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3 TOPAZ YOUTHS GET CHEVROLET REPAIRING JOBS

Takeo Hironaka, Hiromu Akagi and Toshio Endo, auto mechanics, are the first Topaz residents to secure good-paying jobs under Army contract, it was learned today.

The 3 boys will repair and maintain in running condition 75 trucks for the Chevrolet Company in Salt Lake City. They will leave for their jobs this week end.

NEWS BRIEFS

CLINIC: Due to the inventory being taken at the hospital today and tomorrow, the clinic will be closed Wednesday afternoon, it was announced by Dr. Donnell Boardman, acting medical officer.

VOLUNTEERS: Several volunteers, elected by the Topaz Volunteers for Victory group, paid a visit to Salt Lake City last week end on a public relations mission.

The entourage included Aki Moriwaki, Bob Iki, Nobumitsu Takahashi, James Yamamoto and John Yoshino. They returned to Topaz this morning.

ODORI PRACTICE: The schedule for the Hana-Matsuri odori practice is as follows: tonight, Rec 20; Wednesday, Rec 34; Thursday, Rec 10; Friday, Rec 28.

MOVIES: "Pardon My Sorrow," with Abbott and Costello, Rec 32.

"The Gay Falcon," with George Sanders and Wendy Barrie, Rec 31.

WEATHER REPORT

Max. (Fri. night) 72° F.
Min. (Sat. morn.) 29° F.
Max. (Sat. night) 81° F.
Min. (Sun. morn.) 36° F.
Max. (Sun. night) 78° F.
Min. (Mon. morn.) 44° F.
Max. (Mon. night) 69° F.
Min. (Tues. morn.) 38° F.

EXAMINATION FOR VOLUNTEERS TODAY

Physical examinations for the City's 111 volunteers for the Japanese American combat team began today at the Topaz Hospital with seven army officers and a group of enlisted men from Fort Douglas, Salt Lake City, conducting the tests. The examinations which will be external tests are expected to be completed today.

MAIN CANTEEN TO BE CLOSED WEDNESDAY

The Block 19 canteen, the dry goods store and the Co-op warehouse will be closed all day Wednesday in order that inventory for the first quarter of 1943 may be taken, it was announced today. The service department and the soda fountain will remain open, it was added.

LENTEN TO BE OBSERVED

The subjects for the next 4 weeks for the Mid-week Bible group, starting with its meeting Wednesday, from 7:30 PM at 32-12-C, will feature the Lenten period. Protestant minis-

ters who pass these examinations will go to Fort Douglas for the X-ray and laboratory tests.

Volunteers from Topaz who are on leave should report to the nearest recruiting station for their examinations, it was stated.

In the detachment directing the work are Lt.B. M. Harrington, Chief Medical Officer A.J. Bobosh, Maj. H.J. Tackney, Capt. H. P. Struble, Capt. J. Berg, Capt. H.J. Arnold, and Lt. V.Z. Fisher.

ters will speak on "The Last Supper", "The Crucifixion", "The Cross", and "The Resurrection." Rev. Mas Wakai will be the speaker Wednesday night.

FROM DAILY TO TRI-WEEKLY

Man, oh, man! Look at us! All dressed up in our new spring clothes.

Yep, this is us, the same old Topaz Times that you have been reading since the beginning of this Center. But with this issue we are growing up into a big-time newspaper and hereafter will come to you 3 times a week instead of 6.

We will be delivered each Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday afternoon. There will be much more reading material in our 3 issues than previously was presented in our 6 issues.

This is because on Tuesdays and Thursdays we will carry 8 pages or more, while our Saturday issues will continue to be full size with all of its varied and interesting features that you have been enjoying in the past.

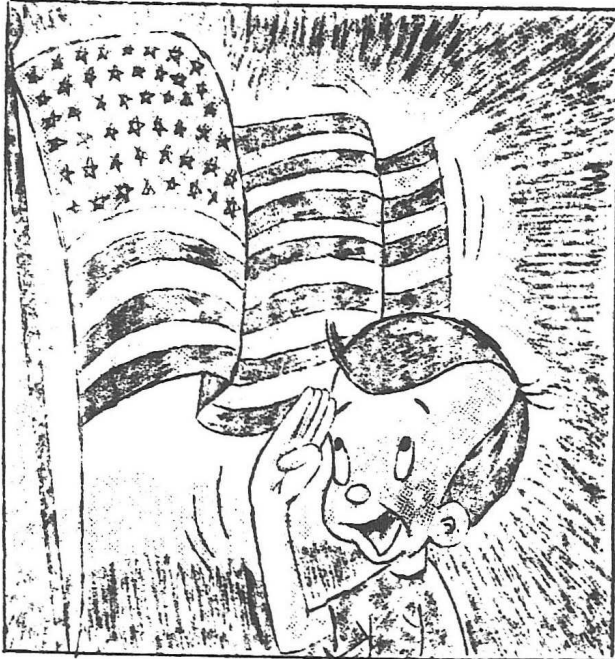
In this new format, there will be room for all of those news stories which in the past have been squeezed out for lack of space. Our reporters will be combing the town for news of interest to all of us. Not only that, but we solicit volunteered news for any items of interest.

We've grown a lot but watch our smoke from now on! We're not stopping with this, but intend to keep on growing.

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editorial

Topaz can well be proud of the fact that its volunteers for the Japanese American combat team are joining the volunteers from the 10 relocation centers in carrying on the campaign to regain civil rights for all evacuees.

Although the general public may not have been aware of it, from the beginning of volunteering the enlistees, besides regarding volunteering as affirmation of their loyalty to the United States, have had the goal before them of working toward the restoration of full civil liberties, not only for themselves, but for their parents, brothers and sisters as well. "United we stand--divided we fall" is a motto which the volunteers can use in their effort to show the public at large that by their actions--their unstinting willingness to serve in the United States armed forces--the Japanese American people in this country deserve justice and a fair hearing at this time.

As part of this program, Topaz volunteers have written to the congressmen from Utah and are asking volunteers in the other centers to contact their respective congressmen. Another step taken by the local enlistees is the preparation of a booklet revealing facts about volunteering and the background of the volunteers, which will be widely distributed, especially in California. All these steps are proof that the volunteers are actively working on a long-range program that will bring about complete community and national acceptance and the normal American way of life for themselves, their families and the generations to come.

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A LETTER FROM NAY

By Pfc. ALEX YORICHI
Camp Savage, Minnesota

Last week official notice was published which stipulated that nisei soldiers could visit Poston and Gila centers in Arizona without the customary need of travel permits. Such permits are still needed to visit Manzanar and Tule Lake in California. Visits in the restricted zones were approved the first part of January.

MARRIAGE IN MINNEAPOLIS

Former well-known San Francisco resident, T-4 (Sgt.) Sud Sadao Takahashi, was married on March 5 to Susie Oka of Ogden, Utah, in Minneapolis at the LDS Mormon Mission. Among those present were Pvt. and Mrs. Frank Kishi, Cpl. Saiji Aramaki, Cpl. George Fujihara, T-4 Mas Yoshioka, Pvt. George Shimizu, and others.

GRANADA NEWSREEL

We saw the Paramount newsreel which showed scenes of the Granada relocation center "A Lesson in Loyalty". For the purpose it was all right, but it could have been much better. We wished the shots could have been taken in Topaz. The pictures were taken on a cloudy day; the subjects looked like Japanese in Japan, made more so by the environment, we supposed. There was a near-kissing scene when a nisei soldier on furlough (represented as a nisei who had just volunteered and leaving camp) tried to kiss a girl, but she gagled and dodged.

RICE A RARITY

Rice is a rare commodity in this camp. We get only 2 servings a week--the soft, watery kind. But when it's served, armed with pint-full of takuwan a certain barrack here troops en masse to the mess hall and crowds around one table. Almost weekly this certain barrack receives the takuwan, sent by considerate residents of Gila.

We were fortunate to get a pair of G.I. glasses when we arrived at this station. These glasses are strong and sturdy. They promised us 2 pairs before we go overseas. One of our old friends was working in the Ft. Snelling Opto clinic, T-4 Kay Kenji Takahashi of Berkeley.

AROUND TOWN

Peggy Furuki of San Francisco is still in St. Paul, but she plans to join her fiancé in Texas. We've only seen the Oakland's Oshima sisters once in Minneapolis. Alameda's Paul and Sam Yagyu are here in Minnesota: Paul is a T-5 in the Army and Sam is a welder in a defense project.

(Editor's note--This column is reserved for letters and other contributions received from our readers.)

Job Openings

Several skilled operators are urgently needed by dry cleaning firms and laundries in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Both union and non-union shops are included.

Qualified persons should write full details of their experience to C.L. White, Relocation Officer, 842 Metropolitan Life Bldg., Minneapolis, Minn., or contact the Placement office at Rec 4.

The needed types of workers include the following: men steam cleaners, 55 and 66 cents per hour; dry cleaners, 55 and 74 cents; women hand silk pressers, 45 and 54 cents; men machine pressers 59 and 70 cents; shirt press operators, 40 cents; markers, 41 cents; sorters 41 cents; wringermen 55½ cents; washermen, 60 and 70 cents.

WOMEN WANTED

(Domestic Work)

Job No. 94--\$15 per week with room and board, Chicago, Ill.

No. 95--\$10 per week with room and board; No. 96--\$15 per week with private room and board, Salt Lake City, Utah.

No. 98--\$15 per week plus private room and board, Ogden, Utah.

No. 99--Man & wife, starting salary \$100 per month, room and board, St. Louis, Missouri.
(Seamstresses)

\$.30 per hour for inexperienced workers, \$.40 per hour for experienced workers, Salt Lake City, Utah.

MEN WANTED

No. 100--Experienced, to work in orchard and care for trees. \$90 per month with living accommodations, Salt Lake City, Utah.

No. 101--Dishwasher, Walgreen Drug Store \$.40 per hour. Meals furnished, Salt Lake City, Utah.

No. 102--4 wall washers, \$80 per month; 2 window washers, at least 5' 9" tall, \$95 per month; 2 janitors, \$90 per month, Michael Reese Hospital, Chicago, Ill.

MINE OKUBO WINS IN S.F. ART SHOW

Miss Miné Okubo, staff artist of the TREK magazine, was notified last week that she had won the San Francisco Art Association's seventh annual exhibition of drawing and prints, now at the San Francisco Museum of Art.

The following comment on her work was published in the March 14th issue of the San Francisco Chronicle:

By ALFRED FRANKENSTEIN

America may be defined as a place where an inmate of a concentration camp makes a picture of her guards, sends it to an exhibition a thousand miles away and wins a prize with it.

This is what happened in connection with the San Francisco Art Association's seventh annual exhibition of drawings and prints, now at the San Francisco Museum of Art. The prize winner is Mine Okubo, who is now at the Japanese Relocation Center at Topaz, Utah, and who was awarded the artist fund prize for a drawing of soldiers on watch done in her customarily monumental sculptural style. There is no trace of rancor or resentment in this picture, which is not to be wondered at. It is a very good drawing.

CITY-WIDE BRIDGE TOURNAMENT SLATED FOR SUNDAY

The City-wide open duplicate bridge tournament will be held on Sunday night, April 4, from 8 o'clock at Rec 1, it was announced last week by Ken Yabe, tournament director.

Two silver cups will be awarded to the team that scores the highest percentage, while prizes will be given to the teams that place first and second in north-south and east-west. Players who are now majors or become majors before Sunday cannot pair up with other majors for the tournament. Those who are not majors can become a major by this tournament if they are on the 4 winning

COUNCIL SETS UP JUVENILE BOARD, BARES FUNCTIONS

A bill introduced by Councilman Takeshi Yatabe to establish a commission known as the Juvenile Board was unanimously passed at the congress of the Community Council last Thursday afternoon.

This board, comprised of 8 members including an executive secretary appointed by the Council, will have original jurisdiction over all cases relative to the delinquency of juveniles under 18 years of age except in felony cases, and also the trial and care of such delinquent juveniles. Its duties and functions will be to promote such corrective and preventive measures as are deemed necessary to keep delinquency at a minimum. The following members were appointed by the Council to administer the functions of this board: Ernest Takahashi, as executive secretary; Rev. I. Tanaka, Rev. K. Kumata, Tad Fujita, Dr. Kusanagi, Shizu Hikoeda, Mrs. D.T. Uchida and Paul Ida.

Koji Murata was appointed on the Board of City Commissioners to replace Aki Moriwaki, who has volunteered in the U.S. Army. Concurrently Kay Hirao was selected to serve as executive secretary on the Merit Rating Board.

teams, Yabe added.

Refreshments will be served and in order to defray expenses, a 25-cent entry fee for each player will be charged. Inasmuch as 16 tables will be the limit, those desiring to enter the tournament are asked to sign up at Rec 1 as soon as possible.

Appointed staff members are invited to play.

SCHOOL GARDENS CONTEMPLATED AS PROJECT

The contemplated project in the two elementary schools consists of the expansion of the recreational activity program involving the arranging and planning of school gardens. According to Drayton B. Nuttall, principal, the gardens will be planted and soiled with the help of the Agriculture department as soon as adequate frames can be built to hold the soil.

MARCH NUPTIALS ANNOUNCED TODAY

Announcements of Topaz residents, who celebrated nuptials during the current month were released.

The names of the recent weds and their newly-established homes include: Mr. and Mrs. Minoru Tamaki, nee Iyo Yamashita, 41-5-C; Mr. and Mrs. Takatoshi Yamamoto, nee Masako Shirai-shi, 33-6-A; Mr. and Mrs. Eiichi Koizumi, nee Betty Adachi, 22-3-A; Mr. and Mrs. George Mitsuyasu, nee Yoshiye Ishida, 22-10-F; Mr. and Mrs. Kaoru Sato, nee Sachiye Takano, 40-2-C; Mr. and Mrs. Yoneo Tashiro, 22-1-F; and Mr. and Mrs. Saburo Hori, nee Lillian Yamauchi, 11-2-F.

INTER-FAITH GROUP OPENS OFFICE, RELIGIOUS LIBRARY

The Inter-Faith Ministerial association formally opened its religious center at Rec 33 this week with the completion of partitions for office spaces and the religious library, it was reported.

The library will be open from 9 AM to 4:30 PM each week day, except Wednesday morning when the ministerial body holds its weekly conference.

Among the religious volumes are a complete set of books on the doctrines and history of the Latter Day Saints, and also reference literature on the history and geography of the state of Utah.

Newspapers in the library include a number of Pacific Coast papers and Chicago and New York publications.

EDUCATORS EXPECTED IN TOPAZ. APRIL 2-4

SUPERINTENDENT TO ATTEND MEET

LeGrand Noble, superintendent of education, will attend the conference of superintendents which will be held in Denver, Colorado, from April 5 to 9, it was announced today.

The superintendents of schools in the 10 relocation centers will participate in the 3-day discussion of education problems encountered in their centers, especially those difficulties emanating from the abandonment of elementary school construction in all the projects.

Mari Okazaki Engaged Recently

Mr. and Mrs. Fumio Okazaki, formerly of San Francisco, announced the engagement in Manzanar of their eldest daughter, Mari, to Sam Hohri, formerly of Los Angeles.

Miss Okazaki was employed by the International Institute in San Francisco prior to evacuation.

Her fiancé was columnist for the Rafu Shimpō, before joining the staff of the Nichi Bei.

Four educators from the University of Utah in Provo are expected to visit Topaz from April 2 to 4 in a study of the educational system practiced here, according to the Education department. The party will include: Dr. John T. Wahlquist, dean of the School of Education; Dr. Roald F. Campbell, director of the William H. Stewart Training School; Dr. I. O. Horsfall, director of the Extension division, and Miss Caroline Dobson, director of Kindergarten.

Meetings with the public, covering the theme of present educational trends and their practical application, will be held by the education officials during their 3-day visit. Departmental conferences are also scheduled with the faculty of the pre-school, elementary and secondary schools.

NEW CLASSES OPEN TONIGHT

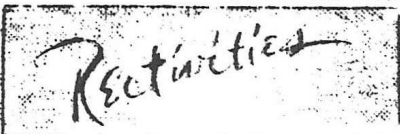
Penmanship classes in English, under the direction of Tom Tsukamoto, are scheduled for Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 32-5-F, it was announced by the Adult Education department. The first session will be held tonight from 8 o'clock.

LEAVES (MARCH)

INDEFINITE: Ernest Izumi, George Sakai, St. Louis, Mo.; Umeko Sowa, Betty Ono, Frances Moriwaki, Sue Kanemasu, Chicago, Ill.; Martha Abe, Elmhurst, Ill.; Mitsuo Komatsu, Des Plaines, Ill.; Ayako Shimizu, Maru Komatsu, Winnetka, Ill.; Shizuye Taniguchi, Camp Robinson, Ark.; Toshiko, Katherine, Masao and George Tsukamoto, Cheyenne, Wyo.; James Otogiri, Rayer Toki, Boulder, Colo.; Midori Shimanouchi, New York City; Yoshio and Kanji Ikegaki, Brighton, Colo.; Hiro Endo, Minneapolis, Minn.; and Kaye Uyeda, Cleveland, Ohio.

Wienie Bake Proves Success

With a dinner of potato salad, wienies, chocolate pie with graham cracker crust, and 7-Up, the wienie bake, sponsored by the Intercollegiate Fellowship Saturday night at the pit beyond Rec 36, was acclaimed a success by the 50 young people who attended. Also present were Dr. Joseph Goodman, advisor, and Victor Goertzel of the Education department.



Beginning today, this column will be devoted to the various types of activities sponsored by the Community Activities section. Since the recreation hall is the backbone of the CAS, your writer will commence with Rec 10 which represents Ward 1 and cover the remaining rec halls in the next 3 issues.

REC 10 ACTIVITIES

Rec 10 is one of the most active rec halls in Topaz. Under the supervision of Tats Nakamoto and director Yoshio Isono, this hall in addition to sponsoring city wide events such as "Igloo Crawl Inn Carnival", hobby shows and dances, has been doing a grand job in creating leisure time activities for all ages. At the present time, there are clubs for the following age groups: pre-teens for 9-11 years; Jr. High clubs for boys and girls; Sr. High clubs for boys and girls; out-of-high club for both boys and girls, 18-21 years; and young adults club.

CLUB LEADERS

Leaders for the clubs are Keichi Kawamoto, Frank Ono, Mary Fujikawa, Mary Tsuda, Iwao Hashiguchi, Atsuko Tate, Kaz Inouye, Yum Tsugawa, Margaret Kitashima, May Morioka and Frank Ogawa.

Special clubs for every need are also operating. Some of the main ones are airplane, bridge, jive, special interest, handicraft, bugle, knitting, and Hawaiian clubs.

THREE-FOLD PROGRAM

According to Yoshio Isono, the various clubs have been enjoying a three-fold program: namely, physical, social, and intellectual. Folk dancing, weiner bake, etiquette night, lecture night and bridge night are some of the activities that round out the three-fold program.

Although your writer sees room for greater improvements, he knows that Rec 10 will continue to seek changes for the betterment of its residents.

TOPAZ ALL-STARS TAKE INTERMOUNTAIN TOURNEY

The Topaz All-star basketball team captured the Intermountain casaba championship by defeating the Salt Lake Trojans, 47-31, last Saturday afternoon at the Westminster gym in Salt Lake City.

In their first game the Topazans knocked the touted Murray team out of the running by walloping them, 42-19. On Friday, they eked out a 27-25 win over the Buffs five, co-leader of the Salt Lake JACL league.

The victorious cagers were recognized at a victory dance on Saturday night in Salt Lake City. Topaz's smooth Tom Tsuji's band supplied the music.

CAS TO LAUNCH BASEBALL AND OTHER SPORTS

With the end of basketball season in sight, the CAS sports department under Kimbo Yoshitomi will launch a campaign to inaugurate an Industrial hardball and softball league. Over 15 teams are expected to enter the race.

All interested working divisions are requested to contact Yoshitomi at Rec 3 immediately.

In addition to baseball, tennis, golf and badminton competitions are also being

HARMONICA MEETING SET

An initial meeting of all harmonica enthusiasts will be held at Rec 20 on Wednesday, March 31, from 7:30 PM. Toshio Suzuki of the CAS will be the chairman for the evening.

According to Suzuki, plans are under way to form a harmonica band and classes for beginners. Anyone, regardless of their former experience, will be welcomed.

Toshio Suzuki has been playing since 1930 before appreciative audiences. At one time he appeared on the KROW and KSFO radio stations. He was responsible for the formation of the San Francisco and the Oakland JAS bands.

ing contemplated by the sports department. More people are urged to visit and make use of the boxing gym at Rec 38.

CASABA REVIEW

OUTSTANDING PLAYERS NAMED

The past 8 weeks of Industrial leagues encounters revealed many interesting highlights. Noteworthy was the performance of John Oshida who averaged 14 points per game to lead the Class AA scorers. His deadly shooting and clever floor-playing easily made him the outstanding player of the league. Combined with Keichi Kawamoto and George Yonekura, both dead-eyes, the 3 ran rough-shod over every team in the league and brought home the bacon for the CAS. At the guard spot for the CAS were Effie Kawahara and George Kakehi who directed the offensive and defensive maneuvers.

Other outstanding performers for both the Class

AA and A leagues were Jun Honda, Hachi Tominaga and Warren Yano of the Commissary; Moto Takahashi, Ky Nomura and Bill Shinoda of the Architects; Sus Ota, Kuni Ishii, Kiyoshi Shikuzawa and Mas Tatsuno of the Co-op; Shig Suzuki and Mickey Yoshimine of the Firemen; Ben Takahashi of the Motor Pool; Tosh Minamoto of the M & O; Ted Iida and Jack Mizono of the Hospital; Ike Takei and Frank Sunada of the Housing; Leon Westover of the Education; and Hiro Sato, Min Sano, and Harry Sekigahama of the Carriers.

Credit should be given to Kimbo Yoshitomi and Effie Kawahara who ran the leagues in such an efficient manner.