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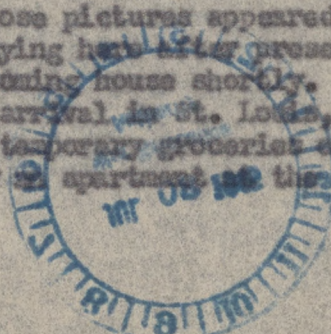
NEWS LETTER FROM ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

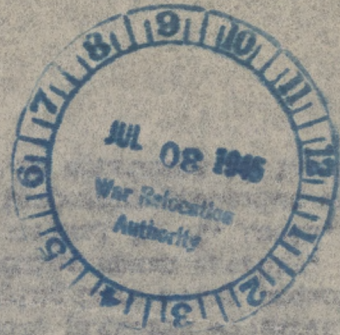
Bruce Kawamoto, formerly of TOPAZ and Sacramento, Calif., who arrived in St. Louis June 1, purchased a laundry known as the Kings-Del Bachelor Laundry, 5016 Delmar St., St. Louis. Mr. Kawamoto employs seven persons in the laundry he began operating June 25, 1945. Mrs. Kawamoto with her three children, will join him as soon as family housing is found. Temporarily Mr. Kawamoto has been staying at the YMCA, 1328 Locust St., St. Louis.

George Shimamoto, formerly of ROHNER and Lodi, Calif., is grateful for the course in radio repair work he had by correspondence while at Rohner. Having been a farmer, Mr. Shimamoto wanted to give up farming after evacuation and have a career in radio. The first prospective employer Mr. Shimamoto talked with in St. Louis stated that he lacked enough practical experience. Very discouraged, Mr. Shimamoto went to the USES where he was referred to two additional employers, both of whom tried Mr. Shimamoto on difficult radio repair jobs and found him proficient. Each employer made him a good offer and he finally accepted a position where he is earning twice the salary he thought he could. After much house-hunting, WRA and Mr. Shimamoto located a five-room bungalow at 8449 Kempland Place in University City, a good residential district in a suburb of St. Louis. Mr. Shimamoto returned to ROHNER to bring his wife and three little boys to their new home on July 13—a month and 13 days after Mr. Shimamoto had arrived the first time in St. Louis. The children are overwhelmed by the differences in Center and City life, having found friendly neighborhood children and a bungalow much more fun than Army barracks. Mr. Shimamoto says his only regret is that he did not leave ROHNER sooner.

On July 11, 1945, all members of the Wataburo Mori family, formerly of GRANADA and Sacramento, Calif., had joined each other at their St. Louis residence, 5399 Lindell Blvd., St. Louis 12, Missouri. Mr. and Mrs. Mori arrived in St. Louis in April with two of their children, daughter Pat, aged 14, and son Kaz, aged 8. Another son, Ichiro, has been attending the School of Architecture, Washington University, for two years, having won the Cupples Award here in May, 1945. Mr. Mori accepted a gardening position which gave the family a five-room apartment on the premises. The remaining member, Ayako, arrived in St. Louis July 11 from Chicago where she had been employed for two years. Ayako immediately found a job as a secretary with the Fair Employment Practices Committee and reported to work one week after her arrival here.

Mr. and Mrs. Yamato Hara and their four children, whose pictures appeared in St. Louis newspapers as a result of a California gold miner's dying here after presenting the family with \$1500—all his life savings—will purchase a rooming house shortly. Mr. Hara, who began work for a landscaping firm within a week of his arrival in St. Louis, hopes to make St. Louis his permanent home. Lunch was ready and temporary groceries on hand for the Hara family when they arrived from POSTON to occupy an apartment at the Caroline Mission.





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NEWSLETTER FROM ST. LOUIS

Mr. Tsunetaro Mori and his two children, Ruth and Asa, arrived in St. Louis from Heart Mountain July 9, 1945, and Mr. Mori and Asa began living on the estate of C. S. Seldin at Ballas and Conway Road, where Mr. Mori is employed as a gardener on their fourth day here. Mr. Mori has taken the position because housing is included as part of the compensation and says he likes his work very much. Similar jobs to Mr. Mori's are available for other Issei. Ruth, who is residing at Cabanne Place, attends the Excella Beauty School. After a six months' course she will qualify for a Missouri license to practice as a beauty operator. Six Nisei have completed courses at Excella.

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International Institute entertained the following resettlers, all newcomers to St. Louis at a dinner and opera party Monday evening, July 23, 1945: Mary Jane Hata, formerly ROHWER and Torance, California; Mary Ema, formerly GRANADA and Los Angeles, California; Ayako Mori, formerly Chicago, TULE LAKE and Sacramento; Hisa Kimura, MINIDOKA and Sacramento; Utako Yasuda of MINIDOKA and Seattle, Washington; and Fusako Doi of Jerome and Fresno, California. Also Marcie Sakai, Alice Yamaoka and Mary Kanagawa, a visitor in the city enroute from Cleveland to Sanger, California, was one of the guests. Mrs. Marcie Sakai, the newly appointed director of the St. Louis Hostel which will open in the near future, prepared the luscious chicken dinner. This sample of Marcie's cooking assures us all that the hostel guests will be well fed.

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A surprise birthday party was given George Sato, formerly of GILA RIVER and Pasadena, California, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hatogensis, with whom George made his home on first coming to St. Louis. George Sato is a medical student at Washington University in his third year. The highlight of the evening was George's being spanked by all the guests and suffering the consequences for attaining his 23rd year.

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George Teraoka, formerly of ROHWER and Fowler, California, and Mary Kawahara of MINIDOKA and Portland, Oregon, have set August 4th as their wedding date. George is co-owner of Model Cleaners located at 202 North 18th Street, and Mary is secretary to Dr. Cummings, Executive Secretary of the Metropolitan Church Federation. Mary's two sisters, Lillian and Ruth, reside in St. Louis.

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Mrs. John Sakai, formerly of POSTON and Santa Maria, California, entertained at dinner recently Rev. George Shibata and his fiancée, Sachi Takahashi, from Utah, and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Schoof of Minneapolis. Mrs. Sakai lives at 3950 McPherson St., St. Louis. Rev. Shibata was graduated this summer from the Concordia Seminary and

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will be ordained in Minneapolis, where he will make his residence soon. After dinner the group went to the Inter-American House to attend a usual Nisei gathering held every Saturday night.

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The YWCA Nisei Committee will sponsor a picnic for Nisei of St. Louis on July 29th at the YWCA camp in Montebello. Swimming, tennis, and other recreational facilities will be available to those attending. Mrs. Florence Okuyama formerly of TULE LAKE and Sacramento, is in charge of reservations. Each person is asked to bring his own box lunch. Watermelons and soft drinks will be furnished gratis. Transportation will be furnished and everyone meets in front of the YWCA BUILDING, 1411 Locust at 3 P.M.

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6,000 MORE CIVIL SERVICE JOBS FOR ST. LOUIS

St. Louis
Official announcement has been made that St. Louis will be used for the storage and care of all War Department records. This means that 6,000 civil service jobs ranging from \$1800 to \$4400 will be available. In St. Louis three Federal departments are already employing Japanese American employees. These are REA, WRA, and FEPC. It is suggested that persons interested in these new positions should apply to District Civil Service Commission in St. Louis, Missouri.



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THE ST. LOUIS NISEI

A Newsletter Published by the Nisei Coordinating Council of St. Louis, Mo.

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ISSEI TEA Meeting a need felt for quite some time, the Nisei Council is inviting all Issei folks (first generation) in the St. Louis area to a Sunday afternoon tea in the parlor of the Third Baptist Church at Grand and Washington from 3 to 5 p.m. on May 20th. Mrs. Dorothy Yoshimine and a staff of Nisei hostesses will entertain. More than 40 Isseis have been invited.

PEACE FORUM In cooperation with the Inter American House, the Nisei Council presented Mrs. Eleanor Blakely of the League of Women Voters on May 5th at the Bishop Tuttle Memorial of the Christ Church Cathedral. She spoke on "Dumbarton Oaks: Plan for Peace" to some 50 people present, of which half were Nisei. The background, organization and direction of the San Francisco conference was fully discussed. Norio Higano was chairman of the evening.

HOSTEL PLANS In recognition of the emergency nature of the present resettlement program, a hostel in St. Louis seems pretty certain to be a reality. Urged by the Nisei Council, the Metropolitan Church Federation's Committee on Resettlement took definite steps to find the ways and means of establishing a "family hostel" in the very near future.

YATABE SPEAKS From June 4 to 8 inclusive, Dr. T.T. Yatabe, former National President and now Midwest Regional Representative of the Japanese American Citizens League will be in St. Louis to make as many speaking engagements as can be booked for him by the Church Federation's Committee on Resettlement. Dr. Yatabe has been making an extensive round of speaking. During May, he will spend several days each in the Twin Cities of St. Paul and Minneapolis, in Cincinnati and Dayton, and in Milwaukee and Chicago. His talks will be aimed primarily at non-church groups.

BLOOD BANK What could have been an opportunity for active participation by the Nisei as a group was squelched by victory in Europe. The Nisei Council was accepted as a participating group in the Blood Donor Service of the American Red Cross, and 40 cards were sent to individuals who designated interest in giving blood for the armed services. With V-E, the St. Louis Blood Center will close on May 19th. However, we note with pride that one Nisei, Mrs. Florence Matsushita with a husband overseas, has given blood regularly every eight weeks for the past year. May Imakire will qualify for the "Gallon Club" with her next contribution.

INFO BULLETIN The Nisei Council approved the publication of an information bulletin to be put out in Japanese for distribution in the relocation centers, telling of St. Louis, its relocation possibilities and peculiarities. Arthur Iwata is named chairman, to be assisted by Fred Oshima.

ENGAGED The Topaz Times tells of the engagement of Miss Sachi Takahashi to George Shibata, student at Concordia Seminary of the Missouri Lutheran Church out on Clayton Road. Both were former residents of Oakland, Calif. A formal engagement ceremony was held recently at Topaz.

HAWAIIAN NIGHT In a festive night-club atmosphere on the fifth floor of the YWCA, more than 225 St. Louisans enjoyed the floor show, the movies, the refreshments and the dancing presented under the joint sponsorship of the YWCA Nisei Committee and the Inter American House last Saturday night, May 12th. The sweet strains of island music, the colorful leis, and the mingling with the many Caucasian and Negro friends and members from the Inter American group added to the new heights in the local Nisei social life.

Master of ceremonies Ryo Munekata presented four "floor shows" featuring the graceful hula dances by Alice Yamaoka, the torch-singing of Florence Abe and hot piano solos by Joe Fujioka. The Hawaiian String Quartet of Eddie Akamine, James Kono, Sidney Kashiwabara and Eddie Koyama added to the flavor of the evening's theme. Dancing was to the music of recordings over the public address system of George Teraoka and company.

Headed by Florence Abe, the YWCA Nisei Committee responsible for the evening's program included Miye Hata, refreshment chairman; Alice Yamaoka, decoration chairman; Margaret Echigoshima, Marianne Masui, Grayce Masui, Janet Yoshioka, Mary Kawahara, Matsu Yoshioka, Eru Tanabe, Pauline Miyagawa, and Fujie Hashimoto. Other helpers included Norio Higano, host chairman; Susie Tamaki, hostess chairman; Mary Saunders, Alice Saunders, Jean Otani, Molly Kiyomura, May Imakire, Kiyo Fujii, Louise Tsubouchi, Miyoko Mano, Marcie Sakai, Mas Hata, Bob Kiyasu, Shig Yoshimine, George Tsusaki, Jiro Yamaguchi, Flora Yamaoka, May Yamaoka, Jeanette Doi, Maki Kashiwabara, James Kono, Bessie Kawachi, May Kawachi, Ted Tamaki, and many others who helped make leis, serve refreshments, clean up, etc.

In order that future programs may be possible, the YWCA Nisei committee invites more fellows and girls in the preparation of these social functions. Contact Florence at the YWCA and put your name on the list.

JAMBOREE The meeting notice of the Inter American House announces that May 19th will be a "free night" of swimming, ping-pong and dancing, while a "Big Jamboree" is slated for May 26th. "Fun for all. Admission: jeans, slacks, cords. Games, prizes, refreshments" says the post card.

COUNCIL MEMBERS With the anticipated departure of two members of the Nisei Coordinating Council, three new members were recently welcomed into the working group. May Imakire, former WRA secretary in the St. Louis office and at present a secretary with the Howe Scale Company, will go to Des Moines, Iowa, to join her family there. Norio Higano, who will soon receive his M.D. degree from the St. Louis University School of Medicine and is now interning at the Firmin Desloge Hospital, will leave for Boston to continue his studies. The new members are Mrs. Tad Yoshimine, registered nurse, formerly Dorothy Kato of Stockton; Ryo Munekata, dental student; and Fred Oshima, formerly of Lodi, Calif., and now a production planner at the Laister-Kauffmann Aircraft Corporation.

THE PRESS St. Louis evacuees note with approval and commendation the very liberal and understanding position taken by the local newspapers. Recently all three papers have found space within its columns and editorial pages to make appropriate comments. The Globe-Democrat carried the story of Caravan No. 2 which was entertained at the Third Baptist Church, and on April 26 carried a 15 inch story and picture of Captain George Aki, Nisei chaplain. The Star-Times in an editorial on May 4th spoke loudly against "Terrorism at Home", commenting on the sad experiences of evacuees in California. The Post-Dispatch carried a "letter from the readers" by Katayuki Takahashi who answered a charge by a previous writer on "immigration" laws. These and others, including front-paging of the 442nd in Italy, have made frequent headlines, thus strengthening our road back to normalcy.

THE CARAVANS COME AND GO Four special coaches carrying evacuees from the Rohwer Relocation Center in Arkansas came through St. Louis en route to California and the "outside" after three years in confinement. The Nisei Council, with the cooperation of the WRA and the denominational church groups, arranged the entertainment for each coach during the five hours layover at St. Louis. The general pattern was to invite a denominational group to get as wide a participation as possible, provide autos, take the evacuees sight-seeing to the Forest Park zoo, feed them a lunch, and return them to the station, meanwhile making the time as pleasant as possible. There was one embarrassing difficulty: Caravan No. 4 which was headed east to the Seabrook Farms in New Jersey had only a one-hour layover instead of the anticipated five hours, so the Methodist people were put to much trouble without the compensating pleasures.

BOUQUETS To the following individuals and churches, and to many others who are not listed here, the Nisei Council expresses its appreciation for the unselfish and sacrificial services and time and autos offered for the evacuees en route on the "caravans".

Caravan No. 2, Saturday, April 21, the Baptist Churches

Dr. C. Oscar Johnson, Pastor	Third Baptist Church (host church)
Rev. Oscar P. Campbell, Director of Christian Education,	Third Baptist Church
Miss Lillian Robertson, Social Worker for the Christian Friendliness Dept.	
of the Baptist Women's Missionary Union of St. Louis	
Mr. Ben Goddard, chef	(See Page 7)

Caravan No. 3, Saturday, April 28, the Evangelical and Reformed Churches

Rev. T. J. Herrmann, Pastor	St. Paul E. & R. Church (host church)
Miss Anna Astroth	Caroline Mission
Rev. and Mrs. Ralph C. Abele	Holy Ghost E. & R. Church
Dr. David D. Baker	Webster Groves E. & R. Church
Mrs. J. J. Braun	Webster Groves E. & R. Church
Dr. and Mrs. Carl Kriete	St. Paul's E. & R. Church
Mrs. Cornell	Carondelet E. & R. Church
Mrs. Morris	Carondelet E. & R. Church
Rev. R. A. Miller	Bethel E. & R. Church
Mrs. Adele Schweitzer	Bethel E. & R. Church
Mrs. Yaeggi	Trinity E. & R. Church
Mrs. T. C. Braun	Mt. Tabor E. & R. Church
Rev. A. Braun	Pilgrim E. & R. Church
Rev. E. Helling	Ebenezer E. & R. Church
Miss Marie Remmel	Eden Publishing House
Rev. Norman Zulauf	Hope E. & R. Church

Caravan No. 4, Wednesday, May 2nd, the Methodist Churches

Dr. Charles M. Crowe, Pastor	Centenary Methodist Church
Mrs. Harry Davis, president of Women's Society of Christian Service of the	St. Louis District

Caravan No. 5, Friday, May 5th, the Congregational Christian Churches

Rev. Steve M. Pronko	Brentwood Cong. Church
Dr. E. Paul Sylvester, Pastor	Pilgrim Cong. Church (host church)
Mrs. Esther Feldbusch	Independent Cong. Church
Mrs. Eleanor Zimmerman	Independent Cong. Church
Mrs. Dorothy Lee Webster	Old Orchard Cong. Church
Mrs. Ruth LeBoon	Brentwood Cong. Church
Mrs. Addie Nelson	Brentwood Cong. Church
Mrs. Fisher	First Cong. Church
Mr. C. E. Stuart	First Cong. Church, Webster Groves
Rev. J. H. Brautigam	Memorial Cong. Church

ON THE RECEIVING END With much skepticism and wonder, the Japanese evacuees have been showered with an over-abundance of attention and kindnesses, with Christmas gifts and free meals, with unexpected packages and financial assistance. One remembers those send-offs three years ago from city and hamlet up and down the length of the Pacific Coast when invariably there were the well-wishers who sent us off with coffee and sandwiches, chocolate and cookies, a pat on the back and a handclasp. One does not forget the truckloads of Christmas packages that poured into each of the relocation centers from unknown friends throughout the breadth of our land. And one is aware of that helping hand in this, our newly adopted city, as we make the painful adjustments to normal civilian life: some of us found our first lodging with them, sometimes the first meal; they entertained us, they went househunting with and for us; they were patient with us at our first jobs; they gave us counsel, they read our marriage ceremonies; they visited us in the hospital; they were uncomplaining in our unreasonableness.

We read that 3000 Nisei students have found their way into 550 colleges with the blessing of the National Student Relocation Council. Some 750 students received a total of \$188,972.00 in scholarship aid from national church boards, World Student Service Fund, and individuals.

Here in St. Louis we witness the scene of willing people meeting the special coaches which carry the evacuees from Rohwer to the Pacific or the Atlantic coasts. Again they gladly furnish their car with the rationed gas, their valuable time, and the precious red points; they open their churches, feed us a hot lunch, buy candy and toys, take us to the park and zoo, and send us off with a prayer.

HOW COME ? One answer that suggests itself is that a definite part of organized religion is its "mission program". This outreach of Christian expression toward those more unfortunate and distressed, in want and in need, seeks an outlet, and to the American church public, the plight of the evacuees was a dramatic challenge. Not so much to right a wrong, but to make more real the growing concept that America, if not the world, is a brotherhood of men, prompts many individuals to act in ways in which we were the beneficiaries. Their interest in us is followed by "What can we do?"

SO WHAT ? We, as children of immigrant people, have only recently become aware of the greater America. Too long now have we been on the "receiving end" of the bounty of America. With our increasing maturity must develop a giving attitude. We surely have undergone indignity and suffered some economic and spiritual loss. But millions elsewhere are suffering privations beyond conception. With every opportunity that comes our way, we should be active and generous participants, be it Bundles for Europe, or an extra dollar for that War Emergency Relief Fund. We should become less dependent on others, and be participants in the political, economic, social, religious and educational realms within our abilities.

Our immaturity again reared its ugly head Saturday night. We are told that fully 100 Nisei who attended the Hawaiian Night program neglected to do the courtesy of making reservations, barging in at all hours, and vanishing with the last song to avoid helping in the clean-up. This "Japanese time" business should be on the way out. We are no longer geared to a Japanese-town community. Painfully we attempt assimilation in a truer American society. As members of a visible minority group, our trail is narrow and steep. But we are far from lost; no Jim Crow operates against us, as it does for one-tenth of the St. Louisans. With every opportunity then, we might come out of hiding and contribute our talents and abilities. The returns are manifold.

DO YOU HAVE A FAMILY? Miss Brooks, WRA Relocation Officer, reports that the WRA office has been successful in finding a number of job offers for families who wish to unite with single resettlers here where adequate housing is available as part of the job compensation. There are job offers of this type, both in the city and county. The type of work consists of gardening, caretakers, cooks, chauffeurs, general maintenance work, and domestics. If any resettler is interested in such opportunities, they can get full details at the WRA.

SHIP PROPERTY? Any person wishing to arrange for transportation of property they have stored in WRA warehouses or in private storage may obtain the necessary forms to make application for transportation of property at government expense by contacting WRA Office, 1416 Paul Brown Building, phone Central 3200, Extension 294.

BUY A HOME? Some St. Louis resettlers have indicated an interest in purchasing or building residences. A resident of St. Louis may apply to the local Federal Housing Administration located at 315 North 7th Street for an additional commitment on any residence they are interested in purchasing. This will give an individual a selling price appraisal by Federal Housing Administration. Information on the building of residences can be secured through the FHA who have had recent instructions that there is a new policy permitting the building of new dwellings in St. Louis.

REPORT CHANGE IN ADDRESS The U. S. Attorney's office have asked the WRA Office to advise aliens to be sure and report any change of addresses and jobs to their office. This will prevent some embarrassment that has been unavoidable in the past due to the fact that people have not carried out this requirement. Aliens arriving in the city should immediately report their arrival to Miss Ramsey of the U. S. Attorney's Office, Federal Building, Garfield 0360.

MAKE A DATE Miss Brooks states that resettlers would get better service if appointments were made to see her in advance, as the amount of work necessitates her being out of the office part of the time. There has been many instances where resettlers would call at the office without an appointment and have had to return. A phone call reservation will save a second visit.

There have been requests for evening hours in addition to the Thursday evenings when WRA Office is open until 9 p.m. It is suggested that for the present anyone unable to come during the regular working hours or on Thursday evening phone Miss Brooks for a special appointment.

CARAVAN VIEWS The train which carried Caravan No. 2 was held up ten minutes in leaving St. Louis because a youngster wanted to see where the World Series was played, so the obliging Baptist minister drove out to Sportsmen Park and returned late. . . The evacuees of one caravan offered to leave a contribution of \$50.00 to the host church. . Greetings to Caravan No. 3 were given in Japanese by Dr. Carl Kriete who was formerly president of Miyagi College in Sendai. . Scene at Sears Roebuck on South Grand: two shopping caravan girls were stopped by a saleslady, ticked to meet them for she had heard about the caravans going through at a women's meeting just a week prior. . Scene at St. Paul's E. & H. Church: a church lady watching a sleeping 3 year-old while his mother had dinner downstairs with the group. . Scene at Pilgrim Congregation: a lady shoving dollar bills in Rev. Pronko's hand, "Buy them some candy and toys" . . After Rev. Herrmann proudly showed the altar at St. Paul's to the guests, one evacuee lady came in alone, walked up to the altar, and in the best Buddhist tradition, paid her respects. . . Quote a young mother to her 5 year old at the zoo: "See, Mother knows. The giraffe is not black". . One family going to Madera, Calif., had 11 youngsters.

THE YANKS ARE COMING In our two dental schools, St. Louis claims 27 students and two instructors. A survey reveals the following:

The St. Louis University School of Dentistry

FRESHMEN		SOPHOMORES	
Edwin S. Akamine	Lanai City, T.H.	Kenneth K. Shikamoto	Honolulu
Paul Ken Fujioka	Hilo, T. H.	Tomohide Dekuzaku	Oakland, Cal.
Sidney I. Kashiwabara	Honolulu	John M. Fujioka	Oahu, T. H.
Kiyoshi Iseki	Honolulu	George Sakai	San Francisco
Henry K. Kawasaki	Honolulu	Min Wakatake	Honolulu
Al Morioka	Marysville, Cal.	JUNIORS	
Thomas K. Oshiro	Honolulu	Henry M. Ema	Los Angeles
Henry Sakai	San Francisco	Ryo Muneata	Tacoma, Wash.
George I. Uohara	Honolulu	Kay Takeoka	Portland, Oreg.
Ichiro Nadamoto	Honolulu	INSTRUCTOR	
Tad Ochiai	Riverside, Cal.	Dr. Tom Hiura	Sebastopol, Cal.

Washington University School of Dentistry

FRESHMEN		JUNIORS	
Milton Hayano	Denver, Colo.	Ralph Akamine	Hilo, T.H.
Pete Umekubo		Masaki Nakauchi	Hanford, Calif.
SOPHOMORES		Daniel Kugiya	Honolulu
Hiroshi Kanegawa	Sacramento, Cal.	SENIOR	
Sumio Kubo	Kerman, Cal.	Clifford Fujimoto	Watsonville, Cal.
		INSTRUCTOR	
		Dr. Kiyoshi Hikoyeda	Berkeley, Calif.

CAPPED Cadet nurse Sachi Kajiware was the only Nisei girl who was capped in a special ceremony at the St. Mary's Hospital Sunday afternoon, May 13th. In attendance were her parents and her sister, Michi Kajiware, who were en route from Cleveland to their home in Oakland, Calif. The Kajiwaras lost their only son, Pvt. Nobuo Kajiware, who was killed in action with the 442nd Infantry in Italy last fall. He volunteered for army service from Topaz, Utah.

INJURED Pfc. Walton Morita, brother of Kaoru Morita, cadet nurse at City Hospital, was reported seriously injured in action, presumably when the 442nd (Japanese American) Infantry spear-headed the Fifty Army drive to a German surrender in the Italian front. Pfc. Morita volunteered for the army while he was still a senior at Topaz High School.

BRIDE Al Morioka, formerly of Marysville, Calif., and now a student at St. Louis University Dental School, brought to St. Louis his bride, the former Asako Sato of Mitchell, Nebraska. They had met in Chicago and were married on April 7th at Mitchell in western Nebraska.

HE GIVES Dr. Chas. M. Crowe, pastor of the Centenary Methodist Church, is proud of his Nisei member, now in the army, Frank Inukai, who recently sent in a \$200.00 contribution to the church. The Inukai family have been pre-Pearl Harbor residents of St. Louis and operate a restaurant on Market Street.

BAPTISTS The "Third Baptist Visitor" of May 6th lists two Niseis as "new members", Roger S. Miyasaka and Martha Toyama. Roger is a Boy Scout and son of Mr. Fred Miyasaka who is employed at the church. This same bulletin has a write-up of the caravan which was entertained by the Baptist people at the Third Baptist Church. Fumi Muneakiyo is also said to have recently become a member here.

PEOPLE Priscilla Haga and Barbara Inamasu were present at last Saturday night's Hawaiian Night party. The unusual thing is the fact that both are Cleveland resettlers and had to come to St. Louis to meet each other. Priscilla's family, Mr. and Mrs. T. Haga and Aiko and Naoka, had just come from Minidoka and are now working out at Kenrick Seminary near Webster Groves. Barbara was visiting friends here.

The mother and sister of Bessie Kawachi, Mrs. Fumi Kawachi and May Sumiko Kawachi, arrived from Heart Mountain, Wyoming, and now reside at 5088 Washington St.

Dr. Mas Hara's mother, Mrs. Kikue Hara, is now at the Hara home at 467 Ridge Avenue, Webster Groves.

Sachi Tajiwara is a new arrival, with St. Mary's Hospital as her address.

Isao Sakurai and Kunio Shimamoto, both former employees at Houlihan's Nursery at Creve Couer, reported for the army.

Ellen Tanaka, faithful helper in St. Louis functions, headed west for a teaching position.

CARAVAN HOSTS The following are more names and churches of those who helped with Caravan No. 2. (See Page 3).

Rev. O. A. Winscott	Hock Hill Baptist Church
Rev. U. S. Randall	West Park Baptist Church
Rev. L. L. Leininger	St. Louis Park Baptist Church
Rev. J. A. Crutchfield	Immanuel Baptist Church
Rev. Oliver Shank	Fourth Baptist Church
Dr. Paul Weber, Supt.	St. Louis Baptist Mission Board
Mrs. A. H. Shirley	Delmar Baptist Church
Mrs. Earl Adams	Affton Baptist Church
Mrs. Eric Heinicke	Southwest Baptist Church

RESETTLEMENT CONFERENCE A series of "regional conferences" planned by the Home Missions Council of North America and its Committee on Japanese Resettlement places one such conference in St. Louis according to plans laid in a recent meeting in New York. No definite dates for St. Louis has been agreed upon as yet.

THAT BEAR AGAIN Advocates of the Golden Bear of the University of California (and the Bruin of U.C.L.A.) were very much surprised to find that the mascot of Washington University here was also a bear. From a good source, we are told that until the arrival of the Nisei students, the Washington bear played a minor part in campus life. But with Gyo Obata and other Californians on the scene, the bear had found its rightful place in campus posters, cartoons and windshield stickers. The saving grace are the school colors, red and green (the red being a hangover from Stanford, no doubt).

CARAVAN REACTIONS The Nisei Council is pleased to note some favorable reactions from the caravan experiences. The Rohwer Outpost has carried stories; a new bulletin, the "Rohwer Relocator" of May 5th features the "St. Louis Hospitality". The Messenger, bi-weekly official organ of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, carried a story and pictures in its May 1 issue. Post card thanks came from Miyoko Masuda in Fresno, and from Art Hisaka, "car captain" of Caravan No. 5. A letter in behalf of the evacuees of Caravan No. 2 and its car captain, Mr. Toshiyuki, came from Fresno. The Nisei Council anticipates a steady flow of these caravans this summer, the next one coming on or about June 1.

ARE YOU ON OUR LIST? Please advise us if we are overlooking any resettler on our mailing list. Extra copies of this newsletter may be had at the WRA office. The Nisei Council next meets on June 8th.

THE ST. LOUIS NISEI

A Newsletter Published by the Nisei Coordinating Council of St. Louis, Mo.

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MILESTONES St. Louisans join with many friends in extending congratulations to the following individuals who this month graduated from their respective schools. This is not an all-inclusive list.

George Nobukazu Nishimoto	Bachelor of Divinity	Eden Theological Seminary
George Kazuto Shimizu	Bachelor of Arts	Washington University
Minoru Iwasaki	Bachelor of Science	in Mech. Engineering, Wash. Univ.
Ray Hajime Echigoshima	Bachelor of Science	in Business Adminis., Wash. Univ.
Harvey Itano	Doctor of Medicine	St. Louis University
Norio Higano	Doctor of Medicine	St. Louis University
Suzan Tamaki	Associate of Arts	Harris Teachers College
Lily Obata		Webster Groves High School
Starr Miyagawa		Webster Groves High School
Flora Yamaoka		Clayton High School
Hiroko Yoshimine		Soldan High School
Yowko Tahara		Soldan High School

HONORS WON Jiro Yamaguchi, law student at Washington University and member of the Nisei Council, was awarded the second prize of the Samuel M. Breckinridge Law School Prizes for Second Year Students. Formerly of Seattle, Jiro works nights as a telephone exchange operator at the Alexian Bros. Hospital. Ichiro Mori is recipient of the \$180.00 Samuel Cupples Scholarship award for the year June 1945-46 in the School of Architecture, Washington University.

HOSTEL PROGRESS After much footwork and exhaustive search of possibilities, the Church Federation Committee on Resettlement narrowed their work down to two immediate plans. One is a three story house in near-south St. Louis, the purchase of which is being considered by an evacuee family, making available several of the other rooms for hostel purposes. The second is a now-unoccupied orphans' quarters of a Jewish organization in Webster Groves. Both possibilities are being pursued so that a definite opening date may be soon announced.

Meanwhile, Caroline Mission of the Evangelical and Reformed Church on Hickory Street, near South 18th, has made available a three-room apartment for temporary housing. Rev. Carl Rasche and Miss Anna Astroth of the Mission has offered WRA these facilities.

THE ISSEI MEET The 28 Issei residents of St. Louis who responded to the invitation of the Nisei Council met at the 3rd Baptist Church parlor on Sunday afternoon, May 20th, and enjoyed a social period of music, refreshment and fellowship. Tea was served by the Nisei hostesses, Margaret Echigoshima, Kiyo Abe, May Sakaizawa and May Imakire. Mistress of ceremony, Jean Otani, gave greetings and presented the vocal selections of Japanese songs by Alice Yamaoka, Mrs. Kato and Mr. Hara. Sam Shiozawa took some group pictures. Relocation centers represented included Rohwer, Jerome, Topaz, Minidoka, Tule Lake, and Heart Mountain. Chairman Mrs. Dorothy Yoshimine is charged with the preparation of another similar function in the near future.

ENGLISH CLASS? Issei folks who desire to study English in a class by themselves may have such an opportunity if even a few respond. Advise Miss Brooks at the WRA office if interested.

THE REVERAND His ordination on June 10th at the Webster Groves Evangelical and Reformed Church culminated a significant era for George Nishimoto, when in the presence of nearly 100 friends, he was ordained into the Christian ministry by Dr. J. J. Braun of the Board of National Missions, assisted by Eden Seminary professor Dr. Purd E. Deitz and Rev. Thomas Marshall of the Webster Groves Church.

A graduate of the University of California, George was actively associated with the First Reformed Church in San Francisco, the Y.M.C.A., the Univ. of Calif. Japanese Student Club, and the Young People's Christian Conference in Northern California. An outstanding basketball player, he excelled also in dramatics and in recreational leadership. It was after evacuation and while still in the Tanforan Assembly Center that he decided to study for the ministry.

In the summer of 1943, he spent several weeks each as counsellor and instructor at the summer youth camps of the E. & R. Churches at Mensch Mill, Pa., Mountain Lake, Pa., Shadyside, Pa., and St. Louisville, Ohio. He served as assistant to Rev. Marshall in charge of youth activities at the Webster Groves Church, and in senior-year preaching, he filled the pulpits at Linton, Ind., Greenvew, Ill., and Bonne Terre, Mo. He spent the 1944 summer at Topaz. Meanwhile, he was in constant demand as a speaker, and appeared at 50 or more of the E. & R. Churches in the St. Louis area. Evidence of the appreciation of the Webster Groves people was the presentation to him of a ministerial gown by the church's Women's Guild.

Now under the employ of the Board of National Missions of the E. & R. Church, Rev. Nishimoto left St. Louis June 18th for Topaz where he will again serve for the summer. A trip to San Francisco is also planned.

BRAINY MEDICOS A head-line sensation in May 1942, while he and 105,000 Japanese were herded into 18 Assembly Centers, Harvey Itano was not then present at the commencement exercises to receive the alurels as the top-ranking student among the thousands of graduates of the University of California that year. Formerly of Sacramento, he received his Bachelor of Science degree (cum summa laude) and made Phi Beta Kappa (national scholastic honorary) and Sigma Xi (scientific honorary). While a student at the St. Louis Univ. School of Medicine, he attained membership in the coveted Alpha Omega Alpha (national medical honorary). His parents were present at the commencement exercises on June 14th. Dr. Itano will intern at the City of Detroit Receiving Hospital, Detroit, Mich.

No less distinguished, Norio Higano earned his B.S. (cum magna laude) at the University of Washington at Seattle, and also was Phi Beta Kappa, besides a Pi Mu Chi (pre-medical honorary). Here at St. Louis Univ. Medical School, he, too, made Alpha Omega Alpha. Norio served a term as chairman of the Inter American House and was a valuable member of the Nisei Council. Dr. Higano is visiting his former home-town, Seattle, before proceeding to Boston, where he will intern at the Boston City Hospital.

CAMP COUNSELLOR Masako Amemiya, a 1944 graduate of Cornell College in Iowa, and a special student at Eden Seminary for the past year, attended the Midwest Institute of International Relations at Drake University, Des Moines, June 2 to 10. From there she goes via Chicago and Milwaukee (to visit sister Tane Amemiya) to Dunkirk, near Buffalo, N.Y., and to Mountain Lake, Pa., where she will serve as camp counsellor under the employ of the Board of National Missions of the E. & R. Church. In her field work while at Eden, she was doing group work with colored girls in St. Louis. She plans to be in YWCA work this fall.

NISEI CAMPERS Joe Arata and John Kiyasu were among the 80 high-school age campers of the Congregational Christian Church of St. Louis at the summer camp held at Montebello, south of St. Louis on the Mississippi river, June 18-22.

ANOTHER LAWYER? Ray Echigoshima, recent Washington U graduate is already in the School of Laws, following after his sister, Margaret, who is now with the law firm of NeuRooff and Millar since summer of 1943.

CARAVAN PARADE The steady flow of evacuees out of the Rohwer Relocation Center in Arkansas is dramatized here in St. Louis by the hospitality shown by the combined efforts of the WRA, the Nisei Council, and the various church organizations. The following is a brief and inadequate log for the past month.

Caravan No. 6, Friday, May 31, was entertained at the Y.W.C.A. We are indebted to Miss Dickey of the Y for making the last minute arrangements. The 62 lunches were paid by the Board of National Missions of the Evangelical & Reformed Church through its general secretary, Dr. J. J. Braun. Kaz Saito was car captain.

Caravan No. 7, Saturday, June 2, was entertained at the Tyler Place Presbyterian Church. Through the efforts of Rev. Henry Lampe of the Church Federation Committee on Resettlement, Rev. G. Henry Green very gladly opened the facilities of his church. Unique from other caravans (because of last minute arrangements and summer schedule) a group of local Nisei girls put together and served both breakfast and lunch to the 60-odd evacuees. These girls were Alice Yamaoka, Toshi Iwata, Fumi Iwata and Florence Shigeno. They were assisted by May Imakire, Fumi Asaki, Judy Arata, Willie Kagawa, Henry Tani, Mas Hata and Frank Hayashida in the sightseeing. Rev. George A. Sweazey, former pastor of that church, just happened to be in and took his car-full to the zoo. Car captain was Bean Takeda.

Carvan No. 8, Saturday, June 9, was a red letter day for the Union Avenue Christian Church and other participating Disciples' Churches. Dr. Hampton Adams, pastor, Mr. E. J. Allen, Missions Committee chairman of the church, and Mr. P. A. Whitcraft (Pepsi Cola man), president of the St. Louis Christian Missionary Society, put in such an overwhelming job that 16 autos (5 too many) showed up. The rain made for more indoor around-the-table festivities of several good-natured speeches. Even Dr. Clark W. Cummings, executive secretary of the Metropolitan Church Federation participated. Kiyo Kawamoto was car captain. The Star-Times carried a picture and a long story that day.

Caravan No. 9, Saturday, June 16, was guest of the Downtown Y.M.C.A. where a portion of the USO facilities was made available, and lunch was served in the cafeteria. Mr. Arno Haack, Y secretary on the Washington U campus, and chairman of the Church Federation Committee on Resettlement, extended greetings. Nisei guides included Toshi Iwata, Kiyo Abe, Yuki Kato, Aiko Kayashima, Molly Kiyomura, Mr. & Mrs. Ryugo, Willie Kagawa, George Tsusaki and Alice Yamaoka.

Caravan No. 10 is expected Saturday, June 23rd, to be entertained at the Centenary Methodist Church through the efforts of Dr. Charles Crowe, pastor, and Mrs. Harry Davis, president of the Women's Society of Christian Service in St. Louis. Caravan No. 11 is due Wednesday, June 27th, to be entertained at the St. Peter's Protestant Episcopal Church at Spring & Lindell. Dean Sidney E. Sweet of Christ Church Cathedral is setting the wheels in motion. It is reported that a private bus has been offered (for free) for the use of this caravan. Caravans No. 12 and 13 are expected July 7 and 14.

FAITHFUL WILLIE Meeting every caravan that has come into St. Louis, Willie Kagawa has endeared himself in the heart of many a tiny relocatee as he showed them the fine points of our Forest Park Zoo and other sights in St. Louis. Since he works nights, he sacrifices his day-time sleep to serve the caravans regularly. His feat includes speech-making under pressure, in behalf of the local evacuees. Many an unexpected friend or acquaintance shows up in these caravans, since Willie himself comes from Rohwer, and previously from Lodi, famous Tokay grape country in California, to which point many caravan relocatee are bound.

NEW MEMBERS Florence Abe and Janet Yoshioka were recently named into membership on the Nisei Coordinating Council. Florence is a YWCA secretary; Janet works out at Clayton.

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AID PLAN CHANGED Miss Brooks, St. Louis Relocation Officer, reports that effective June first, the method of giving financial assistance in re-establishing relocatees from centers was changed. Assistance to those people without financial resources for purchasing household equipment, first month's rent, and subsistence will be made at the relocation centers instead of the family applying for this assistance after arriving in St. Louis or any other relocated city or town to the Social Security Commission. It will be absolutely essential that any family needing temporary assistance in establishing a household to make plans for this before leaving the relocation center. Relatives residing in centers should be advised to see the Welfare Department at the relocation center for this assistance.

Any family who might need subsistence or medical assistance after relocating due to illness or some other hardship would continue to make application to the local office of the Social Security Commission.

RESTRICT TRAVEL The following letter has been received by WRA from the U.S. Attorney's Office: "In view of the crowded conditions of travel facilities, we are refusing permits to enemy aliens to travel by public conveyance for pleasure only. It is our opinion that as citizens are being requested, and in some cases ordered, not to travel on their vacations, that such permission should not be granted to enemy aliens. We are giving you this information so that you may inform the aliens of our policy."

CARAVAN THANKS Rohwer Relocation Center has repeatedly asked Miss Brooks to express appreciation to the Nisei Council for working out plans to entertain the various caravans. Each caravan has written to Rohwer repeatedly how much they appreciated the friendliness and hospitality shown them in St. Louis. In a letter dated June 14th, Rohwer requests Miss Brooks to express the center's appreciation as follows: "May we again thank your Nisei Council for the splendid cooperation they have so graciously given."

Ben L. Isogawa, car captain of one of the caravans in a letter to Miss Brooks under date of June 12th states: "Arrived in Fresno safely after a very pleasant trip, weary but happy. At this time, I would like to thank you again for all you did for all of us during our stay in St. Louis. It really raised everyone's morale on our trip. I also would like to thank Miss Alice Yamaoka, Willie Kagawa, and the rest for their guidance and the very nice lunch we had. All in all, I am proud of your work in aiding and entertaining the many relocatees going through St. Louis."

U.S.E.S. REFERRAL Miss Brooks reports that many resettlers appear to be under the impression that they cannot see Miss Ida Mae Camfield, U.S.E.S. 410 N. Broadway, without a referral letter from WRA. The United States Employment Service is a governmental public employment service open to any person in St. Louis and it is not necessary for a person who wishes to apply for work to be sent from WRA.

JOB COUNSELLING The American Red Cross Counselling Service will give vocational counselling service to any person over 14 years of age. St. Louis is unique in having a Red Cross Counselling Service, which is not customarily a service rendered by the Red Cross. This service is open to civilians regardless of whether there are any military personnel in the family.

CHILDRENS AID The WRA has worked out an arrangement with the Social Security Commission and the various Children's agencies where it will be possible for plans to be made for minors who for various reasons should relocate in St. Louis district without their parents. Living arrangements, schooling, and needed supervision would be worked out for children under 17 years of age. Further details may be obtained from Miss Brooks if any resettler is concerned about the arrival of a minor child in St. Louis.

A LIFE PASSES St. Louis resettlers paid final respects to the late Tokuhei Imada at a service at the Edith Ambruster Funeral Parlor on Manchester Blvd., Sunday evening June 17th. Rev. George Nishimoto officiated, assisted by Mrs. Alice Shigemi at the organ. The deceased was a bachelor Issei, recently employed at the Houlihan Nursery at Creve Couer in the county. Previously he had come to St. Louis from Tule Lake and Billings, Mont. A native of Kumamoto-ken, Japan, he succumbed June 9 to pneumonia at the City Hospital, and is survived by a brother, Takeo Imada, now at Loomis, Calif.

HITCH HIKERS Elmhurst College (near Chicago) students, Seiji Aizawa and Herbert Muensterman, hitch-hiked to and from Topaz, Utah, and came to tell the tale in St. Louis over the June 9-10 weekend. They averaged 400 miles a day, slept in sleeping bags along the highway, talked a jailer to let them sleep in the empty cells at Greeley, Colorado, awoke a Congregational minister at Green River, Wyoming, to sleep inside the church, and spoke to the graduating classes at Topaz High School. Elmhurst student Beishi Tanabe was also a visitor that weekend while another Elmhurst student, Florence Shigeno, came for the summer to stay with her sister, Mrs. Rose Tani, in Maplewood.

FOUND: A HOUSE Two years of house-hunting was rewarded by following through a Sunday ad, phoning and interviewing the owner. Mr. & Mrs. Tad Yoshimine now look forward to moving into the two-bedroom, completely furnished house in suburban Glendale, just beyond Webster Groves and Brentwood.

KIWANIS SPEECH Dr. T. T. Yatabe, Midwest Representative of the Japanese American Citizens League spoke to some 50 enthusiastic members of the Midtown Kiwanis Club at the Melbourne Hotel on June 5th. A date with the North Side Kiwanis Club was in error by a week and had to be called off. Dr. Yatabe met with key individuals on relocation matters and spoke to the Nisei Council at its meeting June 6th.

SOUTHPAW The Washington University's baseball team had a Nisei pitcher. George Shimizu on May 18th pitched the Wash. U. Bears to a 5-3 win over Harris Teachers College, fanning ten teachers.

BOWLERS Under the name of the "Ajays", a group of Nisei are entered as a team in the Bowling Esquire Summer League. After a month of bowling, the team is now in third position, with a won 8, lost 7 record. The team includes Kiichi Hiramoto, Min Iwasaki, Willie Kagawa, Ryo Munekata, Sam Shiozawa, Jim Hayashi and Art Iwata.

FETED Honoring Hiroko Yoshimine and Yowka Tahara, recent high school graduates, a party was held at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Tad Yoshimine on June 14. Present for the games, dancing and refreshment were Lily Obata, Vivian Ashizawa, John Kiyasu, Starr Miyagawa, Shig Yoshimine and Bunzo Nakagawa. May Imakire was an honored guest at a farewell party at the YWCA on June 10th. A former WRA secretary, she will join her family at Des Moines. Members of the Nisei Council gave a send-off party to two charter members, May Imakire and Norio Higano on June 11 at the Echigoshima's apartment. Formerly active leader in St. Louis Nisei circles, Lily Nakamura was recently a visitor and guest at a party given by Bessie Kawachi and friends on June 10th. Lily has been teaching Japanese at the University of Chicago.

ON TO TEXAS Off to camps and conferences for his third summer, Henry Tani will spend July 2-13 at Seguin, Texas; July 29 to Aug. 11 at Dunkirk, N.Y., and Aug. 19-24 at Plymouth, Wisc. Chairman of the Nisei Council, he is employed by the Board of National Missions of the E. & R. Church, and teaches the national missions course "Christianity Where You Live" a study of uprooted Americans.

COMING & GOING Pfc. and Mrs. Eichi Koiwai (formerly Chiyo Tamaki) were St. Louis visitors last week. She was formerly head surgical nurse at Barnes Hospital here, and is at present a surgical nurse in Philadelphia.

Fred Yoshiyama of San Francisco, Tanforan and Topaz, and more recently of Yale Divinity School in Connecticut, visited friends here June 6-7. He is on his way to Honolulu where he is engaged in YMCA work.

Miyeko Kawata, student at Asbury College in Kentucky, is back in St. Louis, living at Glendale, and studying summer session at Washington University.

Mayme Iijima stopped here for a few days, home from Drury College at Springfield, Mo., en route to Chicago for the summer. Her sister, Mrs. Misaki Aki, left June 19th for Boston to join her husband's family. Capt. George Aki, chaplain, made a surprise visit home again before reporting at the port of embarkation.

Starr Miyagawa, Nisei sensation among the girls at Webster Groves High School, left for Topaz to join his parents in their relocation to the Coast. His sisters, Grace and Pauline, remain in St. Louis.

G.I. JOES Chico Sakaguchi tells that her brother, Pvt. George Sakaguchi, was accepted for Officers Candidate School at Fort Benning, Ga. He was enlisted last February from St. Louis and was with the Paratroopers at Camp Robinson, Ark. Chico is a secretary at the Y.M.H.A. (Hebrew's Assn.)

Pvt. Kumao Shimamoto, who very recently got into uniform, is now with Co. A., 122nd Btn., 31st Inf. Trng. Regt., at Camp Livingston, La.

Visitor last month was Pvt. Don Yamaoka, who has three sisters here: Alice, Flora, and May. From South Carolina, he was en route to Ft. Meade, Md.

Pvt. Hal Hattori, brother of Mitsuko and Yoshiko Hattori, was a visitor in town June 1, en route to Maryland after a furlough visit at Rohwer.

RECENT ARRIVALS

Ruth Kawahara	5837 Clemens, from Minikoka, Idaho
May Inouye	from Heart Mountain, Wyoming
Bruce Kawamoto	1528 Locust St., from Topaz, Utah
George Shimamoto	1528 Locust St., from Rohwer, Ark.
George Shingu	475 E. Lockwood, Webster Groves; from Topaz, Utah
Mr. & Mrs. Hitoshi Taniguchi,	with Keiko Helen and Reiko Amy -- from Rohwer
Mabel Yamada	7186 Delmar; from Heart Mountain
Mr. & Mrs. Giichi Sase	19 Upper Ladue Road; from Poston, Ariz.
Akiko Sase	(parents and sister of Yuri and Miyuki Sase)
Mr. & Mrs. Ryoji Kako	1133 Hereford St., from Heart Mountain (parents of Frances)
Kiyoshi Omachi	6829 Magnolia Ave.; from Rohwer
Tsuyoshi Noritake	from Madison, Wisc.
Suyeo Noritake	from Detroit, Mich.
Fumi Kobayashi	1225 Denny Road, Huntleigh Village; from Kansas City

RECENT DEPARTURES (not mentioned elsewhere)

Kenzo Nakagawa	to Portland, Oregon
John A. Watsushita	Cleveland, Ohio
Toshiko Miyakusu	San Jose, Calif.
Sue Morita	San Francisco, Calif.
Fujiko Sakane	San Jose, Calif.
Geraldine Hachisuka	Heart Mountain, Wyo., and California
Nihei Tokunaga	Los Angeles, Calif.
Haruye Morimoto	Berkeley, Calif.
Peter Doi	U.S. Army
Robert Hara	U.S. Army

MUNICIPAL OPERA By now, you must have been at one of the nightly performances of the outdoor, America's unique musical entertainment. Seats are free, 30¢, 60¢, \$1.20, \$1.80 and \$2.40. "The O'Brien Girl" this week, "Fortune Teller" next.

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GENERAL MEETING The Nisei Coordinating Council of St. Louis received its initial start last December when the Resettlement Committee of St. Louis and the relocatees felt that there was a definite need of an organization to coordinate the activities of the resettlers. Since its inception in December of 1944 the Council has been striving to serve the resettlers of this area. At the general election meeting held on December 17, 1944, the following persons were elected on the Nisei Coordinating Council of St. Louis:

Henry Tani	Art Iwata	George Teraoka
Margaret Echigoshima	May Imakire	Susie Tamaki
Norio Higano	Frances Kimura	Jiro Yamaguchi
Frank Hayashida	Kim Obata	

From this original cabinet Norio Higano, May Imakire, and Susie Tamaki have left St. Louis and have resettled elsewhere. Due to pressure of work and the loss of these members, the following persons were added to the Council:

Ryo Munekata	Janet Yoshioka	Fred Oshima
Dorothy Yoshimine	Florence Okuyama	

The present members of the council feel that a report of the activities of the organization is now in order and that a general election be held to elect the members of your Coordinating Council for the coming year. It is with these purposes in mind that the Council has scheduled a general meeting to be held on Sunday, September 9, 1945 at the Y. W. C. A., 14th and Locust, at 3:00 P.M. sharp. In order to facilitate the nomination of candidates for this election, the Council requests that each relocatee send in the names of ten (10) persons whom he thinks would be the most qualified to serve on the Nisei Council. Thirty (30) persons receiving the highest number of recommendations will be placed on the official ballot to be voted upon at this meeting on September 9th. The ten persons receiving the highest number of votes will be elected to serve on the Nisei Coordinating Council, which will be at liberty to increase its membership if it deems necessary, by making a maximum of five (5) additional appointments. Additional space will be available on the official ballot to place other candidates for office.

The names of ten (10) persons are to be submitted to the ST. LOUIS NISEI, 2837 Bartold Avenue, Maplewood 17, Missouri by Tuesday, September 4, 1945. For your convenience a post card has been enclosed.

The following are some of the things which the Coordinating Council desire to have discussed at this open meeting:

1. The latest relocation and resettlement situation and the part that St. Louisans may play with the closing of the camps.
2. Issei welfare in St. Louis.
3. Business opportunities and developments.
4. The Hostel and its operation.
5. Housing purchases and other related problems.
6. The need of an organization when the W. R. A. leaves the scene.
7. The forthcoming dance.
8. The general election for a new Nisei Coordinating Council.
9. Public relations and speaker's bureau.
10. Other items that may be brought up from the floor.

An entertainment number will be provided and it is urged by the Council that all St. Louisans attend and participate in this meeting. As you know, this is your Council, and it is up to you to help in the formations of its policies, elect its members and to aid in its functions.

FINANCIAL REPORT With the completion of the term of the present Council members and the reelection to be held on September 9th, it is appropriate to give the report from the Finance Committee of your Coordinating Council for the past 8 months. The treasurer's report is as follows:

Income:

To initiate a fund, Council member's loan.....	24.00
Contributions received from Mass Meeting of February 24, 1945.....	28.14
Contributions received via mail to date.....	103.12
Net receipt from the Benefit Carnival.....	114.17
	<u>269.43</u>

Expenses:

Newsletter materials from Jan. to July edition.....	59.58
Postcards.....	8.00
Postage.....	42.48
Issci Tea.....	4.12
Relocation Caravan from Rohwer for box lunches.....	20.50
Miscellaneous (file cabinet, rubber stamp, etc.).....	2.37
	<u>137.05</u>

Balance as of August 16, 1945.....	<u>132.38</u>
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The cost of the August issue of the Newsletter and of the Information Bulletin are not included in this balance sheet. The Finance Committee will welcome any and all contributions that may be sent in. The following is a list of contributors who have sent in donations aside from the gifts made at the Mass Meeting in February.

Art Iwata	Suzan Tamaki	Tosh Makino
Margaret Echigoshima	Henry Tani	Alicc Yamaoka
Frank Hayashida	George Teraoka	Yac Kogiso
Mae Imakire	Jiro Yamaguchi	Clara Iwaoka
Norio Higano	Ted Ohashi	H. B. Nagata
Frances Kimura	H. P. Flug	Miwa Inouye
Kimio Obata	Yuki Takatsuka	Cpl. Higashi
Tod Imada	Pvt. Victor Ito	Dean Sidney E. Sweet
Eru Tanabe	Miyo Hata	Yoshiko Hattori
Yulie Kiyasu	Sumio Kubo	Mitsuko Hattori
Dorothy Yoshimine	Miss Anonymous	Anna Astroeth
Kazuyiki Takahashi	Miss M. Brooks	Central Presbyterian Church
Pvt. J. Y. Masuda	Isao Sakurai	WRA Nisei Conference Fund
Kumao Shimamoto	Isao Tsuru	Chiyoeko Ikuta (Rohwer Caravan)
Geraldine Hachisuka	Dan Sakahara	Dos Moines Friends' Hostel

CARNIVAL SCENES The Carnival, which was held on August 28, 1945, for the purpose of raising funds for the Information Bulletin, netted a total of \$114.17. After a slow start the crowd grew to a total of over 250 people. Many wishing to send greetings abroad, to listen to their vocal abilities, etc., made the voice recording booth one of the most popular concessions. The climax to the evening's program came with the auction of many beautiful box lunches. The "tobacco auctioneer" in our midst proved most apt at securing top prices for the packages. The top bid of the night for one of these box lunches was seven dollars. Lucky winners for the raffle prizes were Mrs. Kimio Obata, who acquired the dresser set and Mr. Kinji Hiromoto, from New Concord, Ohio, visiting his brother Kiichi, who went home with the teddy bear. Because of the success of this party, the Council feels that it would be advisable to plan other gatherings of this type, and is, therefore, planning a dance to be held Saturday, September 29th.

BULLETIN

On August 19th the staff of the St. Louis Information Bulletin completed their work on the booklet and mailed two copies to all resettlers in this city, with the distribution plan that each recipient send at least one of the copies to their relatives or friends who might wish to resettle in this vicinity. A total number of 2,000 copies were printed at a cost of \$150.00. Of the 2,000 copies, 1,200 were sent to the various relocation centers through the W. R. A. channels. A number of copies have been left with the W. R. A. office in this city in order that any person wishing to secure additional booklets, can obtain same for the asking. The Council again emphasizes that you make use of this bulletin and help others who might wish to know of what relocatees in St. Louis and its vicinity are doing and aid them in their resettlement. Members of the staff are as follows: Art Iwata, Fred Oshima, Ryo Munekata, Jean Otani, Margaret Echogoshima, Florence Okuyama, Chico Sakaguchi, Ayako Mori; contributors--Henry Tani and Mrs. Y. Mori.

HOSTEL

The St. Louis Hostel, located at 2427 South 18th Street, has finally opened its doors to the resettlers. The first group of boarders arrived on Saturday, August 18th. This has been accomplished after much hard labor and work by volunteer church organizations and fellow Nisei. The hostel began under the management of Mrs. Marcie Sakai, but due to the fact that Mrs. Sakai's husband, Pfc. John Sakai, returned from the European War, she left St. Louis to join him in Minneapolis where he is at present stationed. Miss Sumiye Tashiro has succeeded Mrs. Sakai and is now in charge of the Hostel. The Hostel will work in cooperation with the W. R. A. and will try to do its utmost in solving the housing problem of the relocatees. If reservations are desired there, then call the Hostel at PROspect 0543 or the W. R. A. at CENTral 3200, Station 294. An open house is scheduled for Sunday, September 16th, from 2:00 P.M., to which cordial invitations are extended to all St. Louisans.

MARRIAGE

Miss Mary Nobuko Kawahara, formerly of Portland, Oregon and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ayao Kawahara, became the bride of George Teraoka on August 4th. The open wedding ceremony took place in Danforth's Chapel of Pilgrim Congregational Church at Union Boulevard and Kensington, St. Louis, with Reverend Paul Bode officiating the service in a setting of greenery. The bride, given in marriage by Frank J. Murphy, wore a white lace wedding gown with a fitted basque bodice, a square neckline and long sleeves. The full, flared skirt terminated into a train. The bride's illusion veil of white net was fashioned into a coronet and she carried a bouquet of white roses centered with an orchid. The former Miss Kawahara's only attendant was her sister Lillian. She was gowned in a powder blue dress with the basque waistline influence and a bouffant skirt. Her long sleeves were of blue net and her hat was of matching feathers made into little flowers. The bridegroom chose Frank Hayashida as best man. A reception followed the ceremony at Johnoff's Rose Bowl in South St. Louis. After a short honeymoon in the South, the couple will make their home at 202 North 18th Street.

CUPID'S SURPRISE A surprise party was given on Friday evening, August 24th, at the "Y" by Lois Kitazumi, student nurse at Deaconess Hospital, to announce the engagement of her sister Ardene, to George Uohara. Miss Kitazumi is employed as a stenographer at the Milbradt Mfg. Co. Her fiance is a dental student at St. Louis University. Mrs. George Okuyama presided at the tea table; thirty friends of the couple attended.

Miss Dorothy Takei, now a Chicagoan, announced her engagement to Dr. Tom Hiura, who is instructing at St. Louis University School of Dentistry.

Miss Yuri Date, ex-Alamedan, announced her engagement to Dr. Earnest Torigoe, a graduate of Washington University School of Dentistry and at present a prominent dentist at Fort Lupton, Colorado.

W.R.A. OFFICE The W. R. A. office hours, for at least the time being, will remain unchanged. The hours are 8:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. daily except Thursday when the office is open until 9:00 P.M. Miss Brooks, Relocation Officer, strongly urges people to call in for advance appointments in order to save time for the resettler, as Miss Brooks is out in the field a considerable amount of time and has definite group appointments that cannot be cancelled without harm to resettlers. Each person can be given the greatest amount of individual attention if he uses sufficient foresight in planning to call in for an appointment. The W. R. A. telephone number is CEntral 3200, Extension 294 during day hours. The night number is CEntral 3223.

Tule Lake Center is issuing a new publication entitled "Inside Out" which is designed for the purpose of giving information as to what persons who have relocated from Tule Lake are doing in their various spots of relocation. Anyone wishing a copy may notify Tule Lake Center (Raymond R. Best, Project Director) or the St. Louis W. R. A. office.

WELFARE In answer to a large number of inquiries that have been made recently as to the possibility of persons needing long time financial assistance coming to St. Louis, Miss Brooks, W. R. A., reports that persons residing in centers wishing to make their homes with relatives in St. Louis, should consult with the Welfare Section of the Relocation Center, who will obtain the necessary information to forward a request for financial assistance from the proper social agencies in Missouri. Miss Brooks, W. R. A., reports there have been a few instances where such requests have been made and favorable action taken by the Social Security Commission.

NURSING SCHOOL Recent inquiries regarding possibilities for nurses training for girls who have had no college training shows that girls with high school education are accepted for nurses training at the Deaconess Hospital. This hospital has an "A" rated Nurses Training Course, and a number of Nisei students have been and are in attendance. Two of the business service clubs have funds that might be secured for some girls interested in nurses training as scholarships.

CHANGES If any changes of address are made, kindly notify either THE ST. LOUIS NISEI or the W. R. A. so that the mailing list may be kept up-to-date. Extra expense has been incurred because of the large number who have failed to do this.

PICNIC On Sunday, September 2nd, at 1:30 P.M., an all St. Louis Nisei picnic will be held on the Eden Seminary grounds in Webster Groves, Missouri. This will be the first large-scale picnic for the Japanese-Americans and a large crowd is expected to attend. For those interested, numerous activities are in the offering--softball, ping pong, and shuffle-board. Those wishing to play badminton are asked to bring their own rackets and birdies. Card enthusiasts and checker players are requested to bring their own play things. A community sing is also to be had at which time everyone will stretch their vocal chords and try to harmonize. Everyone is to bring his own lunch, for soft drinks and ice cream only will be sold on the grounds. As a suggestion for those bachelors, who do not have the means of making their lunches, we hint that they might ask some kind soul to help them out. Tables will be available, but for those wishing to sit on the ground, it will be far more comfortable for them to have either canvases or blankets. The picnic committee consists of the following: General Chairman, Ryo Mune-kata; Games Chairmen, Joe Arata, George Tsusaki, and Hide Dakuzaku; Refreshment Concession Chairmen, Willie Kagawa and Alice Yamaoka; Community Singing, Ichiro Mori and Chico Sakaguchi; Public Address Installations, George Teraoka and Mas Hata; Invitations to Issei, Jean Otani. This picnic is open to all Japanese-Americans, Issei and their Caucasian friends. All are encouraged to attend as a good time is promised.

BUSINESS ANGLES Mr. Tamotsu Nozawa purchased a dry cleaning business at 6500 Maple Avenue and started operating on August 6, 1945. Mr. Nozawa's mother, Mrs. Ichi Nozawa, his wife Mrs. Misao Nozawa, and three children, Yusato 8, Hikaru 5, and Tomiko 2, joined Mr. Nozawa who came from Rohwer Relocation Center on Short Term Leave on July 8, 1945. The family is residing at 1321 LeRoy, University City.

NEWLY-ARRIVED Mrs. Mura Kawanishi and son Mas, formerly of Rohwer and Torrance, California arrived on August 7, 1945 and are residing at 50 Crestwood Drive. Mas will be attending Washington University this fall; he was an honor student in the Rohwer Center High School.

The Tokuzo Ogino family, consisting of Mr. Tokuzo Ogino, his daughters Rose, Mary Jane, Tessie and Mrs. Harry Iida, and grandchild Shirley Iida, moved to their newly purchased home at 2427 South 18th Street on August 11th.

Mariko Tsuji arrived on August 9th from the Rohwer Relocation Center to join her sister Mrs. Tei Hoshi, residing at 910 Buena Vista Avenue. Mariko will be attending high school in St. Louis.

Jessie and Miyeko Omura, formerly of Gila River and Stockton, California arrived in St. Louis on July 30th enroute to the University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri where they will be attending school this fall.

Mrs. George Shingu and her two daughters Barbar 6, and Shirley 3, of Topaz and San Francisco, joined Mr. Shingu during the month. They are residing temporarily at 475 East Lockwood, Webster Groves where Mr. Shingu is employed as Assistant Engineer at Eden Seminary.

Mrs. Tokiko Ena, her daughter Mary and son Henry, moved into their newly purchased Duplex at 2017 South Jefferson.

Priscilla Haga, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tadamasa Haga, 7800 Kendrick Road, just joined the family, having relocated originally to Cleveland, Ohio from Minidoka Relocation Center. Mr. and Mrs. Haga and their other two daughters Aiko and Naoko, came to St. Louis in May, 1945.

Mr. and Mrs. Sanzo Ito of Heart Mountain and Wapato, Washington and their three children Denzo, Dorothy and Amy, joined their daughter Janice on August 8, 1945. The family are residing in their comfortable six-room duplex at 304 Argonne Avenue, Kirkwood, Missouri.

Mitsuko Edith Abe of Topaz and San Lorenzo, California arrived in St. Louis August 19, 1945 to join her aunts, Miss Kiye Abe, 886 Warwick Lane, Glen-dale, Missouri and Mrs. Koto Kato, Kirkwood, Missouri. Miss Abe plans to attend school in St. Louis.

Mr. and Mrs. Seitaro Sakita and daughter Dolly arrived August 19th to join their niece Mrs. Florence Okuyama, 3950 McPherson Avenue. They come from Topaz Relocation Center and Sacramento, California.

Sally Nakano, who came to St. Louis on August 4, 1945 from Cleveland, Ohio, has accepted employment as secretary at the United Retail and Wholesale Department Store Employees Union (CIO), 1127 Pine Street.

Former Washington University students, Dick Henmi and Mas Yamada, were scheduled to report at Fort Benning, Georgia, for O. C. S. Ted Ono is graduating from O. C. S. in the very near future.

Y.W.C.A. OUTING Last month on July 29th, the Nisei Committee of the Y.W.C.A. gave an outing at their Vacation House in Kimmswick, Missouri. Though only 26 miles south of St. Louis, it affords seclusion and relaxation from the hustle and bustle of the city because of its site high on a bluff overlooking the Mississippi River. Its spacious grounds have an outdoor swimming pool, badminton and tennis courts, croquet ground and swings. Inside the Vacation House there are ping pong, shuffle-board and darts.

Fun was had by all in the fresh country air. Everyone brought their own lunches; soft drinks and watermelon were served by the committee. Due to limited accommodations in the truck, the "Y" committee could not extend their invitation to everyone. They hope to work out a plan so that more could attend the next time.

RECENT ARRIVALS (Not mentioned elsewhere)

Mrs. June Nagata	3555 Caroline	Manzanar
Edna Nagata	"	"
Mary Tashiro	Y. W. C. A.	Poston
Mr. I. Kawata	882 Alexander Drive	Poston
Mrs. K. Kawata	"	"
Sakae Kawata	"	"
Tom Nishimoto	Eden Seminary	Topaz
Henry Sasahara	1437 Granville Place	Heart Mountain
Sumiye Sasahara	"	"
Nobu Henry Sasahara	"	"

RECENT DEPARTURES

James Kono	Washington, D. C.	Mrs. John Sakai	Minneapolis
Jean Kiyomura	Minneapolis, Minn.	Mary Shigaya	Seattle, Wash.
Mr. Ryoji Kako	Chicago, Illinois	Mae M. Inouye	Utah
Mr. Henry Yamada	California	Tomiko Inouye	"
Mrs. H. Yamada	California	Grace Inouye	"
Mr. Yukio Kawakami	Fresno, Calif.	Shiz Hashimoto	Minneapolis
Mrs. Y. T. Kawakami	" "	Pearl Inouye	San Jose, Calif.
Susan Joy Kawakami	" "	Mrs. F. Higashihara	" " "
Janet Yoshioka	Toole, Utah	Eileen Sekitani	" " "
Matsu Yoshioka	" "	Susie Tamaki	Philadelphia
Dorothy Inouye	Heart Mountain	Yoshiko Mochizuki	Fresno, Calif.
Jack Ozawa	Dallas, Texas	Sadie Mochizuki	" "
Judy Arata	Colorado	Miyo Mano	Detroit, Mich.
Matsuo Tsusaki	California	Dr. Mas Tanaka	Philadelphia

ABOUT TOWN

Mr. and Mrs. George Shimamoto, 8449 Kempland Place, University City, Missouri were guests at a neighborhood Victory Dance held in the basement of one of their neighbors to celebrate V-J Day.

Daniel Kugiya and George Shimizu participated in the municipal baseball league for a team sponsored by Thau-Nolde Incorporated, which is tied for first place in the Northern Division. The two have also been selected to play for the Northern Division All-Star team when they meet the Southern Division All-Stars.

Dr. George M. Tanaka has recently left this city to take the position as resident at Doctors Hospital in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. His parents continue to reside here in St. Louis.

THE ST. LOUIS NISEI

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THE END IS HERE The relocation centers are closing. By October 15th, Granada in Colordao will be the first. November 1st will see Topaz in Utah and Minidoka in Idaho shut their gates for the last time. And by December 15th, all WRA camps will have served their wartime functions. Reminiscent of the hectic days in February and March of 1942, when it was first "voluntary evacuation" and then "forced evacuation", we are witnessing today the slow end of "voluntary relocation" and in its stead, "forced relocation". We acknowledge the arguments pro and con. Notwithstanding, there are thousands yet to be resettled.

For those who have no place to go, the WRA will deposit them back from where they were originally removed, with some assurance that "temporary housing" will be available. The heavy trend seems to be back to the West Coast. Reports from California confirm the tight housing situation. The hostels are full. Some get into housing projects. Many are seeking social security benefits. And some are coming here to St. Louis.

A recent visitor, Mr. J. S. Hikida, formerly of Gila and San Francisco, now with the WRA's Chicago Area office, was quite strong in his belief that the future for the Nisei was brighter out here in the midwest and the east. In fact, he felt that the Issei parents should be willing to sacrifice their desires by encouraging the younger generation to come and stay out here in the "east".

On the other hand, there are evidences that the Nisei are neglecting their responsibilities toward their parents. In many cases, the aging parents are unable to decide without some positive and whole-hearted assistance and moral support of their Nisei children. This is a late date, yet while we have the services of the WRA and especially of Miss Mary Brooks, our energetic Relocation Officer, it is not yet late to aid in our parents' resettlement.

This suggests that the WRA will not be present much longer. For those of us who have looked to the WRA office for so much assistance, there will be a void difficult to replace. On this, too, for our mutual welfare, we might study with interest and benefit. The net result, however, is a dispersal of the members of our families. Every effort should be made to unite family members, and in this realm, we might make prompt decisions now.

ISSEI MEETING Following an informal meeting on Sept. 13th, at which time Mr. J. Ryugo was elected chairman, the Issei folks will hold a meeting at the YMCA on Sunday afternoon, Sept. 30th. More as a social function, the group will call together some 60 local Issei people.

DANCE AT YMCA The social program of the Nisei resettlers keeps on high gear with the informal dance set for Friday evening, Sept. 28th at the Downtown YMCA's Brown Hall. A no-date affair at 50¢ per, the committee promises a lively session. George Teraoka is in charge. Proceeds go into the Nisei Council coffers to help defray Newsletter and other expenses.

NEW COUNCIL

At the general Nisei meeting held at the YWCA on Sunday afternoon, Sept. 9th, the following fifteen were elected for the fall term for the Nisei Coordinating Council: Hide Dakuzaku, Margaret Echigoshima, Tom Hiura, Art Iwata, William Kagawa, Bob Kiyasu, Ryo Mune-kata, Stewart Nakano, Ted Ohashi, Florence Okuyama, Fred Oshima, Henry Tani, George Teraoka, Jiro Yamaguchi, and Alice Yamaoka. In addition, the new council asked the following to serve: Fusa Doi, Molly Kiyomura, Ed Koyama, Ayako Mori, Sam Nakano, Chico Sakaguchi, and Sumi Tashiro. Of the original nominees, declinations were received from three former council members: Frank Hayashida, Frances Kimura and Kim Obata. Each of these has been valuable and active members this past spring. Present officers are Henry Tani, chairman; Margaret Echigoshima, vice-chairman; Ayako Mori, secretary; and George Teraoka, treasurer.

150 at PICNIC

In the first general picnic for St. Louis resettlers, some 150 evacuees and friends turned out on Sunday afternoon, Sept. 2nd at the Eden Seminary grounds in Webster Groves for a pleasant afternoon of eating, visiting, and relaxing. For the more ambitious, a vigorous ball game, ping-pong, and badminton were in order. The many Isseis did most of the visiting. A song session ended the picnic at 7:30 p.m. Ryo Mune-kata was in charge, assisted by Joe Arata, Hide Dakuzaku and George Tsusaki for the recreation program. Refreshment chairmen Alice Yamaoka and Willie Kagawa regret that last minute cancellations left them holding the bag with no soda and ice cream to sell. Thanks are due George Shingu for doing much preparatory work.

INTER-AMERICAN

Nisei residents of St. Louis are reminded that the regular Saturday night recreation program at the Christ Church Cathedral's social hall at 1210 Locust Street is now entering into its fall season. Offered especially in the resettlement program by the Episcopal Church and its Dean Sidney Sweet, and now under the advisorship of Canon Schoolmaster, the Inter-American House serves not only the Nisei, but a group of select Negro young people, some Chines, and of course, many cosmopolitan-minded "Americans".

INTERRACIAL CHURCH

Nisei resettlers are invited and encouraged to participate in the monthly Fellowship Church which meets on the fourth Sunday afternoon every month at 4 p.m. at the Centennial Christian Church, corner of Fountain and Aubert (1000 north and 4950 west). This interracial church is part of the greater effort to break down the racial segregation too commonly found in our country. George Nishimoto was on the Fellowship Church Committee during its first year, and now Henry Tani is its Nisei representative this current year.

RELIGIOUS SURVEY

In the interest of a more complete and satisfactory adjustment to relocated life, the individual's relationship with some church and its activities have a definite positive bearing. Many of us have had some church contacts back home, and there are evidences of many who are actively participating in several churches locally. Furthermore, the churches have been one of the strongest forces in our resettlement, and they are still our most dependable "friend". The Nisei Council therefore is interested in getting each resettler to respond by the use of the enclosed post card.

HOSTEL FUNCTIONS

Thirty-eight persons found temporary housing during the first month's operation ending September 20th at the Church Federation Hostel at 2427 South 18th St., under the directorship of Miss Sumiye Tashiro. Reservations for hostel accommodations may be made with Miss Tashiro at the Hostel, phone Prospect 0543, or with the WRA office.

FIVE DAY WEEK The War Relocation Authority, with all other federal offices, has been put on a 40-hour work week. The WRA office will, therefore, be open from Mondays through Fridays from 8:30 to 5:00, with the exception of Thursdays, when the office will be open until 9 00 p.m. If persons cannot come to the office during these hours, special appointments can be made by calling Miss Brooks at Central 3200, Extension 294.

HOUSING PROJECT One- two and three bedroom units are available at the Powell Terrace Housing Project, St. Charles, Missouri, which is a Federal Housing Project. Families relocating from the Centers, who have sons or husbands in the armed services are eligible to apply for this housing. The Yotaro Arimura family, consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Arimura, two daughters, Megumi and Midori, attending high school and two sons, Sam and Itsuo, attending grade school, moved into the housing project on September 14th. The family have found the sentiment and acceptance in the housing project and the city of St. Charles most favorable. Further information regarding availability of these housing units may be secured through the WRA office.

RESTRICTIONS YET Miss Brooks reports that a number of inquiries have been made as to whether the ending of the war withdraws usual restrictions on aliens, such as obtaining travel permits and registering addresses and change of jobs. Recent inquiry from Miss Ramsey of the U. S. Attorney's office at 12th and Market, indicates that aliens must continue to report to that office changes of their status and continue to secure travel permits.

HELP FOR GIRLS The Y.W.C.A. has offered their assistance in securing jobs, housing, outlining possible recreation resources and vocational possibilities to single girls. Miss Lide, case worker for the YWCA, has been delegated by Miss Jane Dickey, Executive Secretary, to devote the necessary time to assist resettlers.

CALL AND DELIVER The Church Federation Resettlement Committee with Mr. Arno Haack, chairman, has organized its forces to lend assistance in meeting new families relocating in St. Louis. Members of the church group who will meet the family will also render assistance to the family in finding permanent housing. Miss Brooks suggests that if any resettler needs assistance in finding housing for relatives or friends wishing to relocate locally, she be notified.

MORE GRADUATES On October 1st, six Nisei students will receive their degree of Bachelor of Science from the St. Louis College of Pharmacy and Allied Science. They are: Grace Matsumoto, Ed Koyama, Evelyn Suehiro, Terry Ishijima, Ken Kurihara and Howard Doi.

From Washington University's School of Law, Jiro Yamaguchi is now officially graduated, and is taking a short trip to his home town, Seattle, before returning and settling down into a job.

Clifford Fujimoto was the lone Nisei receiving his D.D.S. from the Washington University's School of Dentistry. Dr. Fujimoto is originally from Watsonville, Calif., and Gila, Ariz.

SPEAKERS BUREAU Some twenty-five local Niseis will soon meet to discuss the ways and means of best presenting the Japanese resettlement program to the many groups requesting speakers on the subject. Fred Oshima and Margaret Echigoshima are in charge of the Nisei Council's Speakers Bureau.

OBATA IN BUSINESS Kim Obata, until recently employed at the Advertisers' Display and Exhibit Co., has gone into business for himself with an office and a staff in the Syndicate Trust Building at 915 Olive Street. Of the many jobs on which he worked, Kim was largely responsible for the Santa Claus display as well as all the window displays at Famous-Barr Department Store during the last Christmas season. His wife, Masa, registrar at the Girl Scouts office in town, recently went back to Oakland to assist her folks, Mr. and Mrs. Teizo Sato, get resettled. Kim's folks, Prof. Chiura Obata and family, are leaving their Webster Groves home for Berkeley where he will take up his teaching duties again at the University of California.

JAPANESE FOOD? St. Louisans can now procure Japanese food supplies locally. Robert Ashizawa at 5182 Maple St., phone Rosedale 4425 has the usual line of shoyu, miso, and such staple Nihon-shoku items at Denver prices. This is a cash-and-carry proposition. Phone him for details.

A NISEI SPEAKS On one of the six weekly lecture program at the Eden-Immanuel Evangelical and Reformed Church at Page Avenue and Temple Place, Henry Tani will speak on "America Meets the Nisei" on Thursday evening, October 11th. The evening's program starts at 7:45 p.m. with a devotional, a lecture by Rev. Paul Stock at 8, and the talk by Tani at 9. Nisei's are welcome at this open meeting.

NEW ST. LOUISANS Mr. & Mrs. Kango Mitori of Kohwer and Stockton, with their four children, Alice 14, Robert 11, Jean 8 and Yae 5, arrived Sept. 15th and are now located on a country estate known as the "Glimps O'Glory" at Peveley, Missouri, south of St. Louis, where Mr. Mitori is employed as a landscape gardener. Joan Mitori, a daughter in Nurses Training at Rochester, Minn., is spending her vacation with her family. Mr. & Mrs. K. Mitori are the parents of Mrs. George Shimamoto of 8449 Kempland Place in University City. Another daughter, Ishi, has accepted a school-girl position at 7360 Melrose, University City, and is enrolled as a senior at University City High School.

Mr. and Mrs. George K. Iwata and their five-months old son, David, recently arrived from Salt Lake City as George Iwata is entering Washington University Dental School. They are residing at 16 Lorenzo Road, Ladue.

Mrs. Bruce Kawamoto and her three children, Morris 9, Helen 8, and Betty 4, joined Mr. Kawamoto in St. Louis on Sept. 13th. Mrs. Mine Kawamoto, aged mother, came with the family, but due to her physical condition, she is residing at the Shamrock Rest Home, 3709 Manola Avenue. Mrs. B. Kawamoto's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. & Mrs. Noboru Yoshida joined the Kawamoto family on Sept. 21st. The Yoshidas have three children, Nobuyuki 1, Hideko 6, and Michiko 9.

William Kagawa, St. Louis' greeter of caravans, had his parents, Mr. & Mrs. K. Kagawa, and sister Grace, join him here on Sept. 14th. The Kagawas are settled in their new apartment at 3927 McPherson.

Mr. & Mrs. Kumataro Nabeshima, their daughter-in-law Mrs. Harry Nabeshima, and Mitsuko Shoji, long-time friends of Mrs. Yamato Hara, arrived Aug. 31, and settled in their apartment at 3927 McPherson. Harry Nabeshima is in the Army.

Dr. Jackson Eto's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Eto of Poston and Gardena, joined their son on August 31st. Mr. & Mrs. Eto have accepted positions with the Community School where they will be in charge of the maintenance department. They reside at 901 Lay Road, Ladue.

RECENT NEWCOMERS Mrs. Kyotaro Kurahara and son Louis Kurahara who is attending Washington University, came from Minidoka to join Mr. Kurahara at 3925 McPherson. The father is employed as maintenance man at the St. Paul Evangelical and Reformed Church at Giles & Potomac Streets, where Caravan No. 3 was entertained.

Mrs. Miyuki Nishimoto and her three children, Utako, Kazuo and Junji, joined Mr. Tom Nishimoto, who is employed at the Union hardware Co. The family is staying temporarily at the hostel. Tom is the brother of Rev. George Nishimoto who graduated in June from Eden Seminary. He is also a brother to Mrs. George Shingu who resides in Webster Groves.

Kameo Watanabe and Sam Okada, high school students from Gila, have enrolled at the Clayton High School. Both boys are working in Clayton.

MORE NEWCOMERS, (not mentioned elsewhere)

Miss Jean Hattori	from Rohwer, at 480 Cataline, Webster Groves
Mr. Hikoze Fujikawa	Rohwer, at Mt. Vernon, Mo.
Mrs. Dorsey Mori)
Miss Dorothy Mori) Salt Lake City, 326 N. Taylor
Mr. T. Roy Nojima	Elko, Nevada, at Rolla, Mo.
Miss Kiyo Kanda	Granada, 5247 Vernon
Miss Ida Mitori	Rohwer, 8449 Kempland Place, University City
Mrs. Tatsu Kano	Topaz, 467 Ridge Ave., Webster Groves
Mrs. Yasu Kimoto	Poston, 8 Spode Lane, Creve Coeur, Mo.
Mrs. Kono Ogino	Minidoka, 2427 S. 18th St.
Miss Yae Ogino	Minidoka, 2427 S. 18th St.

RECENT DEPARTURES from St. Louis

Miss Maureen Okamoto	to New York City
Miss Reiko Okamoto	to New York City
Mr. Kaz Takahashi	to Palo Alto, Calif. (Stanford Univ. Medical School)
Miss Haru Matsuda	Visalia, Calif.
Miss Asaye Ashizawa	San Francisco, Calif.
Mr. Min Iwasaki	Seattle, Wash.
Miss Yowko Tahara	Denver, Colo.
Mrs. Ume Ohashi	Oklahoma
Miss Mary Hirose	San Jose, Calif.
Mr. & Mrs. Hiro Katayama	to Berkeley, Calif.
George Okumura	Dinuba, Calif.

RECENT VISITORS (just a few of them)

Officer Candidate Dick Henmi, from Fort Benning, Ga.
 Pvt. Ted Tamaki, from Camp Robinson.
 Ellen Tanaka, from Stillwell, Oklahoma - instructor in naval language school.
 Pfc. Harry Oshima, from the 442nd in Italy, brother of Fred Oshima.
 Mary Munekata, student at Univ. of Minnesota at Minneapolis, sister of Ryo.
 Grace Arimura, medical technician at Washington, D.C., family at St. Charles.
 Hattie Kawahara, sister of Mary, Jinx, & Ruth, en route to Univ. of Minnesota, on a scholarship, study for Ph.D. in political science.

GAB GAB

Fred Oshima, laid off with war's end, now works as a draftsman for the U.S. D.A.
 Miyuki Sase works now at the Mary Moffett Dress Co.
 Joe Arata left for Springfield, Mo., on a scholarship to Drury College.
 Lily Nakamura, former St. Louisan, is now instructing at Yale Univ. ASTP unit.
 Pvt. Vic Ito, Kay Hori, & Hank Kusama are now stationed at Camp Crowder, Mo.
 Yo Matsumoto, Wash. U. Engineer grad, and Alice Abe got married in Philadelphia.

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DINNER COMMITTEES NAMED

Various committees for the Fellowship dinner sponsored by the Nisei Coordinating Council were formed by the planning group last week at Henry Tani's home. Chico Sakaguchi, Jutaro Ryugo, George Teraoka, Sumio Kubo and Henry Tani were present at the meeting. The dinner which will be held on December 7th at the Downtown YMCA is the most important activity undertaken by the Council since its organization in December, 1944.

Margaret Echigoshima is general chairman of the gigantic dinner which is being planned for an attendance of 300 people. Guests will include prominent St. Louisans who have taken active interest in Japanese American affairs.

The committees are: PROGRAM, Margaret Echigoshima, Ryo Munekata, Alice Yamaoka, Henry Tani, Tom Hiura, Sam Nakano and Miye Hata. INVITATION AND RESERVATION, Art Iwata, Mr. Ryugo, Mr. Nishimoto, George Teraoka, Stewart Nakano, Florence Okuyama & Sumi Tashiro. PRINTING AND FINANCE, George Teraoka, Willie Kagawa, Fusa Doi & Bob Kiyasu. GIFT AND SOUVENIR, Mr. Ryugo (gift), Molly Kiyomura, Janice Shiota & Fred Oshima. PUBLICITY, Mr. Ryugo, Ayako Mori & Fred Oshima. DECORATION, Sumio Kubo, Hide Dakazaku & Eddie Koyama. RECEPTION, Chico Sakaguchi.

NEW ST LOUISANS

PROHWER:

Mr. Shichizo Iwata
Mrs. Shichizo Iwata
Mr. Seizaburo Hattori
Mrs. Seizaburo Hattori
Ted Hattori
Bob Hattori
George Ono

AMACHE:

Mr. Mitsugi Kanda
Mrs. Mitsugi Kanda

TULE LAKE:

Mr. Paul Maruyama
Mrs. Paul Maruyama
Mr. Takatoshi Yamamoto
Mrs. Takatoshi Yamamoto

Kenneth Maruyama

Shigeru Kimura

Masashi Ota

TOPAZ:

Mr. Daikichi Nakano
Mrs. Daikichi Nakano
Mr. Tsunetaro Nishimoto
Mrs. Tsunetaro Nishimoto

GILA:

Mr. M. Watanabe
Mrs. M. Watanabe
Mr. Sadatato Matsunagi

HEART MOUNTAIN:

Ayako Takagi

MINIDOKA:

Mr. & Mrs. A. Kawahara

TULE LAKE TO CLOSE FEB

The War Relocation Authority program for people of Japanese descent at the Tule Lake Center will be terminated by February 1, 1946, Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes announced today.

With this step, the WRA will complete its schedule
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OCT. MEETING

The Nisei Coordinating Council's October meeting at the YMCA was given a brief report, the status of the recently organized Speaker's Bureau, headed by Margaret Echigoshima and Fred Oshima. The following niseis were listed as speakers: Dr. Jackson Eto, Molly Kiyomura, Yulie Kiyasu, Ayako Mori, Dr. Okura, Dr. Tom Hiura, Janice Shiota, Ichi Mori, Henry Tani, Kiichi Hiramoto, Jean Otani, Art Iwata, Miye Hata, Ryo Munekata, Stewart Nakano, Ted Ohashi, Ed Koyama, George Teraoka, and Jiro Yamaguchi.

A Hostel Committee was chosen by the Council to act as consultant on any problem which may arise in connection with the Metropolitan Church Federation Hostel on 2427 S. Eighteenth St. The Committee is composed of Art Iwata, Chairman; Hide Dakuzaku, Henry Tani and Margaret Echigoshima.

The Council delegated Molly Kiyomura and Ayako Mori to head the hospitality group. This committee will work with the Metropolitan Church Federation in seeing that any train carrying re-locatees to St. Louis is met at Union Station.

Preliminary plans for the Council's largest project to date--the Fellowship Dinner--was lan-

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OFF THE RECORD

by FRED K. OSHIMA

This business of trying to initiate a column again after a lapse of two years seems decidedly difficult. Engineering a typewriter is almost a forgotten art where I'm concerned; however, when I have it pounding on the right track again, all complexities should be less painful.

But before proceeding any further, I think this is a good time as any to give the readers of this journal the who's who of the Newsletter staff.

The two columnists, Mary Brooks and Henry Tani, are certainly self introductory as far as St. Louisans are concerned. Miss Brooks is the key to Eastern Missouri's success in relocation and from her 14th floor WRA office she not only enjoys a sweeping birds-eye view of metropolitan St. Louis, but also can almost spot where the Niseis

are nestled in this city.

Henry Tani is the ace when the Nisei Coordinating Council's blue-chips are down, in other words, the indispensable, and is one of the best informed Mound City nisei.

Tacoma's Ryo Munekata is the roving reporter behind the "Mirror of Nisei Opinion" so give him all you got if and when he stops you on the street or call you over the telephone.

Pharmacist Ed Koyama of Los Angeles and Maki Kajiwara of Portland are the chief news gatherers. Art Iwata of RAMCO'S, St. Louis office, and formerly of Stockton, handles the architectural end of the publication.

Fresno's Chico Sakaguchi and Sacto's Aya Mori and L. A's Frances Kako are the nimble fingered typists rounding out the staff.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The Nisei Coordinating Council requests all Niseis living in St. Louis and vicinity to notify Ayako Mori (Ro. 4822) of any changes of address. The Council is trying to make an up-to-date mailing list of all Niseis in St. Louis so that you may receive the Newsletter and other pertinent information. If you are not receiving the Newsletter, it is probably because we do not have your latest address. Also notify her of newcomers and departures.

ISSEI ENGLISH CLASS

An evening class in English for Isseis residing in greater St. Louis has been organized under the auspices of The Third Baptist Church.

Classes are held every Thursday, 7:35 - 9:00 PM. at the church on Grand and Washington under the tutorship of Miss Lillian Robertson, Director of Foreign Work, Baptist Church. The class was started last week with six isseis in attendance. Interested Issei may register at the class on Thurs. evenings. Refreshments are served by The Baptist Church members, following every class.

TULE LAKE

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for liquidating its operations at the last of the ten centers which established in 1942 to accommodate the people of Japanese ancestry evacuated by military order from the Pacific Coast. Two of the centers--Jerome in Arkansas and Granada in Colorado--have already been closed. All the others except Tule Lake will be closed by December 15 in accordance with plans previously announced.

During the few months of operations still ahead at the Tule Lake Center, the WRA will continue to assist in the relocation of those residents who are eligible to leave. Those who are not eligible to leave because they are under detention orders issued by the Department of Justice will remain in the custody of that Department pending final disposition of their cases.

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HENRY TANI'S COLUMN

THAT HOME TOWN URGE

Sunkist oranges, Tokay grapes and Wapato apples from the Pacific Coast rightly raise our pride in the climate and products of our home states. But we are prone to over-do this sentimental attachment by trying to revert to the mental attitude which characterized the many Japanese towns from Seattle to San Diego.

In those havens of Japanese functions and organizations, we grew up quite apart from the real current of American life, in a synthetic culture of Old Japan and the New America making adaptations where we could. Unfortunately, ours was a "closed society" and we might have absorbed too much of the undesirable and not enough of the highly desirable.

Ours was strictly "small town" stuff though other minority groups suffered, ours was the only minority group that mattered. Though local and national politics went on unheeded, our concern was only on the Japanese-town level. Though a few did break through the crust of our society, the tendency for the rest of us was to discourage those who had the gumption and ability to make a go of it outside of Japanese town life.

Consider the inexcusable disregard for making reservations, meeting appointments, and the many other simple courtesies of the day. Worse yet, consider the negative attitude that we, persecuted Japanese-Americans hold against the more-persecuted Negroes in our society.

This evacuation and the ultimate relocations into the breadth of America may have been a blessing to us. For now we live! Now we not only observe and feel the pulse of America we ARE the pulse of America. In our dispersed homes, in the shops and offices and classrooms, in the churches and stores and streetcars, we become the real John Q. Public. On the Pacific Coast, we were Japanese, first, and Americans, (Continued on page four)

BASKETBALL TEAM SEEKS PLAYERS

With their eyes on the coming basketball season and a possibility of joining a local league, the St. Louis Nisei quintet has started recruiting players for the 1946 campaign.

The team is open to all Nisei in the St. Louis area and those interested should contact Sumio Kubo (Pa. 3051) or Ryo Munekata (Ro. 5222). Practise is tentatively scheduled to start in early November.

The team as in the past two years will most likely be built around Dr. Mas Hara, the City Hospital speed merchant. One of the top Nisei cage star in the country, Mas Hara was an all-coast player with the famed San Francisco Mks.

MARY BROOKS SAYS

In thinking through favorable relocation, too often one forgets that the responsibility for producing a favorable community relocation setting is shared between non-relocatee and relocatee population. In reviewing the St. Louis relocation picture it is evident that the relocatees have done an admirable job in carrying out their part.

In spite of the vast integration evident in this community in various phases of living, the relocatees still have areas in which further benefits and contributions can be made. One of these is the use of such cultural, recreational, and educational opportunities that will broaden the resettlers' social vision, develop further skills, and prepare themselves to take their place in a democratic community in a more useful manner. It has been most gratifying to see the large number of resettlers who have taken advantage of night school educational opportunities this fall. While most relocatees have participated in various social, recreational and religious activities in the community which have been of tremendous benefit St. Louis offers (cont. on page four)

INTERAMERICAN HOUSE HALLOWEEN PARTY

Saturday nite Inter-American House will sponsor a Halloween Party this coming October 27th, 8 P.M. at the Bishop Tuttle Memorial Building, 1210 Locust Street.

The committee suggests that those who can come in costume, to do so because prizes will be awarded. Lots of games are scheduled for the evening which will keep the party exciting. For those who like to indulge in good refreshments this is the time to come and feast.

All Niseis in St. Louis are invited to attend. Reservations must be in to Canon Schoolmaster's office at Christ Church by Friday, October 26th.

HENRY TANI

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second; in St. Louis we are Americans first, and if necessary of Japanese descent. The home town had its good points; but the bigger America expects and brings out more of each of us.

MARY BROOKS

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to relocatees the use of organizations that have not yet been used to the fullest extent.

Our present fast changing post-war society places a keen responsibility on each resident to utilize his full ability in making as large a contribution as possible. This challenges each of us to make the maximum use of community resources that will further this end. It would be in line, therefore, for relocatees to consider further avenues in which self-development and group progress can be made.

OCTOBER MEETING

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ched with Margaret Echigoshima as General Chairman. A planning committee of Miye Hata, Chico Sakaguchi, Art Iwata, Henry Tani, Ayako Mori, George Teraoka, Sumio Kubo, Jutaro Ryugo, Tom Nishimoto and Tom Hiura was formed to make initial plans.

Tom Nishimoto and Jutaro Ryugo were added as new members of the Council.

MIRROR OF NISEI OPINION WITH RYO MUNEKATA

QUESTION: IS THERE ANY LONGER A NEED FOR NISEI SOCIAL GATHERINGS?

SID KASHIWABARA, Dental student.

"I feel that occasionally scheduled social gatherings are good for mutual acquaintances and to meet new fellow Niseis. There is a definite self satisfaction in attending such functions. As for educational and cultural gatherings I do not think that is essential because St. Louis offers us a variety of such program. I think the Niseis are intelligent enough to adapt themselves well into new communities." BESSIE KAWACHI, Technician.

"There is no great need for Nisei gatherings. We are permanently settling here and have established ourselves into our communities to form our own groups not only with Niseis but with other groups. Social interests are up to the individual because of difference in interest. However we

should intermingle more with our Caucasian friends."

JIMMIE HAYASHI, Accountant.

"As time goes on I feel that there is a definite need for more social, cultural and educational programs for the Niseis. I like to attend Nisei gatherings to meet my fellow Nisei friends."

KIM OBATA, Commercial Artist.

"As far as socials go we do not need too much of them, however I am not against any Nisei socials. I like to attend them too. There is a crying need for Niseis to take it upon their own initiative to be on their feet and not expect too much help from other people."

This column can only succeed thru your cooperation and help. If you can suggest any good questions which can be presented in this column feel free to phone yours truly, ROsedale 5222.

THE ST. LOUIS NISEI

A Newsletter Published by the Nisei Coordinating Council of St. Louis, Mo.

November 28, 1945

FELLOWSHIP DINNER ON DEC. 7TH, 6.45 PM

EVACUEE STORAGE

St. Louis relocatees who have household goods stored in government or private warehouses should contact the local WRA office immediately to make arrangements for transfer at government expense.

According to Miss Mary Brooks local district officer, the government will probably not defray the cost of transportations much longer as the War Relocation Authority is scheduled to cease operations early next year.

HOSPITALITY

On November 14th 600 relocatees, fresh out of Fohwer Relocation Center and bound for the Eastern coast were given a sample of St. Louis' famed hospitality during their brief stopover to change
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The Fellowship dinner of the St. Louis Nisei Coordinating Council will be definitely held on Friday, December 7 at Downtown YMCA's Brown Hall, Henry Tani, Council chairman announced at the November meeting.

Starting promptly at 6:45 p.m. the dinner will be featured by an address to be given by Masao Satow, of the National Council of YMCA in Milwaukee and a nationally known speaker and lecturer.

Although the topic of Satow's talk has not been announced, Tani said that he would discuss a current subject dealing with Japanese Americans. Highly regarded, Satow prior to his Milwaukee post held a similar "Y" position in Los Angeles.

The occasion for the dinner is to recognize the existence of fellowship which has been built through the friendly guidance offered the nisei resettlers and their parents by the people of St. Louis. And one of the highlights of the dinner will be the introduction of the guest -- a rank and file of prominent St. Louisans, who through their timely cooperation have made relocation a pleasant affair to the onetime residents of the Pacific Coast.

Margaret Echigoshima is the general chairman of the dinner and reported that a turkey dinner will be served. Lois Kitazumi will be featured in musical selections.

The WRA office has been designated as the dinner headquarter and reservations at \$2.00 per plate can be placed by calling Central 3200 or Central 3624 in care of George Teraoka in the evening. Tickets for the affair may also be purchased from any Council members.

Invitation chairman, Art Iwata, announced that
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TANI ATTENDS POST-RELOCATION CONFAB

Official representatives of nearly fifty national organizations representing religious, social welfare, educational and civic organizations met on November 8, 1945 in New York City under the sponsorship of the Committee on Resettlement of the Home Missions Council to consider the present and future program of aiding in the integration and rehabilitation of the Japanese Americans with the closing of the center.

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman from the Amer-

ican Principles and Fair Play Committee on the Pacific Coast, outlined the conditions there pointing out that the root of the anti-Oriental difficulties stem with the groups centered around the Native Sons, The Grange, American Legion and others who are interested primarily in using racism as an excuse to hound and victimize minority groups and that unfortunately, the elements to be are heavily entrenched and that one might expect further trouble in

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OFF THE RECORD

by FRED K OSHIMA

ST. LOUIS VIGNETTE: Mary Teraoka and Chico Sakaguchi together in the mezzanine at Andre Kostelanetz's concert. The Opera House saw a good sprinkling of nisei music lovers in attendance that night.....PFC Henry Kusama, local pharmacy graduate and one of the early St. Louis' resettler, is now stationed at Jefferson Barracks. Coinciding with his transfer here is the arrival of his sister Lily from Rohwer via Salt Lake City. She is the wife of a St. Louis Yank, Staff Sgt. George Kagawa, of the occupational force in Germany. Before the war she was a member of the national nisei girls basketball champion, Stockton Busy Bees. With a brand new St. Louis College of Pharmacy sheepskin tacked under his arm, Eddie Koyama, concluded a whirlwind tour of the Eastern Coast recently. The congenial Downtown YMCA's Tailor shop manager's tour included Buffalo, where his parents reside..... Another St. Louisan fresh back from an out of town trip is Jiro Yamaguchi, who upon completion of his law studies

at Washington U last month, journeyed to his home town Seattle for a reunion with his folks.....Probably the first nisei to perform on the Walsh Stadium gridiron is Rolla School of Mine's 158 pound quarterback, Jack Nomi. The former Portland Nisei stood out in their game with St. Louis U Billikens last month.....PFC Johnny Hiramoto, who skippered the Lodi Tealars, to the 1940 California nisei baseball pennant, halted here for a brief visit with his brother Kiichi.....One of the panel speakers at the Baptist conference in Montebello last month was Aya Mori, of the Missouri FTFC Office.....

MOUND CITY PROFILE: Handling the all-important chairmanship of the Council's glittering testimonial dinner on December 7th, is Margret Echigoshima, local attorney and one of the top niseis in town. A one time Washingtonian, hailing from Seattle, she has earned a reputation in the Council circle as a "lady who plans her work

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NEW ST. LOUISANS

Mr. T. Sakaguchi.....	Rohwer
Mrs. H. Fujikawa.....	Pohwer
Mrs. T. Oshima.....	Pohwer
George Oshima.....	Rohwer
Villiam Oshima.....	Pohwer
Thomas Kasai.....	Pohwer
Mr. B. Keno.....	Pohwer
Mrs. B. Keno.....	Pohwer
Mrs. S. Keno.....	Pohwer
June Kono.....	Pohwer
Sumi Kono.....	Pohwer
Satsuki Kono.....	Pohwer
Tokuro Kono.....	Rohwer
Shiro Kono.....	Pohwer
Takao Kono.....	Rohwer
Akiko Kono.....	Pohwer
Susumu Kono.....	Pohwer
Yuriko Kono.....	Pohwer
Patricia Kono.....	Pohwer
Mr. Tom Furuya.....	Rohwer
Mrs. Tom Furuya.....	Pohwer
Motohiro Furuya.....	Pohwer

CHRISTMAS CAROLLING

The tidings of "Peace on earth, good will towards men" will be spread throughout St. Louis and St. Louis County by more than 30,000 carolers this year on the first peacetime Christmas Eve since 1940, Mrs. Albert Toma, executive secretary of the St. Louis Christmas Carols Association predicted last week.

Recruiting of carolers is now the primary object of the Association and any group in any age bracket is invited to participate. Local niseis are welcomed to join the carolling group and should contact Mrs. Koffman of the association, Garfield, 3198.

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MARY BROOKS Says

The present scheduled closing date of St. Louis District WRA is March 1, 1946. Since many St. Louis resettlers are concerned over securing in the future the services now rendered, partially or wholly by WRA, I will in the succeeding months give a resume of some of the resources available to resettlers.

The securing of adequate employment is always a major concern to every resident and this issue will be devoted to this vital need.

During the last six months, a majority of the new resettlers have secured suitable employment through the assistance of the following agencies: United States Employment Service, 410 N. Broadway; Jewish Employment Service, 317 Chemical Building and Case Work Department of the YWCA. All of these agencies have indicated a great interest in continuing to assist resettlers

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BASKETBALL

The St. Louis Nisei basketball team will open its 1946 season Wednesday night, November 28 against the Photo Unit quintet of Jefferson Barracks at the Barracks Field house.

The team is sponsored by the Nisei Coordinating Council and acting as team advisor is Ted Ohashi, former University of California basketball great. Practice is held on Saturday evenings at Christ Church and the cage team is open to all niseis.

(BASKETBALL HOP SOON)

EX-ST. LOUISANS

Prof. C. Obata.....	Berkelley
Mrs. C. Obata.....	Berkelley
Lily Obata.....	Berkelley
Clifford Fujimoto.....	Chicago
Mary Hachisaka.....	San Jose
Fumi Manabe.....	Berkelley
Yukio Takatsuka.....	Seabrooks Farm, NJ
Hirok Yoshimino.....	New York
Yuriko Yoshimino	New York

FARMINGTON WELCOMES THE KONOS

It has been an exciting and memorable month for Bubei Kono and his family of thirteen, down at Farmington, Missouri. For you see, on a frosty morning in early November the Konos, who are incidentally America's largest single family of Japanese extraction were welcomed into Farmington as its newest citizens.

This peaceful country town of 4,000 nestled in the picturesque rolling foothills of southeastern Missouri, where the best Indian Summer in the world is to be found, has become a haven for the Konos, whose continent numbers fourteen in all and ranges from one to eighteen years of age.

The Konos are the first Japanese Americans to settle in Farmington, and according to Miss Mary Brooks of the St. Louis War Relocation office, the reception enjoyed by this large family has been very cordial and favorable. Farmington's schools, service clubs, churches and merchants have shown great interest in the new relocatees

and the cooperation has been overwhelming.

Bubei Kono whose pre-evacuation residence was Sacramento, will be employed as a truck gardener at the Missouri Presbyterian Orphanage here and his family will make their home on the premises. They are from Relver Relocation Center.

Like any other American family, their roudest asset is a service flag that hangs in their window. The Kono's oldest son, Masahiro has just completed training at Fort Snelling, Minnesota and has been assigned to the occupational army in Japan.

The new Farmingtonians besides Bubei Kono, are his wife, Take, June, Sumi, Satuski, Tekuro, Shiro, Takeo, Akiko, Susumu, Yuriko, Patricia, Aunt Sayo and her niece, Yoshiko.

Another son, Norman lives in Naperville, Illinois where he attends high school.

Farmington, Missouri home of America's largest Japanese-American family.

EVENING SCHOOL

"He is an adult who has not stopped learning; he may be 18 years old but he's charting his own course, he's going places; he may be 40 at the zenith of his learning capacity--where life begins and he's making the most of it; he may be 70, but he's young in mental capability and he's continuing his quest for knowledge."

The above adage has a definite meaning to eleven local niseis who are taking advantage of the vast evening school program at Washington University. A survey shows the following in attendance: Ralph Akamino, Hawaii; Florence Okuyama and Ayako Mori, Sacramento; Jean Otani, San Francisco; Bossie Kawachi, Los Gatos; Art Iwata and Stewart Nakano, Stockton; Willie Kagawa, Jimmie Hayashi and Fred Oshima, Lodi; and Sam Shiozawa, Pocatello, Idaho.

RESERVE
DEC. 7TH FOR
Fellowship Dinner!

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and works her plans." An eloquent speaker, she is associated with the law firm of Neuhoff and Millar and is the chairman of the Council's Speakers Bureau. A Washington University graduate, her memberships includes the League of Women Voters and American Civil Liberties Union. She is a connoisseur of good foods and is loaded with dining information--whether it be turtle soup or charcoal porterhouse. NISEI NOTES: Here's good holiday news, especially for you GI wives. The War Department announced that the American soldiers, sitting down to their holiday turkey this year, can invite his best girl if he is stationed in this country.....Latest articles about Japanese Americans appearing in national magazines are "Unwanted Americans" by Don Eddy in December's American and Earl Finch's story in November 10th issue of Saturday Evening Post, and Galen M. Fisher's "The Nisei Returns," November's Common Sense.

MIRROR OF NISEI OPINION

WITH RYO MUNEKATA

QUESTION: WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE ST. LOUIS NISEI COORDINATING COUNCIL?
ICHIRO MORI, University student.

"The idea of a council is very good and should help the niseis. I feel that the Council should better acquaint the niseis of St. Louis with its functions. Of course, the nisei public should be conscientious enough to help, but the Council should inspire the public. The present membership doesn't seem to be a well represented body.. It should plan its socials better by utilizing more time."

AIKO KAYASHIMA, Stenographer.

"I feel we have a potentially good group of helping niseis in St. Louis but the present Council doesn't give the niseis much of a chance. The Council should make the NEWSLETTER more interesting to the niseis by writing more about the niseis outside of the Council. Make the nisei feel that he

is a part of it, so as to create better cooperation."

ROSE OGINO, Stenographer.

"It should arouse the niseis' interests and responsibilities. It seems to function with only a few people. It needs better representation. It should inspire the niseis to form a more united group in addition to being responsible for joining community organizations."

AL MORIOKA, Dental student.

"To me the main reason for the Nisei Council not functioning well and not getting the full cooperation it should is because it does not acquaint the nisei public with what it is doing or trying to do. I can't make any definite criticism because I am not familiar with the activities of the Council. They give one the feeling that they work only by themselves. Why not ask the niseis to attend its meetings!"

HENRY TANI'S COLUMN

FULL RECOGNITION

This is a fitting time to consider the arguments for and against the return to the old "Japanese town" on the Pacific Coast, especially now that the closing of the relocation centers has practically forced a dumping of the many thousands left in the camps back in their former home areas.

Much more in our consideration should be the interest in the so-called integration of us who have by choice, or otherwise, found our homes and have planted our roots in this midwestern area. For here, whether we like it or not, we are becoming integrated. Jobs are ours for the asking, and in our living quarters, we are well scattered. Many of us have circles of friends and acquaintances, either through work or church, that bring us daily into contacts with Caucasian people. Many of us have experienced for the first time in our lives, real and sincere friendship, shown in words and in action by these newly-won friends and neighbors. Some of us have been amazed at the extent to which these friends have exerted themselves to serve us, indeed, to recognize us as fellow Americans who were victimized by this war.

It is only a small tribute then that we resettlers can show, when we join forces and invite these friends, our guests, to a respectable and worthwhile dinner. Many of us would like to invite these friends to our respective homes, if we could; but we have hesitated. A turkey dinner at the YMCA's Brown Hall would be most appropriate for such thoughts.

For even in our assimilation into the melting pot called America, we add to that mass the richness of the good things of the heritage from our parents, the over-gracious remembrance for a kind deed and favor done for us. Quite fitting that this comes only a few weeks before Christmas, for it is in a giving spirit that we meet. That we have Masao Satow, the well-known Good-cheer personality of the Los Angeles YMCA, now working in the interest of relocation for the National

FASHION SHOW AND DANCE AT YWCA

The YWCA Nisei committee is again planning "something different" in a way of a social event on January 11, at the YWCA.

It will be a glamorous fashion show "Spring Parade" under the direction of petite Jean Otani, designer of misses' clothes in the Martha Manning Department of Forest City manufacturing company of St. Louis. A Washington University dress designing major, Miss Otani was recently featured in Collier magazine with color pictures of her work.

Local nisei models have already been chosen and under the direction of Miss Otani have already acquired the poise and the flowing walk - prerequisite for good dress modelling.

The girls are quite outstanding --- who are they? But that is one of the committees pleasant surprises, so plan to save January 11 for "Spring Parade". A dance will follow the colorful fashion show. ---Florence Okuyama.

DINNER

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if any resettler wishes to have a Caucasian friend invited to the dinner, he should send the name of the person to be invited and his address to the WRA office so that an invitation can be sent in immediately.

Dinner committees are: program, Margaret Echigoshima; invitation and reservation, Art Iwata; finance, George Teraoka; gifts, J. Ryugo, souvenir program, Molly Kiyomura; decoration, Sumio Kubo and reception, Chico Sakaguchi.

The Council went on record to sponsor the recently organized basketball team. Ted Ohashi will act as advisor. Treasurer George Teraoka acknowledged donations from Fujie Hashimoto, Florence Matsushita and Dr. J. J. Brown.

Council of the YMCA, a real enthusiast for a greater and better America, make it worth coming out if only to hear him. We shall see you, then, at the Fellowship Dinner on December 7th, 6:30 p.m.

POST-RELOCATION

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the future as long as the typical Californian is lead by these influences. One is therefore lead to believe that acceptance of the Japanese-Americans on the Pacific Coast can never be as whole-hearted or sincere as that which we experience here in the midwest.

Jobu Yasumura, working for the Baptist Home Missions Society, spent several days each before the closing of Granada in Colorado and Minidoka in Idaho, and revealed that, "forced eviction" truly reigned, more so in Minidoka where arbitrary and sometimes inhuman means were resorted to as a policy. And one can add to the stories that we all get, as to the real housing difficulties on the Pacific Coast; to the short-sighted attitudes of those who feel that some adjustment can be made as long as one can return to his former home town, etc. The "breakdown" of WRA policies in actual practice is bringing much grief and inconveniences not previously anticipated.

After Mr. Robert Baldwin, director of the American Civil Liberties Union and Peter Aoki, in behalf of the Japanese American Citizens League, presented the legal difficulties still ahead, considerable discussion was held on the possibilities of securing indemnities for losses sustained as a result of the evacuation proceedings. Unfortunately, Congress has no funds out of which such claims can be paid, and it was suggested that the Civil Liberties people would be anxious to get as many claims as possible to convince a few Congressmen that such claims are in order. The JACL is pushing this program in cooperation with the ACLU.

Another heavy discussion concerned securing naturalization rights for the Japan-born Americans -- among whom are American-born Americans "Issei", but mostly our parents. The weight of the arguments rest on the record of our Nisei servicemen -- their parents should surely deserve the recognition of citizenship. And far more daring, but most desirable in principle, if nothing else,

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MARY BROOKS SAYS.....

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secure employment in line with the resettlers' background, interests and abilities.

The United States Employment Service is a federal supported employment agency which secures employment for residents of St. Louis without cost to either employee or employer. The Counseling Service of the United States Employment Service directed by Harold C. Shaberg has been designated by the Director of USES to assist resettlers. The counselors in this department are now well versed in the background and needs of resettlers and have proven well qualified to help resettlers secure suitable employment.

Although the Jewish Employment Service under the direction of Alick Bronstein, 317 Chemical Building, is a private sectarian placement agency, the board voted sometime ago to render their services without charge to resettlers. This agency has been most helpful to a number of resettlers. Resettlers may apply in person at 317 Chemical Building or call CH 5457.

Recently, a plan was worked out with the YMCA where Miss Claudia Lide, case worker would be available to assist girls with any problems. Along with giving assistance on innumerable other personal needs, Miss Lide has assisted a number of girls in finding employment. Girls wishing to see Miss Lide should call Ga. 2748 for an appointment.

In planning one's future work and education, it is frequently advisable to secure professional vocational guidance. St. Louis resettlers are fortunate in having available an excellent resource in the American Red Cross Vocational Counseling Service, who have assisted a number of resettlers and have shown interest in continuing. This vocational Counseling Service is a free service to residents over 14 years of age. The vocational services include complete study of the individual, guiding the individual in a study of possible occupations and

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assisting him in securing training and employment placement. Arrangements for this service may be made through Miss Julia Alsberg, Director of American Red Cross, Vocational Counseling Service, 3414 Lindell Blvd. FR. 4980.

POST-RELOCATION

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is the repeal of the 1924 Exclusion Act. The Chinese are now exempt; a movement now makes Hindus and Filipinos exempt; that leaves only the Japanese. A quota wouldn't hurt any one, and a basic principle is attained. Difficulties confronting the 5500 "renunciates" at Tule Lake, now subject to deportation were enumerated. Action by the group was deferred on all issues.

--Henry Tani

MORE ON HOSPITALITY

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trains. Making the abbreviated reception possible at Union Station with box lunches were Mary Brooks, Ayako Mori, Mae Kawachi, Jean Otani, Miye Hata, Maki Kajiwara and the YMCA.

INVEST IN
VICTORY LOAN
BONDS "////"

LOOK FOR BASKETBALL HOP//

FRANCES KAKO HONORED

Miss Frances Kako who departed for Los Angeles with her parents was guest of honor at a going away tea, Sunday November 18, at the home of Bossie Kawachi. Miss Kawachi was assisted by Miss Jean Otani as hostess.

A sterling silver bracelet was presented Miss Kako. Attending the tea were: Misses Lois Phillips, Janice Shiota, Fumi and Toshi Iwata, Chico Sakaguchi, Alice Yamaoka, Aya Mori, Maki Kajiwara and Mae Kawachi.

NEW JOURNAL

Making its first appearance last week was the new eight page Chicago Shimpō, the first vernacular printed paper in the Midwest.

Ryoichi Fujii, Oberlin college graduate is the editor and the Japanese paper will appear on a weekly basis. For subscription write to: 1325 East 47th Street(rear), Chicago, 15, Illinois.

MORE NEW ST. LOUISANS

Mr. Kenny Furuya	Rohwer
Kazuko Furuya	Rohwer
Mr. R. Ogura	Rohwer
Mrs. R. Ogura	Rohwer
Joyce Ogura	Rohwer
Donald Ogura	Rohwer
Mr. H. Murakami	Poston
Mrs. Hazel Murakami	Gila
Carol Murakami	Gila
Meral Murakami	Gila
Mrs. George Kagawa	Salt Lake City
PFC Ted Hata	Returned Vet

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DECEMBER 7, 19456:45 P.M.



Spring Parade

In spring a woman's fancy
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for you to stud-ee

It will be an enjoyable show
for the young men too—
and dancing afterwards, with
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lovely pastel hue.

— F. OKUYAMA

(Watch for further details in the next issue)

THE ST. LOUIS NISEI

A Newsletter Published by the Nisei Coordinating Council of St. Louis, Mo.

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EVACUEE STORAGE ENDS MAR. 1st

The War Relocation Authority in its latest release announced that storage of evacuee property in government warehouses will cease on Mar. 15, 1945. It was also stated that the WRA will not defray the cost of transportation of goods in storage after Feb. 1st.

St. Louis area relocatees who still have goods stored under WRA provisions

should contact Miss Mary Brooks of the local office immediately for prompt disposition, as last minute preparation may lead into unavoidable difficulties.

After Mar. 1, all unclaimed evacuee properties will be released for disposal by the government at public auction.

INTERAMERICAN HOUSE XMAS PARTY DEC. 22ND.

To appropriately mark the holiday season, Inter-American House will hold its third annual Christmas Party at Bishop Tuttle Memorial, Christ Church Cathedral, Dec. 22nd at 8:00 p.m.

In past years, crowds of 100 and 150 have attended and made this a gay spot in the year end festivities of the St. Louis niseis.

Miss Miye Hata, organist at Pilgrim Congregational Church will open the evening with a selection of Christmas carols at the organ of Christ Church at 8:00 p.m.

Inter-American House is again participating in
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TREASURER'S REPORT

INCOME:

Temporary loan from Council member.....	\$ 24.00
Total donations.....	180.26
Benefit carnival.....	114.17
Benefit dance.....	47.50
Fellowship dinner.....	341.50
Total receipts.....	\$707.43

EXPENSES:

Meeting notices, stamps and postcards..	\$ 6.60
Newsletter.....	154.98
Issei tea.....	4.12
Box lunches for caravans.....	20.50
"Spirit of St. Louis" brochure.....	134.00
Fellowship dinner.....	347.38
File cabinet.....	.69
Rubber stamp set.....	1.68
Total expenditures.....	\$669.95

Total cash on hand, Dec. 14, 1945.....\$ 37.48

Respectively submitted,
/s/ George Teraoka
Treasurer,

NISEI COUNCIL DEC. MEETING

Chairman, Henry Tani laid before the December meeting of the Nisei Council last week, plans for the proposed organization that will coordinate the welfare of the St. Louis resettlers immediately after the close of the War Relocation Authority here, early next year. Tani informed the Council members that progress is definitely being made towards having plans prepared to replace the functions now performed by Miss Mary Brooks of the St. Louis office.

The Committee on Resettlement of the Metropolitan Church Federation under Arno Haack's leadership has joined forces with the local social welfare agencies, notably the Social Security Commission and the Social Planning Council, to devise the best method by which the 500 odd Japanese Americans in the St. Louis area may be served in their multiple adjustment demands that are still keeping
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HENRY TANI'S COLUMN

Much has been said, and will continue to be said, about the necessity of our "integrating" into the American stream of life. This assumes quite correctly that the typical nisei, reared in the socially seclusive cloisters of the Japanese towns, have found shelter in the stagnating pools along the way, while missing the essentials of the fuller American life.

As we were ushered out of the relocation centers, the blessings of the WRA were mixed with an appeal that we "integrate" into the new community life. We will readily recognize that integration is the ideal to be desired, and a goal to be attained. The facts are that for most of us, we are not adequately prepared to be integrated. Individually, we are making adjustments which slowly, and by degrees, will help us attain the goal.

In the pre-evacuation days, we have known individuals amongst us nisei, who had made remarkable adjustments to the outside-of-Japanese town life. From within, we regarded them curiously, and even accused them of high-hatting the rest of us. And yet, they had crossed the line into the land of integration. Maybe for their athletic prowess, or dramatic ability, or musical talent; sometime for their religious fervor or political fever, or occupational leanings; possibly for any one or a combination of these, the individuals have found that life, confined in the psychological strait-jacket of the Japanese communities was too stuffy and tight to spread their wings. And more power to them.

For these are the advance guards who we see today as those better prepared to master the rigors of the full American life. Living in a dormitory or in a community as the lone nisei element, for instance, forces us to drop our identity with the minority group. And yet, though physically we seem to be actively engaged away from the nisei mob, our thoughts, our concerns, our worries and our whole existence too often are centered in the

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NEAR VICTORY

Undermanned, with only six players in uniform, the St. Louis Nisei went down to defeat 32-26 at the hands of the Jefferson Barrack's quintet in their first game of the season.

Sparked by the playing of Hank Kusama, the team managed to stay in the contest until the closing minutes when lack of reserves began to tell.

A tentative schedule is being lined up and will include Harris Teachers' College among others. On Jan. 14, the team will travel to Webster Grove to tangle with the Eden Seminary five in the first of a home and home game, between the two quintets.

CASABA HOP JAN. 17TH

It's all set! Jan. 17, 8:30 p.m. has been set as the date and Brown Hall of Downtown YMCA as the setting, for St. Louis nisei circle's first 1946 dance, the "Casaba Hop" to be given by the Nisei Coordinating Council's basketball team.

A committee headed by Sumio Kubo and William Kagawa has been chosen and further details will be exploding soon.

This is it, guys and gals! The one thing you can't afford to miss on the social calendar. The tariff is low, 50¢ or four bits per head and it's going to be worth every last penny you may have to borrow from the kid brother's piggy bank. So save that evening, brush up on your jitterbugging, rhumba, waltz fox trot and what have you, and get to the "Casaba Hop".

SRRING PARADE

The YWCA Nisei Committee's fashion show and dance, "Spring Parade" planned for Jan. 11, has been postponed and will be held sometime in February announced Florence Okuyama.

The fashion show is directed by Jean Otani, Washington University dress designing major, who was recently featured in Collier's weekly with color pictures of her creations.

WARTIME BANS LIFTED

Lifting of wartime restrictions on enemy aliens leaves more than 8,500 Italian, German and Japanese nationals here free to travel by public conveyance this Christmas for the first time since enactment of protective regulations in 1942, the Star-Times reported on Dec. 14.

Removal of the restrictions was announced by US District Attorney Harry C. Blanton upon word from the attorney general in Washington.

At the start of the war there were 45 Japanese in St. Louis and St. Louis County, George B. Norris, Federal Bureau of Investigation agent in charge, reported.

Since then "several hundred" have been relocated here. They are working without friction with other residents, he added.

A total of 3,461 German and 4,799 Italian aliens were in this area at
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CAREY MCWILLIAMS

Chicago -- Carey McWilliams, author and lecturer, has urged the granting of citizenship to Japanese who have proved their loyalty through war-time service to America.

Speaking at a conference called by the American Council on Race Relations at its national headquarters in Chicago, Dec. 4, McWilliams also called for prompt federal action to insure speedy indemnification for losses suffered by Japanese Americans in the evacuation.

McWilliams cited several instances of Japanese who have served in important posts in the Office of Strategic Services, the Office of War Information and other key war agencies and who are now faced with deportation.

"In many cases," said McWilliams, "these men have designed the pro-democratic propaganda used by our armed forces in the Pacific and they are entitled to the naturalization benefits of that democracy".

EX-IS-EL GOLF KING NOW RESIDES IN JAPAN

It's been 12 years since Togo Hamamoto left St. Louis but he wants to be remembered by his former baseball and golf associates, the Post-Dispatch reported on Dec. 3.

Hamamoto, who is now an interpreter in the main Haiki police station, was 20 years old when he left Japan to settle in the Missouri City. An accomplished golfer, he was the American representative of the Japanese Baseball Magazine which boasted the largest circulation of Japanese sporting publications.

Speaking perfect English, Hamamoto recalled Walter Johnson, Lefty Gomez, Lefty Grove, Christy Mathewson, Lou Gehrig and Babe Ruth. He was amazed to hear of the death of Gehrig.

After 30 years in America, he returned to Japan when his father died and took over the land he inherited.

One of the main inconveniences of the war, Hamamoto thought, was that baseball results and box scores in the states were dropped by the newspapers.

CITY GOLF CHAMPION

The name of Togo Hamamoto will ring

a bell in the memory of St. Louis golfers who played in the Municipal course in Forest Park in the 20's, according to the Post-Dispatch's sports' department.

Twice he held the Municipal championship and he was titleholder in the Forest Park golf club tournaments. He played in three national municipal tournaments, the last in 1929 which was held in Forest Park. He lost to Mortimer Jaffe of New York that year in the second round.

But Togo was probably better known here for his business golf. He liked to wager on the outcome of his games with golfers in Forest Park and it was said he drove a hard bargain.

His home was in Nagasaki, Japan and he arrived in St. Louis in 1906 where he remained for about 30 years doing work as a valet and a houseman but being interested chiefly in sports, baseball and golf in particular. A small, slender man, Togo was the typical soft spoken, hand washing Japanese but he was fairly well liked by the members of the Forest Park Golf club.

MISS BROOKS SAYS

An elderly resettler came to the WRA office the other day after his interview with a social worker at the St. Louis office of the Social Security Commission overcome by what he considered a really friendly willingness to help him over a period of unemployment caused by illness. He wanted to know more than had already been explained to him as to how this Agency existed, who paid for the resettlement assistance he was being offered to tide over this difficult period and to whom was he obligated. To him such personal consideration was overwhelming, perplexing but when thoroughly explained and understood, he thoughtfully bowed his head and said, "I understand--that is part of real American living, isn't it?"

Regardless of how much advance planning in our lives, there will be times when financial hardship strikes and some understanding and helpful assistance is necessary. The Missouri Social Security Commission is a public welfare agency sponsored by public taxes with the sole responsibility of serving human beings with their everyday needs. The Agency is staffed with trained and professional social workers well versed with the needs of people and able to help individuals work out their worries. As most resettlers in financial need would not have legal residence, they are eligible to receive resettlement assistance, which is a federal fund administered to resettlers who are in need through the Social Security Commission.

Money for resettlement assistance was appropriated to assist needy persons who had been affected by governmental restrictive action. A person needing such assistance may apply to the St. Louis Social Security Commission, 715 Market Street where adequate counselling is available in addition to the administration of financial assistance, if needed.

TO ALL NISEI VOTERS!

A small crowd gathered Sunday afternoon in Convention Hall at the rally held by the St. Louis Committee for a Permanent FEPC to hear several prominent speakers.

Briefly the rally, similar to those being held in other cities, was called to arouse the public sentiment necessary for the passage of legislation to create a Permanent Fair Employment Practice Committee, to replace the present Committee established by President Roosevelt as a wartime measure. With the cessation of hostilities in Japan, the present Committee has lost its wartime jurisdiction and effectiveness.

However, as one of the speakers pointed out, why must there be warfare in order to have equality in job opportunities for all regardless of race, creed, color or national origin? The Permanent FEPC legislation would make it unlawful for an employer to deny employment to a person solely because of his color, creed, etc. During wartime shortages of help bars against discriminatory practice were lowered somewhat in many industries but in the face of facts such as the predicted eight million jobless by spring, the ever increasing numbers of returning servicemen, the possibilities of these bars again being put up, higher than before, exists.

The passage of this legislation should be of the greatest concern to all Niseis.

How can you help? Write or wire your Missouri Senators Frank Briggs and Forrest Donnell and urge their support of Bill S-101 at the Senate Office Building, Washington D. C. Specifically request them to vote for cloture in the event of a filibuster. Also write the Congressman in your district, John Sullivan, 11th District, W. Ploeser, 12th District, John Cochran, 13th District at House Office Building. Urge them to support HR 2232--request them to sign Discharge Petition #4. --A.I.

OFF THE RECORD

by FRED K. OSHIMA

TURKEY AND CAUCASIANS:

The consensus of opinion of the Fellowship dinner; "My but it was good to see so many in attendance; especially the many 'caucasions' and Isseis", "I really enjoyed it and would like to see more such gatherings".....Aside from versatile Masao Satow's keynote address taking the cake as the dinner highlight was the thorough elucidation of that celebrated expression, "caucasian".... And of course it was a significant and gay evening for that photogenic quartet of Lil Kagawa, Jean Otani, Aiko Kayashima and Grace Kagawa.....Flash bulbs never sparkled as they did that night and the Star-Times was certainly vindicated in the following evening's edition.....The invocation was offered by the Reverend Stephen Pronko of the Brentwood Church.....Masao Satow was a one-time chief of the active and influential Southern California Japanese Athletic Union.....The War Relocation Authority was well represented with Prudence Ross, Midwest Area Director and Mary Brooks, Dorothy Henschen and Alice Yamaoka of the local office in attendance.....Due to previous engagements, Mayor Kauffman was unable to be present. Press represen-

tatives from the three local dailies Post-Dispatch, Star-Times and Globe-Democrat covered the dinner.....

WINTRY RIGAMAROLE:

The Niseis made a good showing at the FEPC rally Sunday at Kiel Auditorium.....Among those present were Kay Matsushita, Lillian Tamura, Ayako Mori Molly Kiyomura, Fumi and Art Iwata; Margaret Echigoshima and Sam Shiozawa. The Nisei parade in the nation's press continued at a brisk pace and among the more noteworthy ones were the editorial in Collier, December 15th issue and the feature in This Week Magazine section of the Sunday December 6 Globe Democrat.....Seattle-bound this week with a "Miss Hickey Secretarial School" diploma is Masue Suzuki, who will join her parents in the Puget Sound Metropolitan.....And heading back to Los Angeles in sunny Southern California is Rubicam Business School graduate, Miyo Takanashi.....Pfc. Hank Kusama, stellar basketball player for the St. Louis Nisei was transferred to Bushnell Hospital in Brigham City, Utah this month.The color of the St. Louis Nisei's new satin casaba suit is silver and white with red numerals and trimmings.....

WARTIME BANS

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the outbreak of war, Morris said, and this number changed little during hostilities.

Aliens also may now reclaim the cameras, short wave radio sets, swords and other "contraband" materials they were required to turn over to US Marshal, William Fahy soon after Pearl Harbor. Fahy said he had 300 to 500 such articles on hand.

Dissolved by the lifting of restrictions was the Enemy Alien Hearing Board which during the war examined aliens reported to be a manace to the safety of the nation. A few, found to be dangerous, were recommended for internment.

INTERAMERICAN HOUSE

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the Christmas Carolling Association program. Cannon Schoolmaster announced that the group has been assigned its same location as last year on West in Clayton.

As further details will be announced Saturday night, carollers are requested to be present.

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Remember Casaba Hop

HENRY TANI

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small nisei world.

This is as it should be. The process of integration is a slow one, but more truly, an individual process. And as each individual finds himself better able to live independently of the minority element, the minority element decreases in size and importance. This is sure death. Time sees to that.

We have here in St. Louis several examples of nisei individuals who live completely apart from the nisei "society" and do a good job of enjoying life adequately. This is the better extreme of integration. On the other extreme are the greater number of us, who still seem to draw upon the element. For this majority, the technique is not to throw them over-board, but to corral the influences, organize the resources, and to lead the way. Leadership of the organized group then will help prepare the less able to become more able.

Whether on the Pacific Coast or here in the midwest, the technique is the same. The difference is that here integrating are more evident and possible. Nisei gathering seem to be a denial of the preparation program, yet as we make for a more happy and emotionally-integrated individual, we make for a better integrated American.

The nisei "center", then, is an anchor, from which we loosen ourselves when we individually feel that we can weather the seas on our own. But the home-base is essential, as long as there are among us those who need its assistance.

Let us not decry the extreme, but observe that our activities, as a group or as individuals, are merely steps in a long process towards the desirable end of integration into the really satisfying and abundant life.

BUY
VICTORY BONDS

MEETING

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ing Miss Brooks busy.

No definite plan has yet been presented Tani announced, but two meetings of this enlarged committee in which the Nisei Council was represented was held this month. Council representatives are Margaret Echigoshima, Jutaro Ryugo and Henry Tani.

Chairman of this particular group is The Reverend Stephen Pronko of the Metropolitan Church Federation and Mrs. Elizabeth Henricks of the Social Security Council.

With the closing of the W.R.A. the Council at the suggestion of many of the relocatees made preliminary plans for a dinner in honor of Miss Mary M. Brooks for her untiring service to evacuees who found relocation in this area. Florence Matsushita, Jutaro Ryugo and Art Iwata were appointed to make initial preparation.

The Council accepted the resignation of Treasurer, George Teraoka; Jimmie Hayashi, local junior accountant, was unanimously elected to the treasurer's post.

Sumio Kubo, Washington University, dental student was added to the Nisei Council.

Members in attendance were, Alice Yamaoka, Aya Morei, Jiro Yamaguchi, Art Iwata, George Teraoka, Sumio Kubo, Eddie Koyama, Jutaro Ryugo, Sam Nakano, Henry Tani and Fred K. Oshima.

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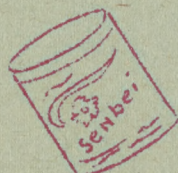
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EVACUEE MEETING SUN. JAN. 27TH COUNCIL REORGANIZATION

So that every evacuee in the St. Louis area can understand how Mrs. Elizabeth Hendricks and the Social Security Commission will operate in assuming some of the services which Miss Brooks and the WRA had been maintaining, the Nisei Council is calling a special open meeting to all resettlers both Issei and Nisei, to be held on Sunday afternoon, January 27th, 3 p.m. at the Locust YWCA.

An official representative of the Social Security Commission will be present to help explain the new setup. Last-minute WRA instructions and questions will also be handled at this time.

The question of the future Nisei

Council will also be open for discussion. Since the Nisei Council is at present quite loosely organized, it was suggested that a more formal organization with a membership and dues be established.

Mr. Ryugo, Issei representative on the Nisei Council, suggests that all Isseis attend this meeting, and if necessary, a special session immediately following may be held in Japanese to clear up hazy points.

The attendance of every family is almost mandatory. A proper understanding must be established now in every resettlers' mind for that unknown emergency which may arise.

JANUARY MEETING

SOCIAL SECURITY COMMISSION AFTER WRA.

The St. Louis Nisei Coordinating Council in a joint meeting with Miss Mary E Brooks, WRA official last Thursday night unanimously voted in favor of officially accepting the services offered by the Missouri State Social Security Commission.

Thus St. Louis resettlers are fortunate in knowing that the termination of the WRA office on February 28th will not mean the end of countless services which they had enjoyed through Miss Brooks.

The St. Louis City office of the Missouri State Social Security Commission has offered its facilities and personnel to assume responsibility for various services rendered the resettler group such as counseling on family and individual problems, planning financial assistance when necessary, steering and referral to other sources of help for more specialized needs. The usual responsibility of the Social Security Commission includes administering general assistance, old age assistance, aid to dependent children and child welfare services. These services are available to all persons in need of such services or assistance not as a benevolence but as a right.

The Commission's office is located at 715 Market Street (across the street from Asia Cafe) and the

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BUDDHIST SERVICES ON SUNDAY FEB. 3RD.

Tentative plans for the creation of a Young Buddhists Association were made at an organizational meeting held recently with George Teracka as temporary chairman. Such an organization would fill the last remaining gap in the lives of a number of the resettlers in St. Louis who would like to "go to church and eventually join one" as often been suggested, but are unable to do so because they happen to follow the teachings of Buddha in a society geared to Christianity.

The purpose of the organization will be purely to create a body large and strong enough to move the machinery necessary to make
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OFF THE RECORD

by FRED K. OSHIMA

DOWTOWN POTPOURRI: W.R.A. official, Miss Mary Brooks starting 1946 off with a limp. The near catastrophe happened in front of Paul Brown Building, where she slipped on the icy walk..... The Y's tailor shop chief, Ed Koyama, has shifted over to St. Mary's Hospital in Clayton as a pharmacist and taking over the shop's managerial duties now is Portland's Maki Kajiwaru.....2nd Looney George Sakaguchi, former Downtown Y resident was back in town over the holiday from Fort Benning...San Jose's bright Martha Toyama is with an insurance broker, high atop Pierce Building on Fourth and Pine and loves it very much.

AROUND THE MOUND: Back to sunny California in Santa Maria valley is hostel manager, Sumi Tashiro, who left here on the first week of new year.... And back in Frisco among the fogs and cable cars is pharmacist, Terry Ishijima. Taking over Ishijima's post at Macy's Professional drug counter on Delmar is Ken Kurihara of Glendale..... Monterey's Sgt. Mush Higashi, one of the few Niseis to be stationed at Jefferson Barrack, received his discharge and is now living in Chicago.....In

EDEN vs. NISEI

Their fast breaking game handicapped by a small court, a greatly out-reached St. Louis Nisei team went down to defeat at the hands of the Eden Seminary quintet, 42 to 26 in a game played Monday night in Webster Groves. Ball control at the beginning of the game when the Eden five made good use of their height to get and keep the ball and the resultant scoreless first quarter was the margin of victory.

Willie Kagawa, John Otani and Jim Hayashi shared scoring honors for the Niseis with six points each, while Wentzel (3) for Eden was high man with ten field goals. The game was a cleanly contested one with only eight fouls called all evening.

Kubo, Iwasaki, Shimizu, Hara and Munekata rounded out the Nisei squad.

Japan as a G2 man is former Harris Teacher student and St. Louis Nisei basketball player, T/5 Joe Narasaki... Toyo Hidekawa, formerly of San Francisco, civil service employee with the REA, has joined the Veterans Administration and is leaving for Washington this week.

HOLIDAY NOTES: Among the many GI's home for a white Christmas were, Fort Benning's Dick Henmi and Pvt. Frank Kawahara from Snelling....Also in town was Crowder's Yuji Morita of Heart Mountain and San Francisco.....And visiting the Hiroshi Kandas out on 5200 Vernon over the holiday were Lt. Casey Kawamoto and his mother from Chicago. Lt. Kawamoto was a three year Yank out in the Pacific with the Army Intelligence Corp.

NISEI PARADE: Three more periodicals have joined the ranks of the ever increasing number of nisei publications. The Cleveland Coordinating Council's "Kaleidoscope" and "Northwest Nisei" by the Minneapolis Nisei Girl's Club made their initial bows in December. And the influential Chicago YBA appeared with a printed brochure "The Midwest Dharma" this month.

FORMER ST LOUISAN SHARES \$10 000 PRIZE

The winner of the Chicago "Herald American" City Planning Competition for metropolitan Chicago were recently announced and among the group of three winning first place was George Matsumoto, former St. Louisan. Collaborating with two others, David S. (Cont. on Page 3)

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MATSUMOTO

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Geer and Edward W. Waugh, from the firm of Saarinen and Swanson with which he is now associated, Matsumoto will share in a ten thousand dollar first prize.

George was one of the first resettlers in St. Louis, graduating from the School of Architecture at Washington University. He took further studies at Cranbrook Academy of Art in Bloomfield, Michigan before joining Saarinen and Swanson.

DR. HIURA MOVES TO CHICAGO

Dr. Tom Hiura, instructor at St. Louis University Dental School, left December 24th for Chicago, where he is in practice with his brother, Dr. William Hiura. One of the early resettlers of St. Louis, he is a graduate of Washington University School of Dentistry. He was also instrumental in helping to organize Inter-American House. He was also a member of the Coordinating Council. Dr. Tom Hiura hails from Sebastapol, California.

MIRROR OF NISEI OPINION by.....RYO MUNEKATA

QUESTION:

AFTER WRA CLOSES—WHAT?

SUSIE YAMASHITA, Bookkeeper.....

"Niseis must learn to get on their own feet and not depend too much on someone for help. Those of us who are here are already pretty well established and since only a very few newcomers will come to St. Louis there isn't too great of a need for a central office similar to the WRA. However it is good to have help from some agency when needed. We do need contact with a social organization which will help us. I hope that we may be able to have someone as capable as Miss Brooks to help us. Since many of us are now well established we must make personal contacts in our own local communities."

YOSH MOCHIZUKI, Pharmacist.....

"There is yet a definite need for an agency to help us when the WRA closes. When I first came to St. Louis I was a total stranger but it sure made me feel good to know that the WRA would help me. So for the few that may still come to St. Louis it will be a great help to have an agency aid them in locating jobs, home, etc. Also for us who are now living in St. Louis we need an agency that will give us leadership. This is especially true today when jobs and homes are difficult to get. Niseis in St. Louis must learn to help each other and cooperation with the Council will help all of us

on the long run. Such an organization as the Council is a good start. Now it is for all of us to support it."

MAKI KAJIWARA, Clerk.....

"As for myself I think I am pretty well established and will not need any further help. We must learn to do what we can by our own efforts and be more independent after the closing of the WRA. When in need of help perhaps we can turn to some agency that will give us their wholehearted aid. Not only that, but we need the mutual help and cooperation of the Niseis. After attending the last Council meeting I found the work they are undertaking was more than I had realized. We must give our fullest cooperation to them to cope with the problems which confront us after WRA closes."

HIRO KANEGAWA, Dental student.....

"We definitely need an agency after the closing of the WRA office. We are now getting competition with returning GIs and placements for jobs and finding of homes have become increasingly difficult. Though we have lived in St. Louis for sometime, it is difficult for us to place ourselves into jobs. Having an agency which can recommend placements would be of great help. Though difficult to do, the Niseis must make some efforts to form a more unified group."

NEW ST. LOUISANS

Katsuji Shoji.....Poston
 Ritsuko Shoji.....Poston
 Tadaichi Kamidoi.....Rohwer
 Chiyoeno Kamidoi.....Rowher
 Mary Kamidoi.....Rowher
 Jeanne Kamidoi.....Rowher
 Joyce Kamidoi.....Rowher
 George Kamidoi.....Michigan
 Tad Kamidoi.....Veteran
 Roy R. Murakami.....Rowher
 Tatsusuke Kawata...TuleLake
 Hideo Kawata.....Tule Lake
 Hideji Yakushiji.....Rohwer
 Asaye Yakushiji.....Rohwer
 Shigeko Yakushiji.....Rohwer
 Kaichi Yakushiji.....Rohwer
 Etsuo Yakushiji.....Rohwer
 Sumiye Yakushiji.....Rohwer
 Hatsu Kawata.....Tule Lake

Asaye Yakushiji.....Rohwer
 Mitsuye Yakushiji...Rohwer
 Masuko Yakushiji.....Rohwer
 Shiroemon Yakushiji..Rohwer
 Yaemi Murakami.....Rohwer
 Riyoichi Murakami...Rohwer
 Tsugiyo Murakami.....Rohwer
 Takako Murakami.....Rohwer
 Yaeko Murakami.....Rohwer
 Shigeo Murakami.....Rohwer
 Yoshimide Suzuki....Rohwer
 Mrs. Y. Suzuki.....Rohwer
 Mine Suzuki.....Rohwer
 Arthur Suzuki.....Rohwer
 Minori Suzuki.....Rohwer
 Suzuki.....Rohwer
 Suzuki.....Rohwer
 Pat Matsushita.....Veteran
 Kay Ryugo.....Veteran

George Eto.....Veteran
 Tadashi Arimura....Veteran
 Mrs. Migita..Ht. Mountain
 S. Migita.....Ht. Mountain
 I. Inouye.....Rohwer
 S. Krusi.....Rohwer
 Katsuzo Tamura.....Rohwer
 Hide Tamura.....Rohwer
 Robert Tamura.....Rohwer
 Mr. Matsumoto.....Rohwer
 Mrs. Matsumoto.....Rohwer
 Matsumoto.....Rohwer
 Matsumoto.....Rohwer
 Mr. Nakagawa.....Rohwer
 Mrs. Nakagawa.....Rohwer
 Nakagawa.....Rohwer
 Nakagawa.....Rohwer
 George Shimada..Cincinnati
 Thomas Kasai.....Rohwer

EX-ST. LOUISANS

George Nishimoto...Chicago
 Sadako Kako....Los Angeles
 Frances Kako...Los Angeles
 Dr. W. Gotanda.....Lodi
 Catherine Gotanda.....Lodi
 Steven Gotanda.....Lodi
 Yoshimi Nakauchi..Berkeley
 Terry Ishijima.....S.F.
 Rose Yasuda.....Seattle
 Yukiko Yamada..Imperial, Cal
 Akiko Nimura...Los Angeles
 Sally Nakano.....St. Paul
 Sumi Tashiro..Orosi, Calif
 Mary Tashiro..Orosi, Calif

COMING

SOON!

WATCH FOR DATE of

"SPRING PARADE"

IT SAYS HERE

Mr. and Mrs. George Teraoka, Mickey Teraoka and Frank Hayashida motored to the Windy City to ring in the New Year.

Stay-in-townners celebrated New Year's eve at several local gatherings among which were parties at the home of Ich Mori in Univ. City, at the Kenrick Square home of Iwata-Kagawa's and at the Webster Grove residence of Fumi Asaki.

Visiting Kichi Hiramoto in U City over the holidays from Drury College was his sister Masako, who is a freshman there.

Among the disappointed followers of Markova and the Ballet were the Kawachi sisters, Mae and Bessie, Jean Otani and Min Iwasaki, when the strike of trucks prevented an opening.

Council member Art Iwata, Olds banged up in an accident last week, is buying bus passes again.

Among soldiers stationed at Jefferson Barracks is Pvt. Sho Fujiyama whose sister is Mrs. Tom Furuya, Mr. and Mrs. Furuya and their three children are new St. Louisans from Rohwer.

Recent new home buyers includes the families of Tom Nishimoto in Maplewood, Jutaro Ryugo and Florence Okuyama near Kingshiway and Delmar and Bruce Kawamoto on South 18th.

Art Iwata and Will Kagawa announce that their photographic services are now available for all occasions.

MEETING

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telephone number—Chestnut 6480. The Commission has a Department of Specialized Services under the supervision of Mrs. Elizabeth Hendricks who will be the point of contact for all resettler inquiries. The office will have two workers under Mrs. Hendricks who are already familiar with the problems confronting the resettlers. Either of these two will always be available during all office hours.

Another development along this line was the formation of the "Coordinating Committee for Resettler Services" which developed out of the Joint Advisory Committee for the WRA. Previously the WRA received much help from the Church Federation Committee on Resettlement (Mr. Arno Haack), and from the Social Planning Council which provided the original Advisory Committee. The new Committee anticipates twenty members distributed as follows; four from the Church Federation; six from the Social Planning Council (including one each from health, recreation, private agency and public agency for children and family welfare); five from Issei-Nisei Council; one each from industry, labor and employment services and two at large. Temporary provisions call for monthly meetings to keep abreast of developments.

Will Kagawa gave a report on the progress of the forthcoming benefit basketball dance the "Double Dribble" which is being sponsored by the Council on January 18th at the YMCA. He also stated that sixty dollars worth of basketball paraphernalia has been purchased for the use of the team.

A suggestion for the use of an addressograph was presented by Chairman Henry Tani to the Council but it was tabled until the February meeting.

Council members in attendance were: Eddie Koyama, Molly Kiyomura, Ryo Munekata, Alice Yamaoka, Maki Kajiwara, Henry Tani, Jiro Yamaguchi, Tom Nishimoto, Art Iwata, Jutaro Ryugo, Willie Kagawa and Fred K. Oshima.

LOCAL NEWS

Honoring veteran Pat Matsushita, friends gathered at a buffet supper party at Fujie Hashimoto's in Ladue on Dec. 20. Miss Hashimoto was assisted by Misses Mary Ogawa and Yulie Kiya su as co-hostesses. Pat now stays with his wife, Florence and her mother in Creve Coeur.

Holiday guests at the Henry Tanis in Maplewood were Mr. and Mrs. Peter Sugawara, Mr. and Mrs. Yasuo Abiko and PFC Paul Tani. Peter Sugawara is a 442nd veteran and Mrs. Sugawara is the former Kiyo Hinata, New Orleans' school teacher. Yasuo Abiko is the one time publisher of the San Francisco Japanese American News and Mrs. Abiko is the former Lili Tani.

Honorably discharged from service with the famed 442nd Regiment, Sgt. Leo Shigemi joined his wife, the former Alice Iijima of Oakland who had been a Webster Grove resident for more than two years. They departed for Boston a few days before Christmas.

Recuperating from an acute appendicitis operation at Park Lane Hospital is Ted Doi, son of Mr. and Mrs. Terukichi Doi, 4257a Olive St. A student and a football player at Soldan High School, Ted was operated Tuesday and is well on his way to recovery.

ECHIGOSHIMA-SHIOZAWA BETROTHAL

The engagement of Miss Margaret Echigoshima to Sam Shiozawa was announced at a dinner honoring the 30th wedding anniversary of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. Echigoshima at their apartment on Waterman Blvd.

The bride-to-be was graduated from University of Washington in Seattle is with the law firm of Neuhooff and Millar. Miss Echigoshima is an active member of the Nisei Coordinating Council, the YWCA Nisei Committee and the League of Women Voters.

A Utah State College graduate in Engineering, Mr. Shiozawa is with the Rural Electrification Administration.

FAREWELL DINNER FOR MISS BROOKS MAR. 1ST

For Miss Brooks a Farewell Dinner has been set for March 1, 1946, Friday at 6:30 pm at Brown Hall, downtown YMCA, it was announced today. The dinner will begin promptly at 6:30 pm and all persons are requested to arrive by 6:15 to allow time for seating.

The dinner will be in the nature of a thank you and good-bye to a friend and councillor of the local resettlers. Miss Brooks has announced the 21st of February as the last day for any evacuee business, and the WRA office in St. Louis will be a thing of the past by March 1st. The committee hopes that all the relocatees will join in this final gesture to a person who has lent unceasingly and untiringly of her efforts to better the life of the evacuee in St. Louis. There are few who can claim that he has not been aided in some way. Student, professional, domestic, housewife----all have shared in the benefits that she has won for the Japanese in St. Louis.

Min Iwasaki, reservation chairman, announced that reservation can be made with him at 6329 San Bonita, PA. 3051 any evening, or with Alice Yamaoka at the WRA office, and that reservation can be officially taken at only these places. If possible remittances should be made beforehand, but payment for reservations will be taken at the door. As certain definite commitments must be made to the YMCA, it is expected that regardless of attendance, a reservation made and not cancelled will be paid for. The last day for reservations and cancellations will be the 23rd of February. No reservations can be accepted after that date as the Y must be notified of the number to be expected several days in advance.

The chairmanship is shared by Mr. J Ryugo, Art Iwata, and Florence Matsushita. Committee heads as announced are as follows: George Sato, general arrangements; Min Iwasaki, reservation; Fred Oshima and Henry Tani, publicity; Jimmy Hayashi and Ed Koyama, finance; Mr. Ryugo, Japanese; Ryo Munekata, program; and Fusa Doi, gift.

IWATA-KAGAWAS HOSTS AT NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

Amid streamers and balloons, a group of Mound City Nisei greeted the New Year with handfuls of confetti at a party given by the joint hosts and hostesses, the Iwatas and Kagawas.

Tasty morsels featuring a baked ham ala Garavelli were enjoyed at the Iwata's residence and thereafter enjoyed the rest of the evening dancing at the Kagawa's residence to the tune of favorite records.

Those present were hosts and hostesses: William, Grace and Lily Kagawa; Art, Toshi and Fumi Iwata. Guests were: Mae and Bessie Kawachi, Maki Kajiware, Aya Mori, Molly Kiyomura, Aiko Kayashima, Kaye Matsushita, Chico Sakaguchi, Hiro Kanegawa, Ryo Munekata, Eddie Koyama, Louis Kurahara, Henry Kawasaki, Ken Kurihara, Jimmie Hayashi, Pvt. Frank Kawahara, Lt. George Sakaguchi and Bill and Fred Oshima.---Maki Kajiware.

"TIL DEATH DO US PART" TANAKA-TAKEMOTO

Making a beautiful bride, Ellen Sumiko Tanaka, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Shosaku Tanaka, was married to John Masahatsu Takemoto at the Pilgrim Congregational Church, January 2, 1946 officiated by Rev. Martin.

Mrs. Takemoto formerly of Seattle, Washington is an instructor at the Naval Language School, Stillwater, Oklahoma, where she met her husband who is also instructing there. He is from Alameda, California.

KITAZUMI-UOHARA

Nuptial vows were exchanged by Miss Ardene Kitazumi and George Uohara on December 22 at a formal wedding ceremony at Pilgrim Congregational Church, with the Rev. Martin officiating.

The bride is formerly from Sacramento and was attended by her sister, Lois. The groom is a dental student at St. Louis U. from Hawaii and serving as best man was Henry K. Kawasaki. A reception followed at the Saum Hotel.

"DOUBLE DRIBBLE"

Miss Fumi Iseri was crowned "Queen of the Court" at the "Double Dribble", basketball dance held last Friday evening at the YMCA. A fair sized crowd gathered to help the St. Louis Nisei basketball team pay off expenses incurred in organizing the team.

Among the features of the inter-mission program of the dance was a preview of the "Spring Parade", staged by Miss Jean Otani, who was aided by models, Ayako Mori and Bessie Kawachi. Florence Okuyama was commentator. Comic relief was supplied by William Kagawa, who was presented as "Miss Daikon-Ashi and the Andrew Sisters, a trio of Sumio Kubo, Min Iwasaki and Hiro Kanegawa, very cleverly made up and attired in mop wigs and dresses.

BUDDHISTS

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it possible to have Buddhist services in St. Louis once or twice a month for both the Issei and Nisei Buddhists in this region.

A service has been scheduled for the first Sunday in February, the 3rd with Reverend G. Kono of the Chicago Buddhist Church. Since it is impossible to ascertain who are Buddhist and who are not, this open notice will serve as an invitation to all Buddhist Issei and Nisei, and other interested persons to attend the English-Japanese services to be held at the Russian Relief Headquarters, 418 Olive Street on the second floor at 3 P.M.

EVACUEE STORAGE

Miss Brooks, Relocation Officers, reports that no household belongings will be transported at government expense after Feb. 1. Any person having belongings in relocation camp, private or government warehouse should contact local W.R.A. office, CE 3200 Extension 294 before Jan. 30, 1946.

ST. LOUIS NISEI DEFEATED BY VICTORY LEGION FIVE 52-35

The St. Louis Nisei basketball team went down to a hard fought 52-33 defeat at the hands of the rugged Victory Legion five Sunday afternoon at Bethany Gym.

Jimmie Hayashi captured high scoring honor with 13 points and was followed by Mas Hara with 6.

The Niseis will play the Eden Seminary quintet in return tilt Monday night at Bristol school (first stop after Gore on Manchester and walk $\frac{1}{2}$ block East).

The Nisei will be out to even a 42-26 trouncing received in the first game.

REV. K. KUBOTA

Rev. K. Kubota, of the Chicago Disciple of Christ Church will speak at the YWCA on January 27th from 7 P.M. Chairman for the Issei service will be Mr. Ryugo. All interested Isseis are invited to attend.

RACE RELATIONS INSTITUTE

The Community Race Relation Institute of Greater St. Louis will observe Race Relations Week from Feb. 12---17.

The meeting opening the conference on February 12th will be at the YMCA from 8 P.M. Meetings on 13, 14, 15 and 16th will be at the YWCA. The final meeting will be held at Soldan High School from 3:45 P.M.

HENRY TANI PHONE NUMBERS

Henry Tani, chairman of the Nisei Coordinating Council is available by telephoning Garfield 1544 during office hours and Sterling 3557 at home.