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NEWS LETTER FROM CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

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Miss Matsui Yamaji, an employee of the Mark Twain Beauty Parlor, recently brought her parents from GRANADA. Mr. and Mrs. Heikichi Yamaji live with their daughter at 3758 North Fremont, Chicago.

Tekujin Asato, who operates the Asato Soy Bean Food Shop, 149 West Division Street, Chicago; employs in his establishment the following evacuees:

Kay Hisatomi, Nisei, who arrived in Chicago 3 months ago from POSTON, and formerly lived in Watsonville, Calif.

Mrs. Tsue Matoyoshi, formerly of GILA RIVER and El Monte, Calif.

Mrs. Shizuyo Shimoto, formerly of GILA RIVER and Gardena, Calif.

Mr. Asato opened his grocery store for the first time in 1943 and reports that "he is doing very well". His customers are primarily Japanese Americans, several thousand of whom live within a few blocks of his store.

Dr. William Y. Takahashi, formerly of Seattle, is the author of a column entitled, "Your Baby," which appears in the Washtenaw Post Tribune, published in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Dr. Takahashi, a resident physician at Children's Memorial Hospital in Chicago, was graduated from the University of Washington and the University of Michigan Medical School. Friends will remember him as one of the first chairmen of the Northwest Young People's Christain Conference.

Miss Mary Matsumoto formerly of TOPAZ and San Francisco, who is attending Elmhurst College, Elmhurst, Illinois, is working during the summer months at the Chicago Church Federation, 77 W. Washington St. In the course of her work recently, Miss Matsumoto was asked by the Armitage Methodist Church to round up Japanese American children in the neighborhood for a picnic at Caldwell Woods. Miss Matsumoto persuaded little Edward and Sharon Takei, and Marion and Fay Nakashima to join the group of fifty children of all nationalities for the picnic. The four Japanese American children spent the day playing baseball and various games and as a result have become regular church goers.



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Sam H. Terao, formerly of MINIDOKA and Seattle has recently opened a restaurant and delicatessen at 1012 Argyle, Chicago. Mr. Terao specializes in Kosher foods. His father, Yoshio Terao and his mother prepare the food with the help of a Jewish cook. Mr. Terao said that he is fast learning how to cook Kosher dishes and will soon be able to do all the cooking himself. Sam's two sisters work "in front" and wait on the customers, most of whom are Jewish. "This is a darn good business", said Sam and added that the other Kosher food store business men's attitude towards him and his Nisei-owned Kosher food store was fine.

Mrs. Frank Iwanaga formerly of CENTRAL UTAH and San Francisco, and who is living at 4860 N. Winthrop, Chicago, Illinois is employed by the Cook and Meier Company, 159 N. Michigan to make artificial flowers. Mrs. Iwanaga is the first Japanese American that the company has hired. The Cook and Meier Company is very pleased with her work and recently asked if she could secure several other Issei and Nisei for that work. Mrs. Iwanaga learned to make artificial flowers while she was at the relocation center. She is very enthusiastic about the working conditions and says it is a pleasant, cool place to work and that the people are all very nice to her.

Yoshio Fukuyama, whose parents are at GRANADA, and are formerly from Los Angeles, has been appointed by the American Board of Foreign Missions, Boston for a three-year term as teacher in its American School for Boys, Talas, Turkey. Mr. Fukuyama attended the Chicago Theological Seminary for two years, and lived at 5757 University Ave., Chicago.

Harry Mayeda, formerly of TULE LAKE and Sacramento, spoke at a Kiwanis Club meeting in Highland Park, Illinois last week. According to the Kiwanis Bulletin the speech was a big hit. The bulletin states: "The subject was timely and arresting, and Mr. Mayeda handled it with great skill. He proved to be a talented speaker, with a complete knowledge of what he was saying, and a most pleasing delivery. Mr. John K. Brenton, of the War Relocation Authority brought the speaker and assisted in the program. The color film was well conceived and executed. Thank you, Program Chairman. Once more you have fully come up to expectations."

A group of Nisei approached a large canning establishment in Chicago for jobs for Issei and Nisei. As a result there will be an opportunity within a few weeks for a number of relocatees to obtain full time and permanent positions with this company. The average salary for girls will be around \$38 a week, depending on the individual's ability. The men will be paid a little more. A test group of 10 Japanese American workers will determine how soon many jobs will be available to relocatees. WRA is scrutinizing the neighborhood of the plant for housing.



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