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NEWSLETTER

Greater Illinois District

The YWCA at Peoria, Illinois, announces the appointment of a Nisei to one of the most responsible positions in the local agency. Employed as a "Y" stenographer for two years, Chiye Horiuchi, a former MINIDOKA resident, has been named assistant business and industrial secretary effective September 1. Now at the YWCA Training School, Miss Horiuchi will assume the leadership as program director for a number of youth clubs and will direct other recreational activities under Miss Wilma Stringfellow. Peoria is Illinois' second largest city.

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Killed in action on Luzon:

Son of Mr. & Mrs. George K. Nakamura, formerly of the TULE LAKE RELOCATION CENTER and Santa Cruz, Calif. The Nakamuras reside at 1401 E. State St., Rockford, Illinois.

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Visiting his brother, Harry Sakasegawa of Rockford, last week was Sgt. Roy Sakasegawa, formerly of Salinas, California, now on a convalescent furlough at Topeka, Kansas. The Sakasegawa brothers filed application at the Winnebago County Housing Authority for an FPMA home as they intend to resettle the family in Rockford.

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A meeting of Nisei resettlers in Peoria was held July 16, for the purpose of planning family relocation. Present were members of the local resettlement committee who promised to be of assistance. One committee member made available 13 family units for housing relocatees.

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When the Yasutake brothers (T/2 George, Yasushi and Hiroki) got a few days leave from Ft. Snelling the other day, they travelled down to Freeport, Illinois, for a well-deserved vacation. Sister Sue (15-12-A, ROHWER RELOCATION CENTER) formerly employed in the home of Dr. & Mrs. John W. Barrett of Freeport was in Chicago but the boys by-passed the "big town" for a Freeport fish-fry. Housed by the Barretts, who are active members of the Resettlement Committee, they were entertained in town and met a number of prominent local citizens. Freeport, between Minneapolis and Chicago, is a half-hour from Rockford, Ill.

Nancy Ishizaki, 11 year old daughter of Yazo Ishizaki, Rockford watch-maker who lives at 1724 N. Rockton, Rockford, Illinois, was recently awarded first place in the hobby show at the Welsh School. Nancy, whose chief talents are artistic (she is now attending art school) won her prize for baking a cake! She has been editor of the local school paper. The Ishizaki's, who used to live at 1330 V. St., Sacramento, California, were formerly residents at the TULE LAKE RELOCATION CENTER.

Students at Bradley Horological school in Peoria are three Nisei veterans, recently returned from service. They are:

Samuel Y. Umade who has to his credit one year of overseas duty in Burma, India.

Nobuyoshi Tamashiro who served with the famous 100th Bn. in Italy.

Masui Kanichi who served in the Southwest Pacific. His pre-evacuation address was 28 No. Main St., Lodi, California. His parents live at 10-1-A at the ROHWER RELOCATION CENTER.

Jiro Watanabe of 234 Albert, Rockford, Illinois, and his sister, June who lives at 1401 E. State, Rockford, Illinois, are currently visiting their father at the COLORADO RIVER RELOCATION CENTER who is reported to be seriously ill.

Vernon Olsen, ex-POSTON III teacher has joined the Resettlement Committee in Peoria, where he is a counselor at the Veterans Service Center.



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The YWCA's in Peoria and Rockford have agreed to establish a central housing registry for temporary quarters for evacuees and also to list domestic offers, which are not handled by the United States Employment Service.

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Jaine Oi, secretary in the Greater Illinois office recently transferred from the Washington, D. C. office, a former AMACHEAN, claims that she's getting a liberal education in American geography. Jaine, who is stationed in Chicago has had an opportunity of meeting a number of evacuees from different parts of the country, Maryland, Florida, Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin and points east and west. This, in connection with the new re-relocation program set up to resettle families in communities within a radius of 150 miles from Chicago.

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Scheduled for August 8 is a meeting in Elgin, Illinois, to consider the organization of a resettlement committee. Elgin, about 35 miles from Chicago already has a number of evacuees. As a result of a similar meeting held recently in South Bend, Indiana, the South Bend Committee agreed to find opportunities for a specific number of families. First to relocate under this plan is Mitsuo Nakanishi, 22-18-B, HEART MOUNTAIN, who will live with his brother George at 626 No. St. Louis Avenue.

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Shirley Kajikawa a student at Bradley College in Peoria and part-time secretary to the Presbyterian minister has become quite active in interracial affairs. Shirley, of the MINIDOKA RELOCATION CENTER and Puyallup, Washington, has visited a number of nearby university towns where she has met with other college youth to discuss minority problems.

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Leaving for Petaluma, California, are Isamu and Kiyomi Arita and family, formerly of the GRANADA RELOCATION CENTER. The Aritas who have lived in Rockford for approximately two years, expect to return to the cleaning and dyeing business on the West Coast. While in Rockford, Mr. Arita was employed as a cleaner.



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Leaving for Los Angeles, California, are Iwano and Mikomi Shirai and family, formerly of the HAWAIIAN RELOCATION CENTER. The Shirais who have lived in Lockport for approximately two years expect to return to the cleaning and dyeing business.

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Just in case you are as confused as we were--there are three Kobayashi girls, each a registered nurse, in the state of Illinois. Marion and Dorothy from Riverside, California, via POSTON, are sisters; the first assigned to the St. Francis Hospital in Peoria, the latter a public health nurse in Chicago. Kiyo Kobayashi, vacationing in Chicago this month, is not related to the others. Kiyo, who is employed at the Winnebago County Hospital in Rockford comes from 410 S. W. Clay St., Portland, Oregon; the entire family from the MINIDOKA and TULE LAKE RELOCATION CENTERS, reside in Rockford.

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Mrs. Irene Eiko Hada, wife of the late Pvt. Victor Hada, recently killed in action overseas, leaves Peoria, Illinois, August 31 to join her sisters, Mrs. Ishikawa and Mrs. Hirata at Arlington, California. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Yonemura, are leaving POSTON for Arlington. Irene has been a librarian in Peoria, Illinois.

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Recently returned from an extended trip to Niagara, New York, Philadelphia, Chicago and St. Paul are Mr. and Mrs. Toraji Yemoto of Peoria. They were accompanied by their daughter Kiko, who resides in Philadelphia. The Yemotos also visited their sons Tad in Chicago and Kazuo in St. Paul. They have been living in Peoria with their daughter Mrs. Kelly (Sally) Yamada whose family is from the COLORADO RIVER RELOCATION CENTER.

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Twin family resettlement at St. Bede Abbey in Peru, Illinois, includes K. Yasutake and son and Mr. and Mrs. Hideji Yanokawa, Rohwer residents and old-time Gardena, California, neighbors and friends. Helen Yanokawa and Hiroko Yasutake, Chicago resettlers will live with their parents in Peru while Mary Yanokawa and Sue Yasutake will remain in Chicago within 1 1/2 hours ride of their families.

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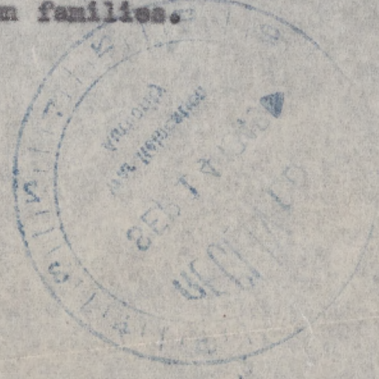
Mr. and Mrs. Kiseburo Suzuki and two sons have arrived at the YMCA Camp Cullen located at Lake Villa, Illinois. The sons will attend high school in Antioch, Illinois, taking a bus to and from school daily. The attractive feature from the Suzuki family's point of view is that housing is provided as part of the job conditions--a large four-room modern cottage. The Suzuki's were formerly residents of the GILA RIVER RELOCATION CENTER. They have three sons in military service.

The combination of job and housing is proving increasingly attractive. Mineko Mouri, who has been living in Chicago since December, 1943, has returned to the HEART MOUNTAIN RELOCATION CENTER carrying the details of a job-housing offer to her parents, Masaichi and Kosuye Mouri. A modern three-room apartment with bath on a 40-acre estate at Wadsworth, Illinois, awaits Mr. and Mrs. Mouri and their daughter, Clara. The Mouris are former residents of San Jose, California.

Tad Yemoto reports that his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Toraji Yemoto who have been living in Peoria, Illinois, are returning to their former residence at 1336 Tulare St., Fresno, California. Mr. Yemoto and his brother, Kiyuji, plan to operate a rooming house or hostel at that address. Mr. and Mrs. Yemoto are former residents of the COLORADO RIVER RELOCATION CENTER.

The President of the Rotary Club of Kankakee, Illinois, was a recent visitor in the Greater Illinois District office. The occasion of the visit was to sign up Tats Kushida, a native of Berkeley, California, and formerly of the COLORADO RIVER RELOCATION CENTER, as a speaker before the Rotary Club. The fame of Nisei speakers is apparently spreading--the Rotary Club of Belvidere, Illinois, has just put in its application.

Rev. John J. Boylan, Bishop of Rockford, is planning to survey the needs of the institutions in his Diocese to uncover additional opportunities for job-housing combinations for Japanese-American families.





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