woolsey, Berkeley, Calif.

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✓ SAN FRANCISCO.-KATSUJIRO MIYAMOTO, from Granada, has returned to his former employer, Mrs. E. H. Denke, 1317 Hyde St., San Francisco. He worked for this family for 35 years. ✓

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SAN FRANCISCO.-MITSY MUTO, from Gila River, and formerly a resident of Suisun, California, is living at 1651 - 14th Ave., San Francisco. She plans to attend San Francisco College this fall, later taking up a business career. A brother, Sgt KAZ MUTO, is with the Army in Italy. Another brother, Pvt TED MUTO, is in Germany.

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VISALIA.-Miss MOLLIE ABE, employed by the local WRA office, with the assistance of the Visalia Methodist Church found a room in a private home where she is happily situated. Miss Abe worked in Chicago before returning to Orosi to relocate with her family. The latter returned from Poston.

Note: A recent note to the Northern California Area Office from Miss Abe says: "We were very happy to have the pleasure of meeting Dillon Myer at our home on June 20. He was very interested in knowing how the Japanese people in this district are getting along. We were proud to say that people in this vicinity are friendly and nice. They often come to the farm to see if they can be of any help to us."

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✓ SACRAMENTO.-The HISANOSHI TAKAGUSHI family, father, mother and two sons from Granada, are back at their old home in Loomis, Route 1. Their friends and neighbors have been very helpful. ✓

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SAN FRANCISCO.-HARRY TAIRA, from the Central Utah center, is living with the YAKAHI family at 2011 Buchanan St., San Francisco. He plans to complete a course at the Dental School of the College of Physicians and Surgeons in San Francisco. All of his brothers are in the armed forces. Sgt MARSHALL TAIRA has been in New Guinea for the past two years. Pvt ROBIN TAIRA is studying Japanese at Fort Snelling, Minn. Sgt SADA TOYAMA has been in India for the past two years.

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SACRAMENTO.-The SAHEI MAKIMOTO and the URATSU families, from Granada, are operating a fruit ranch at Loomis, Route 1, Box 22, and report that everything is fine.

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SACRAMENTO.-Mr. and Mrs. SABURO SHIGAKI, from Granada, are living in Loomis, Calif., Route 1. They report that although a recent hail storm did some damage to their fruit the present outlook is for a fair crop on the ranch.

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VISALIA.-HIROSHI MAYEDA was inducted into the armed forces June 20. He was living in a newly remodeled home in Dinuba, California, where his wife will continue to reside. Hiroshi is the son of Mr. and Mrs. K. MAYEDA. Mr. Mayeda is both housing and hiring many returnees.

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SANTA ROSA.-EIZO MURAKAMI and family, ABBIE, the mother, Sgt ROY L. MURAKAMI, Pfc LESTER T. MURAKAMI, and EARL, sons, were the first returnees to relocate in the Sebastopol area. The address is Route 3, Box 513, Daywalt Road, Sebastopol, California.

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SAN FRANCISCO.-KOUTEI SUGAYA, from the Central Utah center, has re-opened the Pine Street Laundry here, 2325 Pine Street.

Established by Mr. Sugaya at this address in 1923, the plant was greatly enlarged and equipped with modern power equipment in 1941. Upon his return the owner found everything in good order.

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SAN FRANCISCO.-Mrs. KIMIKO NAKANISHI, from Topaz, has opened an employment agency, "Lily's Employment Agency" 2033 Pine Street, San Francisco, phone WESt 5931.

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WHAT'S GOING ON?
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SAN JOSE.--KUNITARO KITABAYASHI, and OSHIYO reached here July 9 with other returnees from Heart Mountain and are quartered at 251 N. 19th Street. The Kitabayashis have a son who is a pharmacist, in San Francisco.

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SAN FRANCISCO.--Among the young women who returned here from Heart Mountain July 9 was Miss MAY KAKEBE, 1398 O'Farrell Street. She hopes to attend the University of California at Berkeley this fall and do social work later.

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MOUNTAIN VIEW.--MITSUKO HIGASHIUCHI and son, TOM, 6, arrived here July 9 with others from Heart Mountain. Her husband is in Chicago.

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SAN JOSE.--TOM SAKAMOTO, his wife, FUJIKO, and three children, TOM, Jr., 11, KENNETH, 9, and BRIAN, 2 months, have relocated in San Jose at 560 North 5th Street. The address is that of Leo Goscila, with whom the Sakamoto family will be quartered.

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SAN JOSE.--JOE KOTARO, 34, his wife, MARY, 29, and children, MARION, 3, and LOUISE, 6 months, arrived here July 9 with others of the contingent from Heart Mountain. The Kotaros will live on 19th Street, San Jose.

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SAN JOSE.--Probably the largest family group of the "Heart Mountain Special" consisted of KIYOKO YAMASAKI, wife of THOMAS, accompanied by MARGARET, EIKO, KENJI, IRENE, ALICE, THOMAS, EDITH and JOYCE. All cheered when they crossed San Francisco Bay and were on their way down the peninsula.

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SAN JOSE.--TOME YAMASAKI, sister of GEORGE and TOM, accompanied her parents, TOMITARO, 76, and TOCHI, 72, the eldest of the travelers on the Heart Mountain "Special" which brought many returnees back to this area on July 9. The elderly couple stood the trip well. At the Embarcadero in San Francisco they were met by a private automobile and completed their journey in comfort.

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LOS GATOS.--Among the returnees from Heart Mountain who arrived in the Bay Area on July 9 were HARUKO KAWASAKI, with her mother, ASAO NISHIMURA, and Mrs. Kawasaki's two children, VICTOR, 2½, and ALLEN, 17 months. The husband, Mr. Kawasaki, is in Nebraska. The others of the family are now in Los Gatos.

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MOUNTAIN VIEW.--HENRY HAMASAKI, traveling "individually" with the contingent on the "Heart Mountain Special", plans to relocate in Mountain View. Henry says that this part of the peninsula appeals to him.

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SAN FRANCISCO.--Among the returnees from Heart Mountain, arriving July 9, were EIJI YOSHIMURA, and his four children, NAOKO, 19, YONEO, 16, ARIKA, 13, and SAKOYE, 9. MICHIO, the fifth child, is with the Armed Forces. A hotel man with 28 years' experience in San Francisco, Mr. Yoshimura plans to operate his hotel at Geary and Buchanan Streets again as soon as he obtains possession of the premises.

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SAN FRANCISCO.--Among the returnees from Heart Mountain, arriving on the "Special" of two cars attached to the San Francisco Challenger July 9, was a union man who has two strings to his bow, from the standpoint of getting a good job. YONOSUKE KOJIMOTO, prior to his evacuation, was a member of the ILWU, Local 6, and the Alaska Cannery Workers' Union, Local 5. He worked for the Sea Island Sugar Refining Company in San Francisco, also. Yonosuke says that he plans to look over the field in both San Francisco and the East Bay, anticipating being back on a payroll in the near future.

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SAN JOSE.--YUKI HASIME, with EVELYN, CAROLINE and JUDITH, returned to their former home here, with others of the contingent from Heart Mountain who arrived July 9.

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SAN JOSE.--JONICHI YAMAMOTO returned from Heart Mountain July 9 and plans to relocate here in the Santa Clara Valley.

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SAN JOSE.--RAY KURASAKI, with his daughter, SETSU, returned to San Jose from Heart Mountain with several others July 9. Mr. Kurasaki has three children here. His wife is still at Heart Mountain. The family will live here at 625 N. 6th St.

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SAN JOSE.--Another "single" in the passenger list of the contingent from Heart Mountain arriving here July 9 was YOTARO KAMASHIMA, who plans to resettle in San Jose.

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SAN JOSE.--BESSIE SASAO, who recently returned from Heart Mountain with her father, TSUNEKICHI, has taken the position with the local WRA office vacated by Mrs. AMY HIGUCHI. Mrs. Higuchi, who served as interpreter and secretary, resigned to be with her husband, a captain in the Medical Corps of the United States Army home on a 60 day furlough after more than two years continuous service in the European Theatre.

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WATSONVILLE.--SAM OGAWA, of Santa Cruz, left for Poston recently to get his father and mother. The return trip will be made by train as far as Fresno, from where they will travel in Sam's car for the balance of the journey. They will live on Maple Street, Santa Cruz.

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VISALIA.--YAHIRO IWAMA, from Poston, reports that he has relocated in Oroquieta, California. He arrived July 3, and is not only housed with the ICHIMURA family, Route 1, Box 312, Oroquieta, but also is working with them.

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SACRAMENTO.--CORPORAL YAS MORI, with his wife and infant daughter, are visiting here at the home of Mrs. Mori's parents, Mr. and Mrs. K. MIYAI. The corporal and his family came to Sacramento from Granada. He expects to spend the balance of his furlough of 60 days here. Having served in the European theatre he anticipates a transfer to the Pacific area when he again reports for duty. His wife and child will remain here with her parents until he returns.

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SANTA ROSA.--Mr. and Mrs. HIROSHI NAKAGAWA, who were married at Granada June 10 last, arrived in Petaluma recently and are living with the parents of Mrs. Nakagawa, Mr. and Mrs. KISUKE KAI, on a chicken ranch of 8 acres, at Route 1, Box 264, Petaluma.

The Kai family, including TAMANO, the mother, and MARY, the daughter, returned to Petaluma from Granada in June.

Reports indicate that all is going well, the garden is well under way, 5,000 chicks have been ordered, and many Caucasian neighbors are friendly and helpful.

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FRESNO.--CLARK SAITO, Nisei instructor who is teaching Japanese to Army and Navy personnel at Stanford University, is visiting with friends here. From Gila River Mr. Saito went to Denver before accepting his teaching position at Palo Alto. He is a former resident of Parlier, Calif.

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SAN FRANCISCO.-ALICE ICHISHITA , formerly of San Jose, and who returned here from Heart Mountain July 9, expects to work in a hospital where employment is now in real demand by countless institutions from coast to coast.

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✓ STOCKTON.-FRANK FUJII, formerly of Granada, fell from a truck recently while moving furniture to his home on the T. Andow farm, Route 1, Winton, Calif. He suffered a severe injury to his shoulder but is practically well again.

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STOCKTON.-NOBORU MATSUMOTO, recently from Rohwer, with 27 of his Japanese neighbors, have been thinning grape vines on the ranch of C. R. Van Buskirk for several days. Both men and women workers receive \$1 an hour for this work. Noboru heads the group.

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OAKLAND.-KATSUICHI YAMAGATA and family, recently from Poston, who were staying temporarily at the Oakland Methodist hostel, have moved into their own home, 336 - 4th Ave., Oakland.

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SAN JOSE.-Dr. GEORGE ISAMU KAWAMURA, dental surgeon, is en route here from Gila River to resume his practice in San Jose. Dr. Kawamura is the first professional man to relocate here in this district. Two physicians and surgeons will relocate here, one from Heart Mountain and the other from Chicago, as soon as offices and living quarters, now being prepared, are made ready.

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STOCKTON.-Last January SHIGEO and TADAAKI KISHIDA returned from Rohwer to their vineyard on Route 2, Box 4107, Lodi.

On their arrival they were worried for people in the center had predicted that no one would buy their grapes. These predictions have proved false, with buyers aplenty offering to bid on their crop.

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VISALIA.-Pfc SAN KURIHARA, home on furlough, is visiting with his mother, sisters and brothers in the family home, Route 1, Box 314, Oroquieta, California. Sam is a brother of DON KURIHARA, also with the armed forces. The Kuriharas were at the Poston Center, before returning to Oroquieta in mid-April.

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WATSONVILLE.-HELEN MURATA, recently from Poston, is aiding two of this town's oldest and most respected families, the C. E. Martinelli's and the Dr. Oscar Marshall's.

Her father, SHIGERU, while awaiting the opening of the cannery season in Monterey, does odd gardening and carpentry jobs about town. At present he is assisting Adjutant Mollet of the Salvation Army improve the church and personage.

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WHAT'S GOING ON?
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SAN JOSE.--ROY OZAWA, radio technician from Heart Mountain, has been employed as chief radio repairman by the Sherman Clay and Company for the past month.

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OAKLAND.--FRANK GENICHI KOYANO and family, recently from Topaz, are house guests of KAHAI YOSHIKAWA, 1719 Derby St., Berkeley, Calif.

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SAN JOSE.--KOHACHI KAWAKAMI, FUJI and ELSIE, arrived from Heart Mountain July 9. The Kawakamis have a son with the Armed Forces.

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STOCKTON.--HENRY TERUO NAGAO, who left Rohwer in April, arrived in Acampo, Calif., and expects to move back into his old home soon. He has been staying at the home of JIM SASAKI in Acampo.

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SAN JOSE.--HAYUKICHI SHIRAKI, 42, formerly of Palo Alto but relocating in San Jose with several others from Heart Mountain who arrived July 9, will be quartered with the KUMAGAI family here for a time.

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FRESNO.--Pvt WASCO ANDA, formerly at Gila, arrived here recently from Camp Walters, Texas. He is visiting friends and relatives before leaving for Ft. Meade, Md., where he is to report. Wasco was inducted into the service last February.

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SAN JOSE.--Among the returnees from Heart Mountain who arrived here July 9 were MASAO INOUE, his wife, KIYOKO, and daughter TERUKO, 13. The Inoues have three sons in the Armed Forces, one of whom is overseas. Prior to evacuation the family lived in Sunnyvale for many years. MASAO is a farmer and hopes soon again to be back on the land.

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STOCKTON.--JIM SASAKI, Route 1, Box 53, Acampo, has 350 new boxes in which to pack his grapes, and that's something these days, according to the grape growers. It seems they are at a premium, along with a lot of other equipment. Jim reports his crop prospects as excellent and plans to ship to Eastern markets.

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SAN JOSE.--KUNZIO INOUE, YFIKO, and FUMIKO, relocated in San Jose on July 9, with others who returned from Heart Mountain. A son, KIYONORI, is with the Armed Forces. Mr. Inoue is a farmer and plans to be back in agriculture soon.

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VISALIA.--Receiving a cordial invitation from the President of the Methodist Women's Society here to attend a meeting on July 5, MOLLIE ABE, stenographer in the local WRA district office, accepted with pleasure. Accompanied by the woman in whose home she is staying, Mollie reported a pleasant evening and cordial treatment by all the women present.

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SAN JOSE.--Among the comparatively few passengers traveling alone on the "special" from Heart Mountain which arrived here July 9 was RICHARD KURAZAWA, who reported a good trip.

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OAKLAND.--GENJIRO SATO is temporarily housed with TETSUSHIRO SHIOZAWA, 327 - 17th St., Oakland. He is anticipating the early arrival of his wife, FUSA, from Topaz.

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SAN JOSE.--KOZO MIYAHARA, former nurseryman here, with his wife, HAMAYO, and their children, SACHIKO and MARION, returned here with a recent contingent from Heart Mountain. Kozo plans to re-engage in the nursery business.

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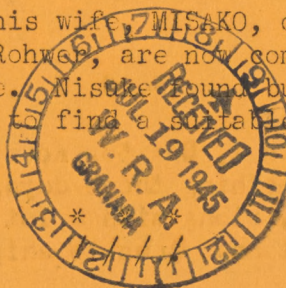
WATSONVILLE.--The local district office of the WRA has three new employees. Miss AIKO MASADA, 13, of Carruthers, Calif., formerly from Rohwer Center, is the new stenographer; Louise Halle is a relocation officer and Ted F. Dempsey, a warehouseman.

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SAN JOSE.--SUE SHIRAKI, sister of FRANK SHIRAKI, who returned to San Jose July 9 with others of the contingent from Heart Mountain, expressed her delight in being back in California again.

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STOCKTON.--NISUKE YOSHIKAWA, his wife, MISAKO, daughter, EMIKO, and twin sons, TADAO and YUKIO, all formerly of Rohwer, are now comfortably established in their nice home, 1725 S.Center St., here. Nisuke found buildings and grounds in excellent condition. He is now busy trying to find a suitable location for the barber shop he plans to open.



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WHAT'S GOING ON?
(Neighborhood news of folks you may know)

VISALIA.-Mr. K. SUMIDA, from Poston, left here recently for the purpose of taking his wife to Sanger, California, where he has been offered work and housing on the Leonard Farm.

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STOCKTON.-GEORGE SEITARO TSUSAKI has returned from Rohwer to his old home at 24 N. Stockton Street, Lodi, California, and expects to reopen his auto repair shop soon. He reported that all of his equipment was found intact and in good shape.

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OAKLAND.-Mrs. AI YAMAGATA, from Poston, who recently returned to her home, 836 Fourth Ave., reports that she has accepted employment with the Bettermade Sandwich Co., Berkeley, and enjoys her work much.

There are two other girls of Japanese ancestry working there. Conditions are good and relations with other employees satisfactory.

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SACRAMENTO.-KOTOME TSUJIMOTO has relocated at Loomis, California, with his aged mother, wife and two children, and are at present living on the NAKAMOTO ranch and working in the harvest.

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SAN JOSE.-Four more evacuees, two Issei and two Nisei, have been accepted for membership in the Santa Clara County local of the Warehousemen's Union and are now employed by the Security Warehouse and Cold Storage Co., San Jose. The new members are: HARRY DOBASHI, 26, THOMAS OKAGAKI, 19, MORIO SERA, 43, and MOROTOMI KINAGA, 48. This makes a total of six evacuees who have been admitted to membership in the union.

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✓ FRESNO.-Miss MASAE YASUHIRA, from Granada, a registered nurse, has returned here and is employed in the surgical ward of the St. Agnes Hospital. She is the first Nisei nurse to be employed in Fresno county since evacuation. She is residing at the home of Mrs. Thomas F. Lopez, 1523 Webster St., who says she is very happy to have Masae with her.

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STOCKTON.-MATSUO OKAZAKI, now operating the Chuguko Hotel, 20 South Main St., Lodi, is making plans to open a small grocery store on the ground floor of his hotel building. A former captain of the football team of the Lodi High School, Okazaki says that his 50-room hotel is full most of the time, but that generally he is able to supply a few rooms for evacuees returning to Lodi.

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WATSONVILLE.-KENNETH SATO, with his wife and father-in-law, Y. MANAKA, are recent returnees from Poston. Mr. Manaka expects to operate the hostel soon to be opened, in Monterey.

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OAKLAND.-MITSUNO and NAOKA TANAKA, recently from Poston and formerly from Oceanside, Calif., are busily engaged in getting settled here, Mitsuno in the home of Mrs. E. B. Fields, 301 Pala Ave., Piedmont (Oakland), and Naoka in the home of Mrs. W. H. Pillsbury, 224 Pala Ave., also Piedmont. They plan to send for their family as soon as housing can be secured.

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SAN JOSE.-Two small grass fires occurred recently on the premises of RYOHITSU SHIBUYA, at his ranch home near Mountain View. Investigation by a WRA representative confirmed the report of a constable that the fires were doubtless of accidental origin. Each occurred along a fence and were probably the result of cigarettes tossed from passing cars. No damage was reported.

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VISALIA.-S/Sgt TOM YOKOYAMA, recently confined in an Army hospital in Ohio, has been visiting friends around Orosi, Reedley and Kingsburg. He reports that he was much pleased to find sentiment toward returning Japanese Americans much better than he had anticipated.

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SAN JOSE.-TATSUHEI KOSHIYAMA, from Heart Mountain, recently brought his grandson, 1, to the baby's mother, who has relocated in Los Altos. Mr. Koshiyama has been visiting with friends throughout the district and now plans to return to Heart Mountain for his family.

"I am going to bring my family out," he declared. "I find everyone working and the public reception much better than I had even hoped for."

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VISALIA.-YUKICHI NODA, from Poston, returned to that center after a brief visit here. He and his wife plan to relocate in Berkeley, their former home, Mr. Noda resuming his former position as an accountant.

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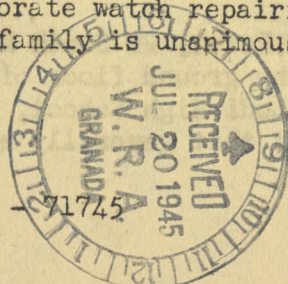
SACRAMENTO.-GEORGE TAKAHASHI, with his wife and three children, have returned to their home here on Eighth Street, from Chicago. The house was in excellent condition.

George was formerly an optometrist here and plans to re-engage in that profession. While in Chicago he devoted a year to the study of watch making and plans to incorporate watch repairing with his forthcoming optometry service.

The family is unanimous in their satisfaction in being back home again.

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FLORIN.--Mr. and Mrs. A. I. TSUKOMOTO, and daughter, MARIELLE, have returned to their ranch, Route 1, Box 173, here.

Arriving here from Kalamazoo, Mich., where they lived for a year and a half, they expect to be joined by their parents, as soon as they have everything in readiness. They report a good reception by old friends and neighbors.

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SACRAMENTO.--T/5 CARL DOI, brother of SUMIO DOI, is on furlough visiting at the family home in Placer County. Formerly employed by the Chicago WRA office, he has been stationed at Fort Snelling, Minn., to which post he will return upon the termination of his leave time. Sumio was inducted into the Army recently.

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OAKLAND.--YASUTO KATO, who has returned from Central Utah to his 20 acre Warm Springs ranch, is anticipating a successful harvest. He has 14 acres planted in tomatoes and 5½ acres in celery, and is expecting his brother, now serving with the U. S. Army in the South Pacific, to return home soon and help him.

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WATSONVILLE.-- Pvt OTIS KADANI of the U. S. Army visited Watsonville and Salinas recently while on leave, and then returned to his station at Fort Worth, Texas, by way of Poston where he was centered before his entrance into the Army. Kadani is scheduled to commence a nine months' intensive training course in Army Intelligence at Fort Snelling, Minnesota.

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VISALIA.--Reverend KAWASAKI of the Poston Center has announced that he will return to Visalia soon to convert the Buddhist Temple here into a hostel for returning Japanese.

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STOCKTON.--After three years in the U. S. Army, BOB MORIMOTO and his family, who were located at Granada, have settled at Cressey, California. Bob, TETSU, and FRANK did all of the work in constructing their new six room house.

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OAKLAND.--SUSUMU and YOSHIKO TAKEI, formerly of Topaz, recently returned to their home at 3016 California Street, Berkeley, California. They were accompanied by Mrs. Takei's father, TATSUMI NAKAZAWA. Susumi is now awaiting his call for induction into the Army.

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SAN FRANCISCO.-JIMMY YAMADA, who recently returned here from Chicago, is completing plans for the opening of his new drug store which will be located at the corner of Sutter and Laguna Streets under the name of "Jim's Drugs". Yamada was formerly associated with the Nippon Drug Company prior to evacuation. His family, which is still in Topaz, plans to join him here soon.

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FRESNO.-KAZUE MIYAMOTO, from Manzanar, is now employed by the local WRA office as receptionist-Stenographer. She resides with the family of Tom Okawara, Fresno attorney, 625 E St., Fresno. Prior to evacuation Miss Miyamoto lived in the San Fernando Valley, California.

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SACRAMENTO.-FRED SAKATA, now at the WFA camp at Caldwell, Idaho, visited the local WRA office recently. When the present tenant's lease has expired on his ranch property near Clarksburg, Fred plans to return there.

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STOCKTON.-TOMI KAJI, who with his ^(widow) ~~wife~~ and two daughters, STAR and SNOW, and his son HUBEI, returned from Granada to their ranch at Livingston, reports that the plum harvest has been completed.

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VISALIA.-MAKIIJI HASE left June 26 to don the uniform of the United States Army. The Hase family recently returned to their home at Hanford, California.

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SACRAMENTO.-FUSAKICHI DAIRIKI has returned to Penryn, California with his family, from the Granada Center and is helping his neighbors with the harvest. Dairiki formerly operated a retail store in Penryn but has not made plans for re-opening the store as yet.

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OAKLAND.-TETSUSHIRO, FUSA, MITSUO, MAYUMI and SHIRO SHIOZAWA, recently of Topaz, are getting settled in their home, 327 17th St., Oakland. A daughter, CHERRY NAKAGAWARA, an Air WAC, is stationed near Dayton, Ohio.

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STOCKTON.-Although getting re-established takes time, YONEZO SHIMADA of Route 1, Box 366A, Acampo, California, reports that he is getting gradually settled back into normal living. SHIMADA has obtained a new butane gas range and it took the dealer only a month to get it for him.

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SACRAMENTO.-FRANK SHIRAKI, from Heart Mountain, en route to San Jose, called at the local WRA office recently. His sister relocated in Menlo Park, California and is employed at the Dibble General Hospital there.

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VISALIA.-HARRY MIMURA, who is employed in a Philadelphia co-operative store, is spending several weeks visiting relatives near Orosi. The Mimura family formerly resided at the Colorado River Center near Poston, Arizona.

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SACRAMENTO.-Mr. and Mrs. K. MIYAI, recently from Granada, are getting settled in their old home here, 5801 Folsom Blvd. GEORGE MIYAI, a son, came with them and will remain for about two weeks. Another son, ARTHUR, is now recovering at Fitzsimmons Hospital, Denver, Colo., from wounds received in action in Italy and France. Mrs. H. MORI, a daughter, and her husband, Cpl. Y. MORI, now at Granada, plan to return here soon. Cpl. Mori is also a casualty of the war in Europe.

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SAN FRANCISCO.-OSAMU "OSSIE" TAMAKI has returned here from Topaz with his mother and is again operating the Fujii Hotel on Buchanan Street. Also accompanying him were his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. TOM FUJIOKA.

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SACRAMENTO.-BINZO WATANABE, his wife, TOMENO, and daughter, MARY, arrived here from Granada June 28th. They will reside temporarily at Hostel No. 1, 522 N St.

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STOCKTON.-RITSUO YAMANAKA, 17, whose family lives in Lodi, California, is now a student at Stanford University near Palo Alto where he is majoring in aeronautical engineering. He graduated from the Rohwer Center High School and returned to California last January.

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SACRAMENTO.-Mr. and Mrs. HATSUTARO KOZONO, from Granada, have returned to their old home, Route 1, Box 2468, Sacramento. They were accompanied by their daughter, Mrs. FUMIKO MURATA, of Washington, D. C., who plans to remain with them until they are settled.

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SACRAMENTO.-FRANK SHIRAKI, from Heart Mountain, en route to San Jose, called at the local WRA office recently. His sister relocated in Menlo Park, Calif., and is employed at the Dibble General Hospital there.

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SACRAMENTO.-Mr. and Mrs. ROY NIKAIDO, from Granada, have returned here and are getting settled in their former home, 1316 Fourth St. Roy formerly operated a floral shop here, but will not reopen his old business until a later date. He has applied for a clerical position at McClelland Field and expects to report for work soon.

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SAN FRANCISCO.-Mr. and Mrs. GEORGE YAMAMOTO have returned to San Francisco from Des Moines, Iowa, where they lived after leaving Gila River. They have moved into an apartment at 568 Hemlock Street. George is attending the University of California Dental College here.

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SACRAMENTO.-Dr. U. SAGAMI, from Minidoka, has established a dental office here and reports a good practice. Having lined up satisfactory housing, the doctor plans to bring his family back soon.

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SAN FRANCISCO.-Mr. and Mrs. S. NAKAI have returned here from Topaz and have regained possession of their flat at 1841 Buchanan Street. The Nakai's, who formerly operated the Clams Grocery Store at Post and Laguna Streets, are sharing their flat with Mr. and Mrs. MIYOJI MUMEHARA, also of Topaz.

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SACRAMENTO.-Mrs. SUE HARADA, wife of Captain Y. HARADA, now serving with the Armed Forces in Germany, has returned from the East and will manage the No. 1 Hostel here. Her most recent word from her husband indicated he would soon be sent to a CBI area..

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STOCKTON.-FRANK KANEDA, from Gila, is managing the hostel opened here July 17 in the church building at 1229 South Monroe St.

Frank has a job as janitor also, but has plenty of time to manage the hostel, at least until he can occupy his home on 8th St. A resident of this city since 1899, he has many friends here.

He is planning to install a gas range and other improvements in the hostel and make arrangements for meals to be served. But meanwhile, he says there are many restaurants available.

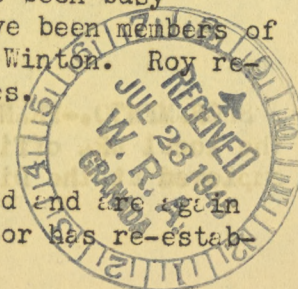
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LIVINGSTON.-ROY KISHI, Route 1, Box 318, reports that he has been busy picking apricots on a Caucasian owned farm. Working with him have been members of the SHIBATA family of Cressy, and the JUICHI HASHIMOTO family of Winton. Roy reports that another farmer has asked this group to pick his peaches.

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SACRAMENTO.-Dr. I. SATO and family, from Topaz, have returned and are again living in their attractive home, 2212 - 13th St., here. The doctor has re-established his dental office and reports an excellent practice.

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VISALIA.--Cadet Nurse ROSE YAMAMOTO was visiting with her parents in Orosi last week, then returned to the East to continue her training.

The Yamamotos were at the Poston Center before relocating in Orosi recently.

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SAN FRANCISCO.--Mr. and Mrs. S. ENOMOTO, who formerly operated a nursery at Redwood City, have returned from Denver to their home on Post Street, here.

A son, JOHNNY, is employed as an elevator operator in a downtown office building in San Francisco.

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SACRAMENTO.--July 17, 1920 (note date! Reprinted by Sacramento Union, July 17, 1945): Japanese and their American defenders had their inning before the Congressional Committee of Immigration and Naturalization, as members moved from Sacramento and Stockton to San Francisco.

Japanese told the congressmen they were "as good Americans as any" and they wanted to become Americanized, but were denied the opportunity.

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VISALIA.--AKIRA HIRAMATSU, of Denver, Colorado, formerly at the Poston Center, recently concluded a brief visit with his friends in this area.

He plans to return to Denver, hoping to bring his father, sister and younger brother for relocation on their farm near Orosi, California.

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STOCKTON.--SHINTARO ITO has completed arrangements for occupancy of his home here, 1628 S. Hunter Street, before the opening of school this fall.

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✓ SAN FRANCISCO.--JAMES HIKIDO, accountant for the Amache Cooperative Enterprises, has just moved his family into their newly purchased home at California and Divisadero Streets.

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✓ SACRAMENTO.--Mr. and Mrs. TAKEO NAGATA, with their daughter PATSY, from Granada, are now residing with Mr. and Mrs. HENRY TAKETA, at 2204 - 18th St., here. Mrs. Taketa is a daughter of the Nagatas. All report conditions good.

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VISALIA.--JAMES MORIOKA, recently from Poston, with his father and married sister, Mrs. PAUL SUYEDA, are visiting friends here.

James says they plan to return to Poston to get the rest of the Morioka family and then relocate in their home, Woodlake, California.

Mrs. Suyeda's husband is with the Army. Pending his return she will make her home with her parents.

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FRESNO.--The WRA office here recently was visited by three Nisei soldiers from Fort Ord, here on a 3-day pass: Cpl. SATOSHI DOGAN, whose home was in Washington, Sgt CARL KITA, Imperial Valley, Calif., and Sgt NOBUO ESHIMA, Denver, Colo.

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SAN FRANCISCO.--Mr. and Mrs. TARO ISOYE, and their son, YUKIO, have returned from Topaz to their former home on Buchanan Street. Mr. Isoye has had several offers of employment from firms with whom he previously did business.

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VISALIA.--Reverend K. IMAI, pastor of the Dinuba Methodist Church, his wife and two sons are back in their home at Dinuba, California.

A son, OSWALD, with the armed forces, spent his furlough with his family a few weeks before their return. Oswald has returned to the East to continue his training.

Reverend Imai plans to reopen the Methodist church here soon.

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SACRAMENTO.--Returned evacuees are arranging weekly picnics and parties for Nisei service men from Camp Beale and DeWitt General Hospital. Wiener roasts, arranged by local groups, are popular.

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FRESNO.--IKUKO SHIRAYAMA and her parents, recently from Rohwer, are now living on their ranch, Route 1, Box 321, Laton, Calif.

An old family friend, SANSAKA MARUYAMA, lives with them.

All report their satisfaction in being back, with a warm and friendly attitude from their neighbors.

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SAN FRANCISCO.--Mr. and Mrs. FRANK INO, who left the Central Utah Center for New York City, have returned to their home in the Buena Vista district here.

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VISALIA.--KANJIRO MAYEDA, his wife, KISHI, and daughter, HIDEKO, recently from Poston, are comfortably reestablished in their commodious home, Route 1, Box 374, Dinuba, Calif. They report conditions good and plan to harvest their grapes soon.

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STOCKTON.--YOSHIO NISHIMOTO, here recently from Topaz, by chance met a Caucasian stranger who invited him to lunch. The conversation disclosed that the stranger had been a prisoner of the Japanese at Corregidor and in an internment camp for three years. Before they parted they were fast friends. Proof? The stranger gave Yoshio a cigarette lighter, to remember him by.

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OAKLAND.--Mr. and Mrs. KANZO IYAMA, recently from Topaz, have accepted employment in the home of Mrs. G. V. Adams, 745 Santa Barbara Road, Berkeley, Calif., with whom they will live.

Their son, SHIGENORI, now living at Oxford Hall in Berkeley, is attending the summer session at the University of California.

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LODI.--Wedding bells chimed here on July 16 when FRED NAKAGAWA, Route 1, Box 238, Acampo, and Miss FUMIKO HIRAHARA, Madera, were married. Both formerly were residents of Rohwer.

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WATSONVILLE.--Recent visitors here and in Monterey were S. (BILL) INOUE, RICHARD YOSHIDA and SID SHIRATSUKI.

The latter was Relocation Officer at Poston. Inoue and Yoshida also were at Poston. Yoshida plans to relocate in either Monterey or Watsonville, hoping to work in a fish cannery when the season opens August 1.

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STOCKTON.--YONEKO IKEDA, who returned from Manzanar, is now working as a domestic in the home of Dr. and Mrs. R. Conley, 1226 Elm Street.

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WATSONVILLE.--Mrs. WALTER HASIMOTO (nee TSURUYO ASAMI) has returned with her brother, TARO, and sister, TERUYO (TERRY) to the Asami home at 115 Grant Avenue. Terry recently graduated from high school but Taro plans to enter Watsonville High on July 30.

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OAKLAND.--Mr. and Mrs. RICHARD TOWATA, and their daughters, CAROL and JUDY, have returned to their home at 2139 Pacific Avenue, Alameda. The Towata's temporarily resided in Denver after leaving Topaz.

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VISALIA.--Sgt GEORGE SHIBA has been enjoying a furlough with his parents, sisters and brothers here. Wounded in the fighting in Italy, he was returned to the Hammond Modesto hospital for treatment. He will report back to the hospital for further assignment.

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STOCKTON.--TAKESHI "TEX" FUJIOKA has rented 100 acres of land from W. G. Richie on the Brack tract, near Terminus. Working the farm on a crop sharing basis he plans to raise carrots and spinach. A house on the property is being made ready for his family.

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FRESNO.--The labor situation has changed little since late in June. One employer has arranged to take on from 10 to 15 evacuee families. There is neither a critical shortage nor a surplus of labor. No great difficulty has been experienced by returnees in securing employment. The local WRA office has had several calls for gardeners and domestics, but few of these prospective employers have housing to offer. This is still the major problem confronting returnees. While single rooms are plentiful they may be secured on occasion. Houses and apartments in town still are very scarce.

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REEDLEY.--An informal arrangement was made early in July with the local Language School Board to make that building available for housing the families of returnees. Added to the facilities of the Buddhist Church, now available, more families may be accommodated.

Control of the school property is retained by the School Board and first consideration will be given to former residents of this area. Families desiring to make use of this housing should communicate with DENROKU SASAKI, Route 1, Box 296, Reedley. It is hoped that an announcement may be made soon of a temporary housing arrangement in Parlier, Calif., also.

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STOCKTON.--GEORGE TSUSAKI, has returned from Rohwer and is now operating his garage at 111 East Pine Street, Lodi.

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SACRAMENTO.--FUKUMA AOKI, his wife, KANAI, son, KEIJI, and daughters, NORIE, and DOROTHY SANO, all recently from Gila, have returned to their ranch on Ryder Island, between Walnut Grove and Rio Vista.

They were assisted by their former employer, Mr. Greeley, in getting settled and they are now working on his ranch.

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WALNUT GROVE.--Mr. and Mrs. HARRY MATSUOKA and family, former residents of Granada, are back in their old home here.

SHO MATSUOKA, a son, has been working daily since the return of the family.

The Matsuoka family, with Mr. and Mrs. K. SASAKI, also from Granada, were the first returnees to resettle in Walnut Grove.

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SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF COAST SECURITY BELONGS TO ARMY, GENERAL PRATT DECLARES

SAN FRANCISCO, July 30.-Major General H. C. Pratt, commanding general of the Western Defense Command, today issued to newspapers a statement for the purpose of clearing public misunderstanding as to the responsibility of security involved in the return of persons of Japanese ancestry to the Pacific Coast.

General Pratt's statement follows:

"It has become increasingly apparent that an erroneous impression is being conveyed to the public as to the responsibilities of the various agencies concerned with the return of persons of Japanese ancestry to the West Coast States. This situation is evidenced by 'Letters to the Editors,' news items, radio releases, public statements, etc., which not only distort the facts but sometimes contain misstatements. In this connection it should be noted, however, that all responsible editorial comment has been based upon the facts as they exist.

"In view of the above, I feel that a statement by me with reference to this matter is called for.

"As Commanding General, Western Defense Command, and pursuant to Presidential Executive Order, I have the responsibility of determining which individuals of Japanese ancestry may or may not be permitted to return to the designated exclusion zone of the Western Defense Command. In making this determination, I am governed solely by military considerations and by none other, for there exists no legal authority for anyone to restrict the movements of an individual within the United States because of economic, social, or other similar reasons.

"In executing this responsibility, I have access to the records of the various intelligence agencies of the Government and am assisted by a large staff of experienced personnel. I feel, therefore, that I am able to determine which individuals may prove potentially dangerous to the military security of the West Coast and such individuals are not allowed to return. Possibly, although I doubt it, certain individuals may possess information against persons of Japanese ancestry which I do not have. If such is the case, it is a patriotic duty to convey that information to me, and I will welcome such assistance.

"The War Relocation Authority was created to assist in the proper relocation of these persons of Japanese ancestry who were required to leave their homes. The formation of this Authority was a result of the recognition on the part of our Government of its obligation to alleviate the hardships imposed upon many thousands of our citizens merely because of the accident of birth. The War Relocation Authority has no authority or responsibility whatever in determining which individuals will be allowed to return to the exclusion zone of the Western Defense Command, nor does this agency attempt to exercise this authority or assume this responsibility. It is repeated -- this authority and this responsibility is that of the Commanding General, Western Defense Command."

CAUCASIAN OFFICER WHO SERVED WITH NISEI TROOPS TELLS OF THEIR BLOOD, SWEAT AND TEARS, HITS AT RACIAL DISCRIMINATION AT HOME

SAN FRANCISCO.-"If the boys of my outfit could give their lives by the hundreds on the Italian and French fronts in some of the coldest, muddiest, bitterest fighting of the whole war, I fail to see where it is going to hurt the people of California to allow returned veterans with their families or relatives to come back to their homes and take their places in the community."

So said Captain George H. Grandstaff, one of the few Caucasian officers to serve with the Japanese American 100th Infantry Battalion and the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, when he addressed a luncheon meeting of nearly a thousand members of the Commonwealth Club here in the Palace Hotel on July 27.

Grandstaff, who wears the Silver Star, awarded to him for his part in the rescue of the "Lost Battalion" in the Vosges Forest, the Purple Heart with two clusters, the ETO ribbon with four stars and the Presidential Unit Citation, was completing a statewide, 30-day speaking tour ordered by the War Department in the interests of fair play and democratic treatment for Americans of Japanese ancestry.

A resident of Azusa, located in the San Gabriel Valley near Los Angeles where he was engaged in the citrus fruit business, Captain Grandstaff recently returned from Italy for a furlough and was assigned to the task of speaking on the West Coast to bring to public attention the splendid record of American veterans of Japanese ancestry.

The Army officer cited the outstanding record of the Japanese American fighting men, pointed out that the 100th Infantry Battalion has the reputation of being the most decorated outfit in U. S. Army history and told of the hardships suffered by the Nisei soldiers who, on several occasions, were assigned the important task of spearheading drives. He told of the rescue of the 82 remaining members of the "Lost Battalion" from the 36th (Texas) Division and said "There are 82 families in Texas who do not think of these Japanese Americans as 'yellow-bellies' but only as Americans."

Of his service with the 100th and 442nd, Captain Grandstaff said:

"I feel privileged in having been allowed to serve with the 100th Battalion and the 442nd Infantry Regiment, and if given the opportunity I would serve with them again. I am proud of their record and proud of the individuals who made that record possible. I ask no special privileges for them nor do they. But I do ask that the democratic principles for which they fought to preserve be practised without discrimination or prejudice. With fair play and fair treatment, we can, and we will make the United States of America a 'land of the free'".

His speech was broadcast by transcription from KLX, Oakland radio station, on Sunday.

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WHAT'S GOING ON?

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VISALIA.-Mr. and Mrs. KAY WATANABE have returned with their small son, KAY Jr., to their farm near Sultana, California. Kay has two brothers in the Army, KAZUO, who was a German prisoner of war, and FRANK, who recently returned from overseas duty.

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SACRAMENTO.-GEORGE SAKAI has returned with his family from Topaz and is operating the Lincoln Hotel here. He was one of the first evacuees to return to the Sacramento area.

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FRESNO.-Dr. T. T. YATABE, who relocated in Chicago from Jerome, visited here accompanied by Dr. ROBERT YABUNO, formerly of Gila. The doctors are considering relocating here.

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WATSONVILLE.-Mr. and Mrs. KIKUJIRO ICHIUJI and son, HARRY, have returned to their Pacific Grove home where Ichiuji will re-open his shoe shop.

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STOCKTON.-MYRTLE FUJITANI, who returned from Rohwer to the family home at Route 1, Box 203, Acampo, is working as a typist-clerk for the Army Ordnance Depot at Stockton where the personnel officer is so well satisfied with her work that he has requested WRA to supply him with several girls like Myrtle.

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SAN JOSE.-Death due to tuberculosis, came to EMIKO MIHARA, July 27, in a San Jose hospital. Miss Mihara had returned from Heart Mountain just four days earlier and was immediately taken to the hospital where she was operated on two days later. Her father had accompanied her to San Jose while her mother and other members of the family remained at Heart Mountain.

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SANTA ROSA.-YOSHIO SUGIOKA has returned to his home at Route 3, Box 371, Petaluma, with his bride, the former SHIZUYE HAMATAMI, who he married at Granada. Yoshio was medically discharged from the Army and had been living at Granada until recently.

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VISALIA.--MASARU SAITA has returned to Poston after a visit here and plans to return soon with his parents, a brother, and a sister, to the family home at Oroquieta, California.

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OAKLAND.--T/3 SAM ROKUTANI of the United States Army was a recent visitor here. He has been in the Pacific 31 months and has seen action on Leyte, Saipan and Okinawa, and now wears the Purple Heart. He formerly operated a garage in Alameda. His mother, and a brother, George, are living in St. Paul, Minnesota.

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SAN FRANCISCO.--JAMES HIKIDO, former treasurer of the AMACHE CONSUMERS ENTERPRISES, has resettled in San Francisco and has joined the Northern California Area office of WRA as a Special Relocation Officer.

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FRESNO.--Private First Class MASAO HAYASHI is in the Birmingham General Hospital at Van Nuys, California, after serving nearly four years with the famous 442nd Infantry Regiment. He recently visited his former home here wearing the Purple Heart, Good Conduct, and European Theater ribbons with two campaign stars.

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VISALIA.--Miss AMY YAMANE was here recently on a visit to prepare the family home near Earlimart for the return of her parents. Amy is attending Tulsa University in Oklahoma.

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SACRAMENTO.--SUMIO DOI of Placer County, the first returnee from Granada, was inducted into the army recently and is now at Camp Beale. Meanwhile, the Federal Grand Jury in Sacramento has been asked to indict the brothers who attempted to set fire to the DOI property last spring.

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STOCKTON.--M. OKAZAKI, who is operating the Chugoku Hotel at 20 South Main Street, Lodi, has announced that he will attempt to reserve a few rooms for use of returnees. Rates are: \$1.00 per day, \$4.00 per week, and \$16.00 per month. Double rates are slightly more.

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SACRAMENTO.--T/3 TETSU ITO was here recently on a furlough from Fort Snelling, Minnesota, and visited Caucasian friends at Davis, where he formerly attended the University of California agricultural school.

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WHAT'S GOING ON?
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SACRAMENTO.--WILLIAM OTANI has returned from Granada to make arrangements for housing in preparation for the return of his family. He is staying at Hostel No. 4, 727 "T" Street.

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OAKLAND.--TADASHI MORI, who returned from Topaz with his brothers, MASAO and TOSHIO, has accepted employment with the Sequoia Motor Company here.

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SACRAMENTO.--Fifteen evacuees from Granada recently stopped here en route to Gridley, California, where they will be employed by the Butte Co-operative Farms.

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OAKLAND.--Mr. and Mrs. GEORGE SABURO MATSUMOTO, who returned here from Topaz with their sons, GEORGE HIDEO and ALAN MASAO, have purchased a home at 1727 Parker Avenue, Berkeley.

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SACRAMENTO.--Mr. and Mrs. HIROKICHI MUTO returned from Gila River to accept employment with Army Lieutenant K. Cole of the Sacramento Signal Depot. Mr. Muto is working as a gardener and his wife works as a domestic. They live at Route 1, Box 1390, Sacramento.

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SACRAMENTO.--Mr. and Mrs. BUNZO WATANABE and daughter have returned from Granada. Mr. Watanabe has had several employment offers. They live at 610 "O" St.

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SACRAMENTO.--Assisting in the harvest of grain near Clarksburg are two former Central Utah men, YOSHIO HAMATANI, a World War II veteran, and YOSHIO ISHIHARA.

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SACRAMENTO.--Reverend YASABURO TSUDA has returned here with his wife and daughter from Gila River. They are living at the Methodist Church building, 327 "O" St.

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STOCKTON.--Mrs. MASAKI AGARI and her sister, SHIGEKO TABUCHI, have positions as secretaries with the College of Pacific here.

Mrs. Agari returned recently from Minneapolis, where she went to be near her husband, JUN AGARI, then stationed at Fort Snelling.

Miss Tabuchi came here from Cleveland.

Both were formerly at Rohwer. They now reside here with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. MASATARO TABUCHI.

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SACRAMENTO.--Mr. and Mrs. B. KATO have returned here from Granada and are moving into their former home. They were accompanied by their two daughters.

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WATSONVILLE.--KENZO ETOW, formerly at Poston, plans to relocate here.

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SACRAMENTO.--Mr. and Mrs. RIKIZO NAKAMURA have returned from Granada with their two children and are living at 1317 Fourth Street where Mr. Nakamura is operating a furniture and hardware store.

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WATSONVILLE.--HENRY GOTO and KAZUO SHIGEMOTO were here recently from Poston. They are looking over San Jose, Stockton and Sacramento, also, before returning to Poston and determining on definite plans.

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SACRAMENTO.--Dr. and Mrs. TOMEJIRO SATO have returned from Granada to their home at 2213 - 13th Street where they were joined by their son, Stanley, who has been living in Kansas City. Dr. Sato has resumed his dental practice with an office in the Main Hotel, Sixth Street and Capitol Avenue.

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WATSONVILLE.--Sgt SAT TAKEMOTO, formerly at Poston, now attending school at Fort Mason, San Francisco, was a recent visitor.

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SACRAMENTO.--The school situation here for children of returnees is good. School officials in various parts of the surrounding area have been contacted by evacuees recently returned. Reaction in each instance has been very favorable.

The registrar of Sacramento Junior College reports that five have enrolled, four for the fall term, one for the spring semester.

DOROTHY NAKAMURA is now attending the college. When the new term opens she will be joined by TATSUKO ITO, STANLEY SATO and KATHERINE NAKAMURA. JOE FUJIMOTO, now in Minneapolis, will be back for the next term.

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WHAT'S GOING ON?

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VISALIA.--Mrs. KIYO NAMIKI, from Poston, was here recently checking on her stored property and other matters.

Due to the recent death of her husband she will not return to this area to live, but plans to make her home with friends in Madera, California.

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SACRAMENTO.--Miss BETTY DEGUCHI, recently from Salt Lake City, is the new stenographer and receptionist in the local CIO office. Formerly at Poston, Betty came to Sacramento when her parents resettled on their ranch nearby.

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STOCKTON.--A 25 person hostel has been opened at 23 North Stockton Street, Lodi.

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WATSONVILLE.--MASAO TAKESHITA, formerly of Poston, was here recently on a visit. He has returned to San Francisco where he will resume his practice as an optometrist.

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VISALIA.--The MASAJIRO NISHI family from Rohwer has relocated in Hanford, Calif., Route 1, Box 316.

They are living in a small house in the rear of the main ranch house, which is occupied by tenants who will remain until the harvest is over.

The Nishis hope that their two boys, now in Europe with the Armed Forces, may return in time to work the ranch.

They report cordial treatment from their neighbors.

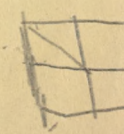
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WATSONVILLE.--A new hotel with a capacity of 20 guests opened here August 3, at 57 Union Street. Available for returnees, it will be managed by SATORU KOKKA of Poston and SHIGERU MURATA.

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Is this
new
hostel?



SACRAMENTO.-Mr. and Mrs. H. SHUMIDA, former Gila residents, have returned to their old ranch near Elk Grove. Their son-in-law, MIKIO TAKEOKA, is assisting them in getting resettled and caring for the crops. Their mailing address is Route 2, Box 2140, Elk Grove, California.

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WATSONVILLE.-KENZO ETOW, formerly of Poston, plans to relocate here.

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SACRAMENTO.-Through local CIO headquarters, three returnees have secured good jobs at the California Rice Growers Association plant in West Sacramento. They are: RAY NAKAMOTO, Idaho; BOB MURAKI, Topaz; JOSEPH IWATA, Chicago.

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STOCKTON.-MOICHIRO NAKAMURA, formerly of Rohwer, is rounding up a group of 35 men to harvest grapes near Lodi. He has taken over 120 acres of grapes owned by the American Fruit Company and plans to pack the fruit and later prune the vines. He estimates continuous work for the group for at least 6 months.

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SACRAMENTO.-Five returnees to this district have already been enrolled for the fall term at the Sacramento Junior College. They are: DOROTHY and KATHERINE NAKAMURA, JOE FUJITO, STANLEY SATO, and TATSUKO ITO.

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WATSONVILLE.-HENRY GOTO and KAZUO SHIGEMOTO were here recently from Poston. They are considering resettling in San Jose, Stockton, Sacramento, or in this area.

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OAKLAND.-A new hostel, managed by NORIO OZAKI, has been opened here at 576 Sycamore Street. It has a capacity of 16 persons and is available to returnees.

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SACRAMENTO.-Melvin Crites is managing a hostel for returnees to Live Oak, California. The hostel has a capacity of 12 persons and is under the sponsorship of the Church of the Brethren.

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WHAT'S GOING ON?
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STOCKTON.-KENJI NISHIKAWA, from Gila, has returned to King Island, near here, where he will resume his old job on the ranch. He has under way a campaign to recruit both families and single men for farm work on King Island.

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WATSONVILLE.-The first group of evacuees to be employed in the Monterey Fish Cannery were signed up recently by the cannery and the union. They were to start work August 2. Transportation to and from work is to be provided with chartered buses which seat 40 workers. Many men and women are needed in the canneries.

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STOCKTON.-Among returnees on the special train from Rohwer arriving July 31 were the following families, all of whom will be employed in farming on Bacon Island, at Camp No. 8: SABAJI SHIMIZU, BUNKICHI KUMAMARU, MASAYOSHI NOKAWATASSEE and BUNTA HIGUCHI.

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VISALIA.-S. TAGAWA and family are comfortably settled in their home, 216 N. Green St., Hanford, Calif.

Miss NAOMI TAGAWA has been employed by the WRA in Washington.

The Tagawa family formerly operated a laundry. However, Mr. and Mrs. Tagawa are of the opinion that their years entitle them to take things a bit easy, so they will not re-engage in the laundry business.

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SACRAMENTO.-Mr. KAHEJI OKAMOTO, and son, PAUL, recently returned from Granada and are working on a ranch at Elk Grove, not far from Sacramento. Their address is Box 27, Elk Grove, Calif.

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STOCKTON.-T. NISHIMOTO arrived on the special train from Rohwer July 31 and is living at Camp No. 1, Bacon Island, near here. With him came YAYANO MATSUMOTO, YONETARO HIRAHARA and family, JIMPEI IKEMOTO and family, TERUICHI IWAMIYA and family, SEIJI NODA and family, TORAJIRO ITO and family. Some of the foregoing are at Camp No. 1, others at Camp No. 2, Bacon Island.

All are busy fixing up living quarters. But this work is "sandwiched in" between farm work on Bacon Island and in the surrounding area.

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SACRAMENTO.--YASUO YOSHINO and his sister, NINA YOSHINO, from Topaz, are both employed at McClellan Field, near Sacramento. Their address is Route 1, Box 1925, Sacramento.

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STOCKTON.--SUSUMU KOGA and his wife, from Manzanar, are employed here. Mr. Koga has purchased a home near Charter Way in Stockton and has returned to the Center to bring out his mother and his children.

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SACRAMENTO.--TOICHI HAMAMOTO, his wife, son and daughter from Poston, are again living in their old home, Route 2, Box 3605, Sacramento. Mr. Hamamoto formerly operated a produce business here and plans to re-engage in that business soon. The family reports that all is well.

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OAKLAND.--TOMIO, MIDORI and GEORGE HASHIMOTO recently returned to their home, 2143 Pacific Street, Alameda, California.

Their father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. RYUZO HASHIMOTO, who are now in Topaz, plan to join them as soon as the home is in readiness.

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STOCKTON.--GEORGE TSUSAKI, from Rohwer, operates a garage at 111 West Pine St., Lodi, Calif. George reports that he has more work than he can do.

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SAN JOSE.--ARNOLD and KAZUTO NOSE, recently from Heart Mountain, arrived here a few days ago, with their families, and have relocated on their ranches near Cupertino,

While at the Heart Mountain Center they were asked by Dr. MORTON M. KIMURA to try and locate living quarters were for him and his family of eight. The doctor is anxious to return to San Jose and resume his practice and plans to do so, as soon as satisfactory housing may be found.

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STOCKTON.--KENTARO AKASHI, from Rohwer, arrived recently on the special train from Rohwer, heading a group of single men who are to work on Mandeville Island, at Camp No. 21.

Members of the group include: TETSUMI INOUE, TAKESABURO MORI, ISAMU MIYAMOTO, YUJI OKAMOTO, EISO NAKEWATASE, KIYOSHI GINDO, IWACHI MATSUMOTO, ROKURA MORIKAWA, NAJI ASAHINA, OKA KUYOSHI and JIRO WATANABE.

SI MAYADA accompanied the group to Stockton. He is returning to Rohwer where he hopes to recruit at least 50 workers for Mandeville Island, during August.

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FEDERAL JURY INDICTS WATSON BROTHERS IN PLACER TERRORIST RAIDS

Indictments by a Federal Grand Jury in Sacramento on August 6 against James E. Watson, 38, an Auburn bartender, and his brother, Claude W. Watson, 35, rancher, in connection with asserted terrorist activities against Sumio Doi and his family on their farm near Newcastle, Calif., last January 19 suggest a brief chronology of the facts leading up to this action by the United States Government.

Sumio Doi and his family returned to their farm from Granada January 5. Their return and relocation were without incident until the night of January 17 when noises were heard in an out building.

An investigation disclosed that a small fire had been started on the premises. The blaze was promptly extinguished by Doi and his father. The incident was reported to the sheriff's office.

The following night a charge of buckshot was fired toward the Doi house from the road. The sheriff was summoned immediately. His investigation showed that several sticks of dynamite had been planted in a packing shed on the Doi property.

Apprised of the facts, Governor Earl Warren and State Attorney General Robert Kenny requested full protection for the Doi family. A conference was arranged with a Superior Court judge of Placer County, the sheriff and the district attorney. Protection for the Doi family was promised.

The immediate neighbors of the Doi family, Caucasians, were reported friendly. Merchants in Auburn proved cooperative.

The State Department of Justice kept a close watch on the situation in Auburn.

Continued investigation by authorities resulted in apprehension of two members of the United States Army, Elmer and Alvin Johnson, who were AWOL, and the Watson brothers.

On April 17 these four suspects were brought to trial in the Placer County Superior Court, Judge Lowell M. Sparks presiding, on two charges. The first felony count charged them with starting a fire on the Doi property, while the second accused them of placing dynamite, caps and fuses on the property, with intent to destroy the property and to intimidate and terrify human beings.

The prosecution presented several witnesses, including Sumio Doi and special agents of the State Department of Justice. The defense offered no evidence whatever but pleaded "This is a white man's country". A jury of five men and seven women brought in a verdict of acquittal. Many Auburn residents were reported to be shocked with the verdict and comment by the California press was generally caustic.

Activity by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in connection with this case was indicated by United States District Attorney Hennessy when he filed charges on July 24 of violations of the Federal Explosives Act, charges which were presented to the Federal Grand Jury at Sacramento, resulting in the indictments mentioned. Mr. Hennessy said that Federal action was decided upon after the FBI obtained a statement from Elmer Johnson implicating the Watsons in the dynamite attempt.

This is the first prosecution in this area under the Federal Explosives act. The first count in the indictment carries a maximum penalty of two years imprisonment or \$10,000 fine, or both, while the defendants are subject to a sentence of one year and fines of \$5,000 if convicted on the second count.

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Sumio Doi is a citizen, has two brothers in the service, and recently was inducted into the Armed Forces.

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WHAT'S GOING ON?
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SAN JOSE.--Relocation is complete for the family of DICK HASHIMOTO, well known here prior to evacuation, recently arrived from Poston.

Once again on their ranch in Berryessa are DICK and his wife ALICE, and their children CHIYEKO and RICHARD, and Dick's sister, DOROTHY, also Dick's father, SHIGEMO, 75.

The Hashimotos shared a special car with other evacuees all the way from the center.

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SAN JOSE.--Other evacuees returning here on the "Poston Special" included TORAO TOYOFUKU, his sisters, MUTSUYE and TOMOYE, his mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. SUKICHI TOYOFUKU.

Temporarily they are housed at the HASHIMOTO ranch, near San Jose.

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SAN JOSE.--TAKEO YUKI, prominent in Los Angeles and throughout Central California in pre-evacuation days as an important produce operator, returned recently from Poston and purchased a \$50,000 ranch and home near San Jose. The Yuki family has taken possession and have successfully relocated.

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VISALIA.--TED MIMURA and his wife KAY, who relocated from Philadelphia recently are doing well on their farm at Cutler, Calif.

Ted reports that his peaches are ready to harvest and - sold.

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VISALIA.--T/3 GEORGE SAKAGUCHI arrived at his home in Orosi, Calif., July 30, on furlough.

After service of 31 months in the Pacific theatre George is mighty happy to be able to visit with his mother and brothers. The address of the family home is Route 1, Box 130, Orosi, California.

George was inducted into the Army in March, 1941.

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WHAT'S GOING ON?
(Neighborhood news of folks you may know)

SACRAMENTO.--MASAEMON MIZUTANI, formerly of Granada, died at the Sacramento County hospital on August 8th.

Mr. Mizutani had suffered from a heart ailment for years. Brought back to Sacramento by his daughter, MIYO, he died a few days following his return.

The body was taken to Lamar, Colo., where funeral arrangements were made by members of the family. Two other daughters who had relocated in Detroit, Mich, returned to Lamar for the service.

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SANTA ROSA.--TAKASHI KOGA, Route 3, Box 392, Petaluma, and his family are hosts to Mr. and Mrs. SHIZUZO KUNIMOTO, and their three daughters, AYAKO, FUSAKO, and YOSHIKO, formerly residents of Gila Center.

Ayako and Fusako will probably accept employment in Oakland.

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SACRAMENTO.--Dr. JIRO MURAMOTO and family, former residents of Lincoln, Neb., have returned to Sacramento where the doctor hopes to establish a practice in the near future.

In Lincoln he was associated with the Orthopedic hospital.

With his family, he is living at the home of Mrs. Muramoto's parents, 500 "V" St., Sacramento.

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VISALIA.--SHINICHI YAMASHITA and his daughter, SHIZUKO, from Poston, are visiting friends in this area.

Mr. Yamashita will assist the Reverend KAWASAKI in opening the Buddhist Temple as a hostel, in Visalia.

Others of the Yamashita family plan to return to their home here soon.

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SACRAMENTO.--Pvt GEORGE WATANABE, formerly of Walnut Grove, Calif., now stationed at Fort Snelling, Minn., was here for a visit recently. George is awaiting assignment to overseas service. His family is still at Granada, but he hopes to make arrangements for their resettlement soon.

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STOCKTON.--JACK KIYOI of Modesto, formerly of Granada, is busy on his farm. He also leases 40 acres adjoining and plans to cultivate that, too.

He reports hearty cooperation from the people of Modesto, comparable in every way to the pre-war attitude.

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SAN FRANCISCO.--TOSHIKO HATAMIYA, for two years secretary to the Project Attorney at Granada center, has recently been added to the WRA Area office staff here.

Toshiko was born in Live Oak, Calif., lived at Marysville with her family for some time, where she graduated from high school and attended Yuba Junior College for two years, taking a commercial course. Her mother, father, three brothers, ROY, GEORGE and BOBBY, and a sister, TAMAKI, are still at Granada. All are anticipating their early return.

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SACRAMENTO.--Dr. GEORGE K. AKIMATSU, and his wife, YASUKA, formerly at Minidoka center, have returned to Sacramento.

The doctor is renewing old acquaintanceships and preparing his office for a formal opening. He hopes to be practicing again soon.

With his wife he recently visited Walnut Grove to make arrangements for the relocation of his parents in their old home there.

He reports everything in good order, with courteous and friendly reception.

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SANTA ROSA.--TOM OSADA, of Gila center, has been visiting in Suisun Valley, Solano County, contacting growers who formerly employed people of Japanese ancestry on their ranches in that area.

He reports a good reception and will return to Gila to contact former residents of the Suisun Valley.

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VISALIA.--KIYOHICO SHIBA, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. SHIBA, Route 1, Box 244, Oroquieta, Calif., recently from Poston, planned to leave August 15 for Fort Douglas, Utah, to be inducted into the Army.

Kiyohiko's brother, Sergeant GEORGE SHIBA, was wounded in France and is now at the Modesto Hammond hospital.

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SANTA ROSA.--JUZO HAMAMOTO and his family are operating their apple drying plant at 1044 Los Carneros Ave., Napa, Calif.

Growers in the area are supplying them with fruit for their operations. They report cordial relations with their neighbors.

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STOCKTON.--SHUICHI YOSHIMOTO, formerly of Gila River, has accepted a job as manager of a vineyard for one of his Caucasian neighbors.

His employer is making quarters ready for him. Shuichi plans to return to the center to recruit workers.

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WHAT'S GOING ON?
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SACRAMENTO.-Mr. and Mrs. N. SATO and three daughters, formerly of Topaz, are now residing at 1916 Seventh Street, Sacramento. Mr. and Mrs. Sato are managing a hostel sponsored by the JACL at this address.

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VISALIA.-ROSE and UMIKO OGATA recently visited here from Poston center. They planned to return to Poston and relocate their family in Oroquieta, Calif., since their home there has been opened.

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STOCKTON.-SAKAI YAMADA, and his son, KAZUO, formerly at Rohwer center, will take over the ranch of ROYICHI YASUI, near Oakdale, Calif., August 19.

The ranch has been operated by the Edwards family, from whom Mr. Yamada purchased the lease and crops, consisting of fruits, grain and vegetables.

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SAN FRANCISCO.-Miss YUKIE IKEDA, who relocated in Oakland, Calif., from Tule Lake last May, has moved to Hillsboro, Calif., to be near her brother, ROY IKEDA.

She has secured employment as a domestic in a home. Her quarters consist of a room and private bath.

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SACRAMENTO.-Mr. A. KADOI, YASADU UYEMURA, SHIGERU ITAKE, OTO TAKEDA and Mrs. TAKEDA, TED OKOMOTO, and I. TANEHARA are now employed on the Whitten Ranch at Wheatland. All of the above are from Granada with the exception of TANEHARA who is from Tule Lake. Mr. Okomoto is the foreman for this ranch. All report everything "fine".

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STOCKTON.-Mrs. TATEYAMA and family, formerly of Rohwer, have returned to Stockton. They have sold the furnishings of the White Hotel which they managed here in pre-evacuation days, which will not be operated by them now.

The White was one of the largest and finest in the workingmens' section of Stockton.

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VISALIA.--DICK YASUDA recently visited this area, on a short term leave from Poston center, to make further plans for the relocation of his family here.

He planned to return to the center within a few days to bring the rest of his family back.

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SACRAMENTO.--MR. Y. KASIWAGA and family, formerly of Minidoka, are now employed at the Schaeffer Ranch, near Marysville, California. The family is located in a nice five-room home with all modern conveniences, and all are very happy.

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STOCKTON.--KENJI NISHIKAWA, former resident of the Gila center, is now foreman for McLean Farms on Kind Island, near Stockton.

Working with him are the following families and single men: RINSHI KATO, MATAKI SHIMASAKI, S. SAGATA, DAVE FURUKAWA, all of Gila center, and M. KASA, of Rohwer center. Mr. Sakata and Mr. Shimasaki planned to return to the center to bring out their families.

HENRY YOSHIMI and Mr. NAKASHIMA will also arrive from Gila center soon to work for Mr. Nishikawa, who needs additional families and single men as soon as housing can be arranged.

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SAN FRANCISCO.--The Buddhist hostel, in the Buddhist temple, 1331 Pine Street, San Francisco, had its first guests Thursday, August 16.

Presently the hostel has dormitory accommodations for some 50 women and 75 men.

Mess facilities are not now available but it is hoped that plans for the serving of food may be consummated upon the return of Bishop MATSUKAGE.

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SACRAMENTO.--Mr. and Mrs. Y. MAEYANA, formerly of Gila River Project, are now employed on the Lawson Ranch near Marysville, California. They have adequate housing and permanent employment year-round.

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VISALIA.--TOM TSUBOI and family, from Poston center, relocated to their home here in July and report they are comfortably situated.

They are rebuilding their garage and are busy in many ways. All declare they are "very happy to be home again."

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SACRAMENTO.--Mr. H. TANIMOTO and family, who returned to their ranch near Gridley, California, from the Tule Lake project, report everything OK. Mr. Tanimoto is presently recuperating from a heart attack and is improving rapidly.

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WHAT'S GOING ON?
(Neighborhood news of folks you may know)

SAN JOSE.-Dr. MORTON KIMURA, well known physician and surgeon, formerly a resident of Los Angeles, will arrive in San Jose soon to arrange housing for his family and to set up an office for general practice.

The doctor has secured office space with T. TAKETA, 209 Jackson St., San Jose. He is the first Japanese physician to resume practice in this district.

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SANTA ROSA.-Mr. and Mrs. HARRY MASUOKA and their daughter MARGARET arrived in Santa Rosa on August 18 to arrange for taking over their fruit farm near Sebastopol.

Mr. Masuoka visited this area in May, deciding then to return with his family. While arrangements for them are being made on their farm, the Masuokas are house guests of Mr. and Mrs. KIKUE MORITA at their ranch, Route 4, Box 643, Sebastopol, Calif. The Masuokas and the Moritas are former Granada residents.

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STOCKTON.-H. HISAKA of Zurkerman Ranch, Manderville, Calif., reports some 50 employees grading potatoes and onions. They expect to employ an additional 80.

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SAN JOSE.-ANN NOMURA, Nisei secretary to the Heart Mountain Welfare Section, has arrived in Palo Alto and taken a position with the Pepsi-Cola Company there. Her family plans to relocate in Seattle.

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SANTA ROSA.-Mr. GEORGE OKAMOTO, former resident of Granada center, returned to Sebastopol recently to look over the situation preparatory to resettlement of his family.

During his stay in this area he was the house guest of Mr. KISAICHI UYEDA on Peterson Road, Petaluma, Calif.

Mr. Uyeda is also a former resident of Granada.

Mr. Okamoto has been working on a farm near Denver, Colorado.

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WATSONVILLE.-Mrs. NAMI HASHIMOTO and two sons, HIROSHI and MITSURU, arrived here recently from Poston center. Mitsuru will enter grammar school on September 10.

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STOCKTON.--For 20 years prior to evacuation K. TATEYAMA operated the Richard Hotel, 1850 El Dorado Street, here. The property is owned by a Mr. Sanguinitti, who declines to lease to Mr. Tateyama again, although the latter owns all the furniture. He has been offered \$4,500 for the furniture by Mr. Sanguinitti.

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SAN JOSE.--JAMES MARUYAMA, who came to San Jose recently from Heart Mountain center, found housing here for his family and got a job, through the WRA, as a recruiter for a Palo Alto cannery. He returned to Heart Mountain to hire cannery workers.

The cannery has temporary war housing available and is employing both men and women of Japanese ancestry. They are admitted to membership in the Cannery Workers Union, Sunnyvale local, without question.

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STOCKTON.--Mr. NISHIMOTO, of No. 1 and No. 2 Camps on Bacon Island recently returned from Rohwer center with six families. He is taking charge of 750 acres of asparagus. Soon he will require many more workers.

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WATSONVILLE.--Mr. and Mrs. ISAMU SUZUKAWA left Poston center August 20 and arrived in Monterey to start their employment with Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Kelly, as gardener and cook. They have a separate cottage in which to live.

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SAN JOSE.--Recent arrivals in the Gilroy district include the family of PETER FUJIMOTO from the Poston center. For many years prior to evacuation Peter operated a garage and service station.

With him are his father, NOBUTARO, his mother, MITSU, his children, ALICE, 15, BETTY, 14, GEORGE, 12, his niece, ASAYE and his nephew, TARO.

All are from Poston center.

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SAN JOSE.--Recent relocatees in this area include the family of KAZUMA NAGAREDA and his cousin, KIKUICHI NAGAREDA. Both families are from Poston center and permanently housed and employed on a ranch near San Jose. In pre-evacuation days the Nagaredas farmed in the Gilroy district.

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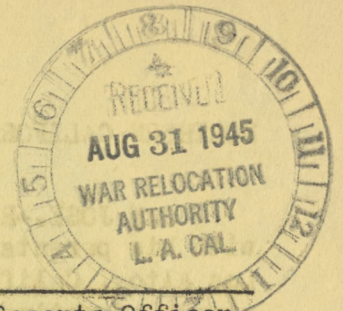
SAN JOSE.--Recent arrivals in the San Juan Bautista district of San Benito include the SHUICHI NISHITA family from Poston.

With Mr. Nishita and his wife, KIMIKO, are their daughters, TOSHIE, SADAE, and KIKUYE, and their son, HIROSHI. A second son, SATORU, now in Chicago, plans to join the family soon, thus completing the relocation.

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NEWS LETTER NO. 30

WHAT'S GOING ON?

(Neighborhood news of folks you may know)

FRESNO.--Dr. SIETO YAMAGUCHI, a graduate of the University of Southern California, Class of '40, recently announced the opening of a dental office at 1943 West Front St., Selma, California. Previously he practiced dentistry in Santa Maria and Reedley.

Dr. Yamaguchi's brother, S/Sgt. SUBURO YAMAGUCHI, has been in Germany and presently is with the Fifth Army in Italy. He was awarded the Purple Heart medal.

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SAN JOSE.--Mr. and Mrs. TORAICHO OBATA, their daughter, DOROTHY, 13, and son, ROBERT, 8, have returned from Poston to their old home, Route 2, Box 345, Hollister, California, to await the return of their three soldier sons, TOM, JOE and JAMES, who will help with the farm work when they are discharged from the Army.

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SACRAMENTO.--Dr. SHUICHI KUSAKA, Japanese born Smith College (Northampton, Mass.) professor of physics is a buck private in the United States army.

His draft board is in Berkeley, California. The young educator was inducted in Springfield, Mass., recently as a volunteer. He had tried to join the Army last October but was required to wait 10 months before being given final clearance.

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FRESNO.--S/Sgt. LEO S. MASUKAWA, of Madera, Calif., was one of the American Army interpreters at the Ryukyu surrender on Aka Island in the Kerama group, 20 miles west of Southern Okinawa.

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VISALIA.--Miss AIKO KONATSU recently from Chicago and formerly of the Rohwer Center is back in the Oroquieta area, with her sister RITSUKO, making plans to relocate their family here. They plan to build a new home on their ranch.

For the time being the Konatsu sisters are making their home with Mr. and Mrs. Z. ICHIMURA, Route 1, Box 312, Oroquieta, California.

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SAN JOSE.—Returning on a special car from the Heart Mountain center recently, with his parents and a brother and sister, relocating in their former home in Los Altos, Calif., was T/3 CHARLEY HAMASAKI, with five gold bars on his left sleeve, denoting over 2½ years overseas service, the Asiatic Campaign ribbon with four battle stars, and the Combat Infantry badge.

Sergeant Hamasaki has served in the Pacific theatre of operations; was on leave from the Fort Douglas (Utah) Separation center for the purpose of accompanying his family back to Los Altos, and expected that he might be ordered back to the Philippines for duty. An elder brother met the family on their arrival in San Jose, driving them back home by car.

Another brother and a sister are in Chicago. Concluded the sergeant after an interview: "Nobody knows how good it is to get back home, except someone who has been away, like we have!"

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FRESNO.—Pfc. BEN S. MATSUI, formerly of Selma, Calif., and a student at the Selma High School, has returned from overseas duty with the Army.

Before reporting back for duty at Fort Snelling, Minnesota, he visited in Selma, making arrangements for the return of his parents to their farm home there.

He fought in three major campaigns in Italy and France, returning to duty after being wounded in one of the early battles in Italy. He wears the following ribbons: Purple Heart, Good Conduct Medal, ETO with three stars and the Presidential Citation.

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OAKLAND.—Mr. and Mrs. TEIZO SATO, who arrived August 16 on the special train from Topaz, have returned to their home, 1624 Parker Street, Berkeley, California.

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FRESNO.—Pvt. AKIRA SHIMIZU, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. SHIMIZU, Route 1, Box 20, Selma, California, has been in the Army over a year, having been inducted in August, 1944, at the Gila Center.

He trained with the 232nd Infantry at Camp Blanding, Fla., and has been overseas since early in 1945.

He was born in Selma and graduated from the Selma Union High School in 1935. Recently he was stationed near Nuremberg, Germany.

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NEWS LETTER NO. 31

WHAT'S GOING ON?
(Neighborhood news of folks you may know)

SANTA ROSA.--SHIGERU SUEOKA and his family, former residents of GRANADA center, on their ranch, Route 3, Box 395, Petaluma, Calif., are building up a nice flock of laying hens.

Mr. Sueoka recently bought this ranch, where the family lived prior to evacuation. He is one of the Committeemen for the Petaluma district.

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STOCKTON.--Mrs. TATEYAMA, formerly of the ROHWER center, managed the Mikado hotel here, prior to evacuation.

After her return recently she sold all her furnishings of the hotel and is now employed by the present owners. The White is one of the largest and nicest hotels in the workingmen's section of Stockton.

In addition to her salary, Mrs. Tateyama has rooms for her family and herself.

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VISALIA.--Pvt. YO KATAYAMA, stationed at Camp Richie, Maryland, is visiting his wife, parents and family in the Orosi district.

Yo is with the United States Armoured Division and has a twin brother, SHO, who was wounded while serving with the famed 442nd Infantry, in Italy.

The Katayamas were residents of the POSTON center.

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SANTA ROSA.--FRANK KAWAOKA, Route 1, Box 110, Petaluma, Calif., formerly from the GRANADA center, the first evacuee to relocate in the Petaluma district, has large, fine laying hens as the result of his early return. Frank expects to have 17,000 of these birds working for him by October 1.

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WATSONVILLE.--Sponsored by the Presbytery, with the Reverend Thomas Grubbs as manager, the Salinas hostel at 536 Lincoln Street is now open.

With accommodations for 75 people, community cooking, and transportation furnished to Monterey for cannery work, the hostel rates are 50 cents per night for those who are unemployed, 75 cents per night for those who are employed, with a half rate for children. No meals are included in these rates.

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STOCKTON.-S. TSUJIHARA has regained possession of his family home near Modesto and has farming operations under way.

He expects to have his family join him soon.

The Tsujiharas are from the GRANADA center.

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SANTA ROSA.-TAGASHI KOGA, Route 3, Box 392, Petaluma, Calif., are busily engaged in getting their chicken ranch in the best condition as quickly as possible.

The Koga family, all former GRANADA residents, have with them Miss FUSAKO KUNIMOTO and Miss AYAKO KUNIMOTO, recently from the GILA center.

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VISALIA.-KANJIRO MAYEDA, Route 1, Box 374, Dinuba, Calif., formerly of POSTON center, owns and operates 266 acres of vineyard.

Presently he has about 100 Caucasians and Mexican nationals working for him.

On his farm he has a number of houses which were used by Japanese men workers before evacuation. These houses are now being occupied by many of the families returning from the centers.

With many Japanese laborers now employed on the ranch, now busy harvesting grapes, plans are under way to hire many more.

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SANTA ROSA.-Tenants on the Guidi ranch, Ryer Island, Route 1, Box 83-A, Walnut Grove, Calif., are Mr. FUKUMA AOKI, his wife, KANEI, their sons, NORIO and KEIJI, and their daughter, DOROTHY AOKI SANO, all formerly of GILA center.

Beans are one of the crops they are cultivating.

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WATSONVILLE.-BEN SASAKI, formerly of Monterey, was there recently making plans for resettlement. His family is still at the Gila River center.

Ben relocated in Cleveland after the start of the war.

He plans to move his family to Selma, where they will stay with friends.

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SANTA ROSA.-Mr. JUZO HAMAMOTO, 1044 Los Carneros Ave., Napa, Calif., has an apple drying plant. On the occasion of a recent visit from Mr. YOSHIOKO, a group picture was taken, showing Mr. and Mrs. Hamamoto, MARY, HENRY and BILL HAMAMOTO, Miss MAMOYE HIROOKA and Mr. Yoshioko.

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WHAT'S GOING ON?

(Neighborhood news of folks you may know)

VISALIA.- The Buddhist Temple and hall, recently converted into a hostel for returning evacuees, is now open and being used by many who are relocating in this area.

The Reverend and Mrs. Z. KAWASAKI are in charge of the hostel. The address is 514 East Center Street, Visalia, Calif.

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FRESNO.-The International Institute sponsored a wiener roast here the night of August 24. Some 250 returnees, with many of their Caucasian friends, gathered at the Eucalyptus Grove in Roeding Park, enjoying hot wieners and cold orangeade.

Community singing was the feature of the evening. All joined in, with volume that was noteworthy.

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VISALIA.- KAZUICHI HORIUCHI and his son, YONEO, visited in Hanford, Calif. recently. They stayed with friends, and planned to return to Denver, Colo, where they have been employed.

The family relocated to Denver in 1944, from the Jerome center, but they now plan to relocate to their former home in Hanford sometime in September.

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WATSONVILLE.-The Monterey Hostel, Pearl and El Estero Streets, formerly the Presbyterian Church, was opened August 22, with the Reverend ASANO and Mr. Y. MANAKA as co-managers.

The rates range from 75¢ a night for adults who are employed to 50¢ nightly for those unemployed, with half rates for children under 10 years of age.

Plans were being made to arrange for meal service at an early date.

Period of occupancy in the hostel is limited to three weeks, the only exceptions being made for families unable to find housing elsewhere. These families must apply to the WRA office in San Francisco for permission to remain over three weeks.

The hostel will accomodate some 35 persons.

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VISALIA.-Reverend Z. KAWASAKI, recently from the Poston center, returned here September 1 and will take full charge of the hostel in Visalia.

Several people are using the rooms, with more expected soon.

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FRESNO.--Word has been received through Fifth Army headquarters in Italy that Pfc GICHI YAMAGATA, formerly a farmer in Reedley, Calif., was recently awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service in combat in Italy.

He served with the Fifth Army, 442nd Combat Team, as a member of the Cannon Company.

During an enemy barrage, two shells exploded near two trucks loaded with gasoline and 105 mm high explosive shells, starting a fire. Without waiting for the barrage to life, he and a comrade seized fire extinguishers and fought the flames, finally succeeding in extinguishing the blaze.

One of the four sons of Mr. and Mrs. TOM YAMAGATA, of the Poston center, GICHI, volunteered for service in May 1943. His brothers, GEORGE and FRANK are also in service. Another brother, ISAAC, is a student in Cleveland, Ohio.

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SACRAMENTO.--Mr. and Mrs. MASAO TANIGUCHI and their three children have returned to Florin, Calif., from the Rohwer center, arriving recently.

Mr. Taniguchi is working for various farmers in the Florin area. He says that he has "no worry about a job!"

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FRESNO.--Staff Sergeant MASAO NII recently was awarded the Distinguished Unit Badge for his service in three battles with the 2nd Battalion of the 442nd Combat Infantry Team.

Sergeant Nii's mother, Mrs. SUEYO NII, lives at 1228 Tulare Street, Fresno.

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SACRAMENTO.--YOSHIKAZU T. MIZUNO, 27, married, and a corporal with the First Army Division attached to the Fifth Army, which is now stationed at Halle, Germany, visited the Sacramento office of the WRA recently.

Corporal Mizuno was married on August 23, 1943, at Fort Riley, Kans., and he and his wife, KATHERINE, have a son, MICHAEL, four months old.

The corporal was wounded at Milan, Italy, March 26, 1945.

His wife visited her parents in Amache.

The corporal and his wife looked over the housing situation in Walnut Grove, where they lived prior to evacuation.

While he was in the WRA office, the corporal met Captain Thomas E. Crowley, who was with the 442nd Combat Team. Although they had not met overseas, the two soldiers chatted concerning their overseas experiences.

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VISALIA.--Mrs. TAKA KOGA and her daughter, HARUYE, returned to their home on the MAYEDA ranch recently. They were former residents of the Poston center.

Mrs. Koga's sons, TOM and BEN have been on their farm in Dinuba for a couple of months, so everything was in order when their mother and sister arrived.

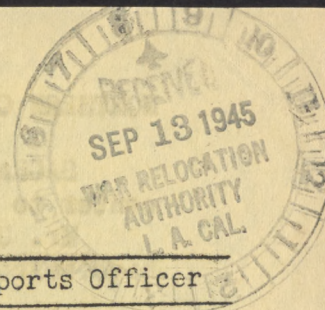
HARUYE plans to attend the University of California this fall, taking courses in sewing and designing.

Ben and Tom have been picking grapes on the Mayeda ranch.

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WHAT'S GOING ON?
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SACRAMENTO.-Mrs. KAZUKO YAMASAKI and her son, HENRY, with her married daughter, Mrs. MICHIE YAMASAKI IMURA, whose husband is with the Army, recently returned from the Rohwer center and called at the WRA office here.

Michie has been notified by the U. S. Civil Service Commission to report for employment with a Federal agency.

Mrs. Yamasaki formerly operated a hotel here and is looking into possibilities along this line.

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SANTA ROSA.-In the Petaluma area of Sonoma county all but three families of Japanese ancestry who lived here prior to evacuation have returned to their homes and are reestablishing themselves in the community, a total of some 26 families.

Most of the returnees are property owners and operated chicken farms in the district. Now they are beginning to build up new flocks and to repair their buildings.

Among the returnees are some who were not residents of this area before evacuation.

Many of the families who returned to Petaluma in July came by special coach from Granada center.

Returnee committees have been active in establishing relationships with community groups, school authorities and in preparing for the return of more evacuees.

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SACRAMENTO.-Mr. RAY WATARU ISHIZAKA and his wife, HARUKO, with their twin boys, 3, daughter, 5, and son, 1, recent arrivals from the Granada center, are greatly pleased with their employment and housing with the Lotus Land Co., Route 3, Box 846, Sacramento.

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VISALIA.-Some 80 persons arrived here from Poston center recently. Many families were waiting to take home relatives and friends.

The Visalia hostel cared for many who had no housing ready for them.

The general verdict from youngsters and oldsters: "We're glad to be home again!"

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SACRAMENTO.-Mrs. SUMIDA, former resident of Tule Lake, has reopened her hotel, 325½ "L" Street, Sacramento. She says that she expects her husband to join her later.

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SACRAMENTO.--Mr. TERAICHI UYEKI and his wife, SHIZUKO, have returned from Gila center to Florin. They plan to reopen a grocery store.

Mr. Uyeki dropped into the local WRA office saying that his former customers have welcomed him back and that he and his wife are delighted with their reception.

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SACRAMENTO.--The Walnut Grove hostel was opened August 31, when 51 returnees from the Gila center came home.

Reverend TAKEO AGATSUMA says that all former residents of Walnut Grove who desire to return but who do not have adequate housing awaiting them are welcome to use the hostel accommodations.

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WATSONVILLE.--Pajaro Farm Bureau Center members went on record recently to make an intensive study and work with other interested groups on a program for the return of evacuees to the West Coast, when they met at the Chamber of Commerce here.

The decision was in line with the request that the centers appoint committee-men to act as a county committee and to develop their recommendations.

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SACRAMENTO.--Heroism was a habit with the Japanese American soldiers as they fought over every major world battle front, according to Captain Thomas E. Crowley of Chicago, Ill., an officer of the 100th Infantry Battalion in Italy and France, in an address before the Sacramento Kiwanis Club recently.

Captain Crowley concluded his talk with a plea to Sacramentans to forget race prejudices against Japanese American veterans, adding that he was detailed by the War Department to tell local service groups of the heroic conduct of these soldiers.

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SACRAMENTO.--Mr. and Mrs. TAKEO IMURA, formerly barbers at 1228 - 3rd Street, are here and plan to reopen a shop.

From Tule Lake the Imuras went to Camp Savage where they were operators for Army personnel. From there they went to Fort Snelling.

Their many friends welcome them home.

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SACRAMENTO.--Mr. and Mrs. TETSUGO NAKANISHI and their three children arrived recently from Central Utah. They are the former owners of the grocery and meat market at 1624 - 18th Street. They are making efforts to reopen the market.

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WHAT'S GOING ON?
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SAN JOSE.--When another "Heart Mountain Special" arrived in San Jose on September 10, PHIL MATSUMURA stepped off the train to be greeted by his wife, SUE, and their three months old daughter, SHIRLEY, the first Sansei youngster born in San Jose since evacuation.

Phil has been employed at the Toole Ordnance plant in Utah, and now plans to resume farming operations in the Alviso-San Jose district.

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OAKLAND.--Ten Japanese American families, all with men in the service, were moved into housing units of the Richmond Housing Authority, being located at Wall Street and South 18th Street.

They were moved into these units under arrangements made by the WRA and the Federal Public Housing Agency.

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SAN JOSE.--TETSUKO ZAIMA, wife of the artist, PAUL ZAIMA, now overseas with a Nisei regiment, arrived here September 10 accompanied by her parents Mr. and Mrs. HIROICHI OKITA.

Her sister, GRACE, has relocated in Chicago. Her brother, JAMES, is with the Army at Fort Snelling.

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SAN JOSE.--KENICHI TAKEMOTO, formerly a berry grower at Salinas, and a friend, KAZUTO MIYAHARA, both of whom are from Poston, arrived here Sept. 10 by way of Salinas.

They came at six in the morning, leaving at six the same evening, for Poston, to bring their families back.

During their stay of 12 hours Takemoto had become foreman of a large berry farm near Morgan Hill and Miyahara also had secured employment and housing.

Mr. Takemoto's wife and five children and Mrs. Miyahara and four sons are expected in San Jose before Sept. 20.

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SAN FRANCISCO.-The San Francisco Housing Authority has announced plans to arrange living quarters in an Army cantonment near Fort Funston for approximately 500 loyal Japanese Americans returning from relocation centers.

John W. Beard, executive director of the Authority, said the project is one of the first of its kind in Northern California and it will be supplemented by moving Nisei veterans and their families into temporary war housing quarters at Hunters Point.

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SAN JOSE.-JOHN OGATA, attached to the Army Air Corps, Geiger Field, Spokane, Wash., arrived in San Jose recently to make arrangements for the return of his mother, four sisters and a brother to Mountain View.

John was on an emergency furlough, vouched for by the San Jose Chapter of the Red Cross. Assisted by the local WRA office it took him just two hours to locate both housing and jobs for the family expected in Mountain View September 17.

The family consists of: TANE, the mother, MOLLY SETSUKO, SHINABU and TETSUKO, the sisters, and HENRY, the brother.

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SAN JOSE.-ALICE SHIKAMURA, newest addition to the staff of the local WRA office, and formerly with the Northern California Area Office in San Francisco, plans to leave soon to resume her studies at Stanford University.

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STOCKTON.-A CIO union official recently said that two former members expelled from the ILWU on charges of race discrimination against a worker of Japanese ancestry must quit work in the warehouses at Stockton.

The two were found guilty by a union trial committee of inciting racial discrimination among ILWU members against a returning evacuee worker of Japanese ancestry.

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SAN JOSE.-Among the recent arrivals from Topaz is SOMENOSUKE MURAMATSU, landscape architect, formerly a resident of Oakland, who is relocating near San Jose, planning to again engage in the nursery and landscaping business.

Mrs. WARA MURAMATSU plans to join him soon.

All of the Muramatsu children are married and relocated, between Los Angeles and New Jersey!

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WHAT'S GOING ON?
(Neighborhood news of folks you may know)

SAN JOSE.--Among the recent arrivals here is KAZUICHI ASANUMA, who was an insurance broker in Santa Clara prior to evacuation.

With him were his wife, YAEKO, his daughters, YOSHIKO and SUMIKO, and young son, CARL.

The family is residing temporarily on the Oka ranch, Route 1, Box 1005, Los Gatos, California.

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SANTA ROSA.--Mrs. YUSUE KAWASE, with her sons HARRY and GEORGE, and her daughters, ALICE and KAY, have returned to their home, Route 1, Box 480, Petaluma, Calif. All are former residents of Granada center.

Harry is in the poultry business, and expects a shipment of chicks next month. George, 16, is a sophomore in the Petaluma High School, entering on September 11.

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SAN JOSE.--Arriving here September 10 on another "Heart Mountain Special" was the family of SHIGERU NAKAGAWA, returning to their old home, Route 2, Box 717, Campbell, Calif.

With Mr. Nakagawa were his wife, YOSHIKO, a son, TOM, 17 and a daughter, FMI, 12. ROSIE preceded the family and had a fire burning on the hearth when they arrived.

Mr. Nakagawa plans to resume berry farming.

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SANTA ROSA.--The Petaluma High School opened for the fall semester Sept. 10, with the following Nisei boys and girls enrolled: DOROTHY OTANI, sophomore, Route 1, Box 822, Petaluma; SALLY SUGIOKA, senior, THOMAS SUGIOKA, sophomore, and LORRAINE SUGIOKA, sophomore, all of Route 3, Box 371, Petaluma; TOMMY and JIMMY KOCA, junior and senior respectively, Route 3, Box 392, Petaluma; and GEORGE KAWASE, Route 1, Box 480, Petaluma. All these students are former Granada residents.

Miss Ellin Trueblood, principal, and Miss Brown, dean of girls, report that "everything is fine with these young people."

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SAN JOSE.--Nisei wedding bells rang out for Sergeant YOSHIMARO SHIBUYA, United States Army, former Mountain View resident now stationed at Fort Snelling, Minn., and MARIE YAMASHITA, of Los Angeles, in Minneapolis on Sept. 8.

They met while attending the University of Nebraska, in Lincoln. "Yosh" was

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graduated last spring from the University, majoring in electrical engineering. He joined the Army at once. He is the son of RHYOHITSU SHIBUYA, well known Mountain View nurseryman.

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SANTA ROSA.--Mr. GEORGE SHIMIZU returned to Petaluma from Granada to make arrangements for the return of his wife and three children to their home here. He was the house guest of Mr. and Mrs. JUHACHI NAKANO.

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SAN JOSE.--After three months of house hunting by the EZAKI sisters, AKIKO, EMIKO, ALYCE, and GRACE, attempting to relocate their family here from Heart Mountain, a modern home was purchased by the family and the girls immediately sent the good news to their parents in the center.

Former residents of Mountain View, their new address will be Mountain View. All four girls are employed in Hillsboro.

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SANTA ROSA.--Mr. GEORGE YEBORAMI NAKAMURA recently returned to Vacaville, Calif., and is now employed on the fruit ranch of Mr. J. H. Rogers. He is a former resident of Gila center.

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SAN JOSE.--Recent arrivals here from the Granada center include ICHIKI HONDA, former San Jose resident, and his son, GEORGE, 15. Both are employed.

Mrs. EI HONDA and REIKO, 17, expect to leave the center soon and join them.

MITSUO, 24, is employed in Chicago. ROSIE, 22, relocated in Denver, Colo.

TONY, 20, is with the 442nd Infantry Combat Team, in Italy.

The family's address is Route 1, Box 1006, Santa Clara, Calif.

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SANTA ROSA.--Mr. TOM YASUDA has returned to his home at 4528 Langer Ave., Santa Rosa, from Granada, and is waiting for his mother and two brothers to join him.

Tom is busy painting the roof of his house and "sprucing up" the yard.

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SAN JOSE.--SHINGO NISHIURA, recent arrival in San Jose from Heart Mountain, and a former resident of Menlo Park, has been appointed manager of the Mountain View Civic Unity hostel, assuming his duties on September 12.

Mrs. Nishiura and their six children are expected to join the family head in Mountain View shortly.

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NORTHERN CALIFORNIA
NEWS LETTER NO. 36

WHAT'S GOING ON?

(Neighborhood news of folks you may know)

STOCKTON.-Fifteen Japanese Americans - men and women - are now employed by the Flotill Cannery here.

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FRESNO.-The hostel situation here, briefly, is as follows: During the past two weeks three additional hostel agreements have been executed but so far additional hostels have not been put in operation.

The reason is that so long as it is possible for people to secure accommodations at the Buddhist hostel they will not accept hostel accommodations in the more remote and less convenient locations.

Also, a considerable number of bachelors wish to use the Buddhist hostel as a boarding house, going out from there occasionally to do a little seasonal work. It is believed these men could just as well accept seasonal employment with camp housing, thereby relieving the hostel to a considerable degree. It has been suggested that a 7 day maximum hospitality period for bachelors be instituted.

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OAKLAND.-Large supplies of roses from the Mt. Eden Nursery, operated by the SHIBATA family, go twice a week to the Navy's Camp Shoemaker.

"The Navy sends a truck over," says Mrs. JINJIRO SHIBATA. "We are glad to give them flowers. It makes the boys in the hospital happy. It makes us happy, too."

The Shibatas have four sons with the Army, one "somewhere on New Guinea."

The family was evacuated to Tule Lake in 1942, relocating in Chicago. They returned to Mt. Eden shortly after the revocation of the mass exclusion orders last December.

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VISALIA.-Pvt SUNAHARA, formerly of Poston center, and recently stationed at Fort Knox, Ky., is spending a furlough here, assisting in the relocation of his wife, son and parents-in-law who arrived Sept. 12.

The Sunaharas were former residents of Los Angeles, but Mrs. Sunahara's mother and father lived in Visalia.

Pvt Sunahara is to report back to Fort Knox soon.

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STOCKTON.-Dr. KENSUKE UCHIDA, who returned here recently from the Rohwer center, is making arrangements to re-occupy his old offices. As soon as these quarters are renovated and made ready, he will move in and start practicing again.

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SANTA ROSA.—Mr. and Mrs. GEORGE MASADA, with their baby, 8 months old, are staying with the family of JIM MIYANOS here. Mrs. Masada was formerly MARY MIYANO. The Masada family is from the Granada center.

Mr. Masada is working as a carpenter in partnership with SAM IMOTO, a Petaluma neighbor. The two became acquainted at Granada.

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SAN FRANCISCO.—Mrs. HISAYO FUJIMOTO and her daughter, TOSHIE, former residents of Topaz center, recently moved into an apartment reserved for servicemen's families at Ridge Point.

Toshie says: "We can see a lot of ships from our windows, and many lights, at night. It really is pretty nice."

Mrs. Fujimoto's son, HENRY, is a technical sergeant, "somewhere in the Pacific theatre."

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FRESNO.—The agricultural labor demand is at its peak here now. The WRA office reports that the demand for seasonal workers far exceeds the current supply.

While opportunities for families for which housing is provided have not been so numerous, recently several such offers were unfilled.

Pointing out that while many of the job offers now being received are of a seasonal nature, no difficulty is anticipated in making permanent placements when the peak of the seasonal placement is passed.

Housing in the city proper is still acutely short. While some lay-offs in war industries have occurred, the influx of seasonal agricultural workers has more than offset this supply. The rural housing situation is reasonably satisfactory.

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SAN FRANCISCO.—Mrs. MOTOJIRO KAMIYA and his daughter, SUMIYE, also are living in an apartment reserved for servicemen's families at Ridge Point.

Sumiye says that the Caucasian neighbors were bringing over too many cakes and other gifts! It might become too expensive to reciprocate. "You know you just can't return empty plates!" concluded Sumiye.

Mr. Kamiya's sons, Corporal WATARU KAMIYA and Pvt. TADAO KAMIYA are with the Army in the European theatre of operations.

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VISALIA.—Mr. MAGASHI MORIKAWA arrived here recently, registering at the Visalia hotel. He has been very ill.

Formerly a resident of Poston center, he has five sons in the United States Army! Four of the boys, BILL, HENRY, GEORGE and FRANK, are overseas with the 442nd Infantry. The fifth boy, JIMMY, is attending the Military Intelligence school at Fort Snelling, Minn.

Mr. Morikawa also has a son-in-law who is with the Armed Forces.

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SANTA ROSA.--RALPH and WILLIAM OSADA, sons of Mr. and Mrs. THOMAS OSADA, former residents of Gila center, started classes September 17 at the Armijo Union High School in Fairfield, Calif., where the family has relocated.

The boys were introduced to the principal of the school, Mr. J. E. Brownlee, and to a number of the teachers by their sister IDA, who attended the high school for three years prior to evacuation.

The Osada family has temporary quarters at the Fairfield hostel, on the grounds of the Buddhist Association.

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SAN FRANCISCO.--TOSHI AWAYA, recently from Poston center, has obtained a secretarial position with the San Francisco Family and Childrens Agency, a private social agency.

Miss Awaya is reported to be very pleased with her job, and glad to be working with her friend, NIKKI SAWADA, also from Poston, who has been with the same agency, as a secretary, since July.

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SANTA ROSA.--Mrs. TSUI HANDA and her son, BARNEY, and her three daughters, KUMI, EDNA and Mrs. INEKO NAKAMURA, have returned to their property, Route 1, Box 111, Vacaville, Calif.

Upon their arrival they were greeted by their neighbors, the J. H. Rogers family, whom they are now helping with the prune picking.

Shortly after they came home they received a call from Reverend A. F. Fruhling, pastor of the Community Church in Vacaville, and Mr. Dick Rogers, Chairman of the Civic Unity Committee.

BARNEY HANDA is attending the Vacaville High School.

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SACRAMENTO.--Pvt. DAN KATO and Pfc KUZAHICO MINAMIDE, both from Solano County, Calif., were awarded the Distinguished Unit Badge for their part in three battles in which they fought as members of the 442nd Combat Team.

Kato is the son of Mrs. Haru Kato, of Suisun; and Minamide is the son of TSUNEGUSU MINAMIDE of Vacaville, Calif.

Both soldiers are riflemen.

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SANTA ROSA.--Mr. HARRY NAKABE, a veteran who was discharged in July, formerly of Healdsburg, Calif., recently visited friends in Sebastopol. During his stay he was registered at the Sebastopol Hotel.

He left for San Francisco, planning to have his family join him there in the near future. They are now at Granada center.

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SAN FRANCISCO.-The San Francisco Housing Authority recently announced plans to arrange living quarters in an Army cantonment near Fort Funston for approximately 500 Japanese Americans returning from relocation centers.

John W. Beard, Executive Director, said the project is one of the first of the kind in Northern California, adding that it will be supplemented by moving Nisei veterans into temporary war housing quarters at Hunters Point, previously reported.

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SANTA ROSA.-Mr. FRED TANAKA, a veteran, formerly of Sebastopol, California, and more recently from Cleveland, Ohio, returned to Sebastopol on September 15.

He is a guest at the hostel until he can secure housing for his father and himself.

The father is still at Granada center, but plans to leave soon.

KARL TANAKA, Fred's brother, is with the Army in the Philippines.

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VISALIA.-Although state and federal agencies are attempting to prolong the life of child care centers, notices that the Watsonville Day nursery will be closed October 31 will be sent out October 1 to satisfy state legal requirements for 30-day notices, the Watsonville School Board recently announced.

The San Jose Presbytery, owner of the former Japanese Presbyterian Church where the nursery is established, has asked school authorities to vacate by October 31, the same date that Lanham funds, used to finance the nursery, will stop. Should these funds be continued, or should other funds be provided, an extension of time may be secured from the owners of the church, the Board was informed. During August the nursery had a paid enrollment of 82, with an average daily attendance of 72 and total collection of \$1275.50.

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SANTA ROSA.-Reverend MASACHIKA YONEMURA and his daughters, JULIA and MAE, have returned to Sonoma County, California.

The Reverend Yonemura and Mae were formerly at the Granada center. Julia has been living in Delhi, Calif., with a Caucasian family since leaving the Merced General Hospital, Merced, Calif., last June.

Mrs. Yonemura and daughter KIMI are patients at the Oak Knoll Hospital, Santa Rosa, Calif., reportedly doing nicely.

The Reverend Yonemura and daughters, Julia and Mae, are now staying with Mr. HARRY OTANI, in Petaluma, Calif. They plan to move into their home in Sebastopol as soon as their household goods can be transferred from the WRA warehouse in San Francisco.

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SAN FRANCISCO.-MAYME KISHI, from the Granada center, and KIMI NAO and TIMIKO SASAKI, both from Topaz, are employed by the San Francisco Board of Education.

LILY SODA, of Granada, is with the Golden Gate Nursery School.

These four girls are engaged as nursery school teachers and are glad to continue their professional work.

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SACRAMENTO.-M. YOMEOKA, agricultural worker, passed away early Sunday, Sept. 16, at a local hospital, after a short illness. He had no family.

Funeral services took place Thursday afternoon, Sept. 20, at the Chapel of Casa Bonita Mausoleum.

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OAKLAND.-MINOR IKEDA recently returned from Topaz center and is now living at 1523 Victor St., Apt. D., Richmond, Calif.

He is working for Michel and Pelton, chemical manufacturers, enjoying his work much.

TOSHIO, his brother, is working with him.

Both report excellent working conditions, with a hearty welcome extended to them by other employees. Toshio worked for the same firm before so consequently feels at home.

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SACRAMENTO.-Among recent arrivals from Topaz and Granada were the following: ARTHUR, MARJORIE, TAKAO and YOSHIKO ADACHI; KIMIKO and TOYOZO FUJIOKA; YASUNO and KAZUMI IKUMA; TSURU and MARY MIZAKE; WILLIAM, CHIYEKO, and KENNETH TSUJI; CHISATO and TOWA UNO; TETZSU and DENJIRO YAMADA; and HATSU YOMOGIDA.

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SACRAMENTO.-Miss DEE ITSUKI, recently a resident of Granada, is now back here, and has secured reinstatement in her former position of nurse's aid at the Sacramento County Hospital, where she was employed for several years before evacuation.

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VISALIA.-Five sons and a son-in-law in the United States Army evidence the war contribution of the family of MAGOHACHI MORIKAWA, a temporary guest at the Visalia Buddhist Church.

Before the war, Mr. Morikawa's address was Route 3, Box 223, Visalia.

Two of his boys, Pfc HARRY and Pvt. BILL saw action in Italy with the 442nd Combat Team. Harry was wounded during a flanking drive last April. Privates GEORGE and FRANK are also with the 442nd, but arrived overseas too late to participate in combat. The fifth son, Pvt JIMMIE, is now training at Fort Snelling, Minn., for ser-

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vice in the Pacific. Pvt. FUKUSHIMA, the son-in-law, husband of daughter MARY, has been in the Army three years, and is now in the Pacific area.

"Isn't it hard to have so many of your boys in the Army?" Mr. Morikawa was asked.

His answer came immediately: "No. I am glad! My boys were born in America. It is right to fight for the country where you are born," While he is an alien, none can deny that he is proud of his boys in the uniform of the United States Army.

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SACRAMENTO.--HIDEKI OTO, 2½ years, son of Mr. and Mrs. HIDEO OTO, Walnut Grove, Calif., died Monday, Sept. 10. The child passed away while being taken to Sacramento for medical treatment. The family had recently returned from Gila River.

In apparent good health the preceding day, the child suddenly was taken ill about midnight, running a high temperature. Cause of death has been diagnosed as meningitis, with the family placed in quarantine for two weeks. County health officials stressed the fact that this procedure is routine, that no epidemic is anticipated.

A sister, 4, is the remaining child.

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SACRAMENTO.--Mr. and Mrs. OTOKICHI KAWAMURA and her two sons, formerly of Granada, have recently returned to their home at Walnut Grove.

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SACRAMENTO.--Mr. and Mrs. GEORGE SAKOGAWA and daughter, recently from Granada, have returned to their home at Walnut Grove.

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SACRAMENTO.--The Buddhist Church gymnasium in Florin has been opened as a hostel with accommodations for 60 persons. It is under the sponsorship of S. NISHI. Guests are requested to purchase their own food but may prepare it in the hostel's fully equipped kitchen, without charge.

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SACRAMENTO.--Mrs. MITSU OTANI and two children, from Granada, returned recently to their old home at Walnut Grove. Mr. WILLIAM OTANI, now employed on a ranch at Elk Grove, expects to join them soon.

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SACRAMENTO.--The HITOSHI SHINOZAKI family, parents and six children, former residents of Granada, have returned to Walnut Grove.

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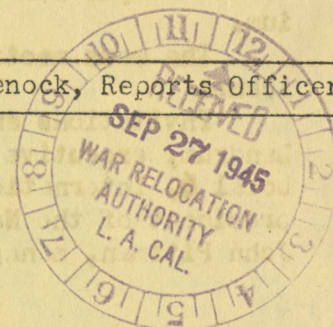
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SACRAMENTO.--On the opening day for the fall semester of the Walnut Grove elementary school 28 children of Japanese ancestry registered.

Additional registrations are anticipated the latter part of September. All of the children were well received by their classmates.

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OAKLAND.--The NAKAMURA family, recent residents of Topaz center, have returned to their former residence in Centerville, reporting they have been well received by their neighbors.

The boys, JIRO and SABURO, have already made many new friends among their schoolmates and are thoroughly enjoying school.

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SANTA ROSA.--Mr. CHUKYO KOYIMA, formerly of Gila center, is making living quarters ready for his family: the house of S. ISHIKAWA, now at Gila. The house is near the Fairfield hostel.

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SACRAMENTO.--Mr. and Mrs. YEICHI TANAKA and their five children, formerly of Granada, returned to Walnut Grove recently and report much joy over their return.

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SANTA ROSA.--Mr. SAZEN NAKAMURA and his wife, OSEN, and daughter, KAZUKO, arrived at the Suisun-Fairfield hostel September 21. Soon they plan to move to the Ralph Mason ranch in Green Valley.

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SACRAMENTO.--The Reverend and Mrs. T. SHIRAKAWA, recently from Granada, have relocated in their old home at Walnut Grove.

The Reverend Shirakawa is the minister of the Walnut Grove Buddhist Church and also assists in the direction and the operation of the hostels there.

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SANTA ROSA.--Mr. GEORGE SHIMIZU, formerly of Granada, expects his wife and children to return to Sebastopol on September 26. Mr. Shimizu returned to Sebastopol early this month to make preparations for the return of his family.

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SAN FRANCISCO.-A Welcome Home reception to NORI IKEDA, former office manager of the People's Daily World, will be given October 5 at the California Club Auditorium.

The mass meeting will be shown a War Relocation Authority film on Japanese Americans.

Invitations and greetings are extended to all Japanese Americans from Dr. Hugh Landrum, executive secretary, San Francisco Council of Churches; Dicky Lynden, Local 6, International President, Warehousemen's Union; Joseph James, San Francisco president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored Peoples, and John Pittman, managing editor, People's Daily World. The public is invited.

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SANTA ROSA.-Mr. Barney Evans, Sebastopol high school football coach, and secretary of the Sebastopol hostel committee, greeted the three children of Mr. and Mrs. S. FUJIHARA, recently of Granada, when the family arrived at the hostel Sept. 21.

The Fujihara's daughters, EDNA and MOLLY, will be seniors at the Sebastopol high school and the son, EVERETT, will be a freshman.

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SACRAMENTO.-Mr. and Mrs. T. MAEDA recently returned to Walnut Grove from Granada. They were accompanied by their daughter, MILDRED, and their grandson, MERVYN.

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SANTA ROSA.-Mr. and Mrs. TAKESHI KAMIOKA and their two daughters, HIROKO and MIROKO, will live with the JUZO HAMAMOTO family, 1044 Los Carneros Ave., Napa, Calif. where Mr. Kamioka will be associated with Mr. Hamamoto in his apple drying business.

The Kamiokas are former residents of Granada.

Recently Mr. Hamamoto helped Mr. Kamioka move some of his furniture from the Nippon Hall in Sebastopol to the Napa ranch.

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SACRAMENTO.-Mr. and Mrs. TETSUZI HIRAKAWA and her children are back in Walnut Grove again, arriving recently from Granada.

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SANTA ROSA.-Mrs. MIKINO NISHIMURA, her daughter MARY, and her two sons, KARU and KANAME, are living in the Harry Floyd Terrace Housing Project of the Vallejo Housing Authority, while Mr. Nishimura is employed during the grape season by the Sanguinette Company, Lodi.

The Nishimuras are former residents of Poston center.

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SACRAMENTO.-Mr. and Mrs. ARTHUR TOYAMA and family are getting settled in their old home at Walnut Grove, arriving recently from Granada, where Mr. Toyama was a farm supervisor. A son, LINDLEY, was named after Mr. James G. Lindley, Project Director at Granada. The family reports "all's well."

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"39"! With this issue the NEWS LETTER will be discontinued. The Rapid and gratifying pace of relocation has largely done away with the reading value of the items carried by the NEWS LETTER. If, in the near future, news items of importance are received -- items which seem to warrant general circulation -- special bulletins will be issued.

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SANTA ROSA.--Mr. and Mrs. FRANK S. KOBAYASHI and their four children, HITOSHI, SEISO DONALD, FUMIYE, and NANCY YAYOYE, formerly of Santa Ana, Calif., and recently residents of Poston center, have joined Mr. Kobayashi's cousin, HARRY OTANI, at his home, Route 1, Box 822, Petaluma, Calif.

Mr. Kobayashi plans to work on poultry ranches in the Petaluma area.

Coming to Petaluma recently, before relocation, on a short term leave from Poston, he said that he found the community "very friendly!"

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OAKLAND.--BEN MATSUMOTO and his wife and parents returned to their home on Smith Street in Alvarado, Calif., last week.

They left the Gila River center and are now renovating the old Japanese Language School on their property as a hostel for some 50 evacuees expected to return from Gila River soon.

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SANTA ROSA.--Mrs. MARY OTSUKI and her son, JIMMY, have returned to their home, 18 East Fulton Road, Santa Rosa, and to their former employer, Mr. L. M. Meredith, with whom they were for some 25 years prior to evacuation.

They were residents of Granada center.

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SACRAMENTO.--Master Sergeant Beverly Blackner, a patient at the DeWitt General Hospital, told the members of the Auburn Rotary Club that loyal persons of Japanese ancestry should not be molested when they return to their homes on the Pacific Coast. The sergeant expressed himself with the utmost frankness, concluding with the assertion: "Such behavior (discrimination) is to my mind highly un-American."

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OAKLAND.--Mrs. KIYO NIEDA and her children, SHIGERU and JUNE, have returned to their San Leandro home, 1537 - 165th Ave., and are now busily engaged in growing carnations in their four greenhouses.

A son is with the Armed Forces. Another is a doctor in the Grace Hospital, Detroit.

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SANTA ROSA.--MITSUGI OTA, recently of Poston center, and his wife KIYOKO, with their children, MICHIKO and KOICHO, together with Mrs. Ota's father, Mr. CHOKICHI HAYASHI, also are living at the Harry Floyd Terrace in Vallejo. Mr. Ota, a war veteran, is now on the Custodial staff of the Vallejo Housing Authority.

Mr. Dick Mitchell and Mr. Philip Golden, both with the Authority, gave both personal and official assistance in locating household equipment for both the Nishimura and the Ota families, until their shipments arrive from the center.

The Ota family is also from Poston center.

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SAN FRANCISCO.--Mrs. AYAKO HANYU and her children, Miss MASAKO HANYU and Mr. NOBORU HANYU, recently of Topaz, are living in an apartment reserved for service-men's families, 715 Victory Ave., San Francisco.

Noboru says that "the milk man, vegetable man and bread man all honk their horns and we and our neighbors come out to make our purchases. Gradually we are meeting our neighbors, who are very friendly. Yesterday while waiting for a bus I was given a ride by a neighbor."

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OAKLAND.--The Richmond (Calif.) Independent carries a story of a Hawaiian born Nisei, a mess boy on the American freighter Malama, sunk January 1, 1942, described recently as an "all American Japanese" because when he was taken prisoner by the enemy and beaten frequently -- due to the fact they did not believe his story that he could not speak the Japanese language! -- he would stubbornly insist: "I am an American!"

Arthur Morris, a merchant seaman of New York, who was interned with the mess boy, said that Mayheda certainly took a lot of beatings, simply because he could not speak Japanese. "He refused to join the Jap army or to try to learn the language," Morris said, adding, "He's about the most loyal anti-Japanese and pro-American I have ever seen."

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SANTA ROSA.--Miss RUTH NAMBA, formerly of Granada, has returned to Sebastopol to make arrangements for the return of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. NISABURO NAMBA, who are still at Granada center.

Ruth is staying at the Sebastopol hotel.

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SPECIAL NEWS BULLETIN

Terming those who molest American Japanese soldiers, "Barfly Commandos", General Joseph W. Stilwell has advocated a "pick-axe club" to protect Nisei soldiers. General Stilwell's statement was carried in a United Press story from New Delhi and published in the San Francisco Chronicle, October 11, as follows:-

GEN. STILWELL SPEAKS UP FOR NISEI TROOPS

NEW DELHI, Oct. 10 (UP) -- General Joseph W. Stilwell, commander of the United States 10th Army, advocated the strongest possible measure today against any "barfly commandos" who molest Japanese American soldiers.

The Nisei "bought an awful big hunk of America with their blood," Stilwell said in an interview on Okinawa with Sergeant Fred Friendly. It appeared in today's issue of the Roundup, the soldiers' newspaper in the Burma-India theatre.

"You're damn right those Nisei boys have a place in the American heart, now and forever," Stilwell said, "And I say we soldiers ought to form a pickax club to protect Jap-Americans who fought the war with us."

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Another story, pertinent to the value of American Japanese soldiers, appears in October 6, 1945 edition of the Fort Snelling Bulletin, official camp newspaper of Fort Snelling, Minnesota, which quotes Major General Clayton H. Bissell, Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2.

Stating that there are, at the present time, 3700 Nisei linguists overseas, he said, "Certainly without the linguists, we are lost."

He pointed out that early in the war a Japanese general staff officer said that Japan couldn't be beaten because we could not read their messages. "Well, most of us couldn't," General Bissell admitted, but added, "America has again done the impossible."

He emphasized that the linguists will be the "Voice of America" in the occupation of Japan through the translations they do in passing on the American policy and they will be the mirror that reflects back the Japanese reaction.

The General indicated that more than 24,000 men are being discharged from the Army daily, and many of the Nisei linguists are among them. "Replacements for them must be had. Somebody's got to take their place; the work that lies ahead must be done."

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