

78 VOLUNTEERS PASS EXAMS

Seventy-eight of the 100 volunteers for the AJ combat unit who were given their physical examinations here two weeks ago have passed, revealed John Landward, leave officer.

Five of the 105 volunteers from the center received their examinations elsewhere. Four of the five alien volunteers were physically fit. There were 22 rejected.

NATURALIZATION CAMPAIGN OPENS

Representatives of various Asiatic groups hitherto ineligible to become naturalized citizens of the United States decided at their meeting last week to publicize and campaign for the passage of the Marcantonio Bill, according to a news release from the JA committee for Democracy of New York.

The Bill which will amend the present naturalization law so that persons of oriental ancestry can become citizens of the United States was introduced in Congress by Vito Marcantonio, representative from New York, and is now in the Immigration and Naturalization Committee of the House.

MYER TO VISIT

Dillon S. Myer, WRA Director and Phillip M. Glick, solicitor, will be in Gila Friday, April 23, Project Director Leroy H. Bennett announced yesterday.

RECORDS

As a part of its routine policy to keep records of all evacuees in its files, representatives of the United States Navy are here obtaining copies of WRA form 26.

NISEI SOLDIERS

FREE MOVEMENT

JA CIVIL SERVICE OK'D

REPRESENTATIVE TO COME HERE

The employment of nisei in Civil service received an official stamp of approval as a statement of policies and procedures jointly agreed upon by the U.S. Civil Service Commission and the WRA was issued by Harry T. Kranz, regional director of the 12th U.S. Civil Service District, said William Huso, employment supervisor.

The regional director will send a representative to Gila to confer with Huso and assist him to get application forms into the hands of residents. If assembled examinations are required, the representative will make arrangements for such examinations in the center or elsewhere.

Applications for reinstatement or reemployment will not be accepted by the Civil Service Commission until after they have been issued leave clearance by the WRA, said Huso.

WESTERN DEFENSE COMMAND OPEN

American soldiers of Japanese ancestry on furlough were granted freedom of movement in the Western Defense Command including the Pacific Coast states by a proclamation signed by Lt. Gen. John L. DeWitt commander of the Western Defense Command.

The grant of the privilege followed a public announcement by Gen. DeWitt less than a week ago that he was against allowing any person of Japanese ancestry on the West Coast. He announced that the new proclamation would serve the national interest. Regulations governing the entry of all other persons of Japanese descent into the restricted area remain effective.

It was believed here that the move was long contemplated by the War Dept. in view of repeated statements by recruiting officer Captain Norman Thompson that volunteers for the AJ combat unit would be permitted to furlough-visit in the restricted zone.

J.L. Dewitt Upsets Evacuee Return To West Coast Plan

An administration plan to return to useful work on the Pacific Coast a majority of the 110,000 Japanese evacuees in relocation camps has been upset for the present by the attitude of Lieut. Gen. John L. DeWitt that "a Jap's a Jap," an April 16 UP report from Washington disclosed.

Responsible sources said the War Department had agreed to the plan to return them to the Pacific Coast and that the War Relocation Authority was about to put it in opera-

tion when DeWitt, commander of the Western Defense Command, publicly declared that "Jap's a Jap" and that "the West Coast is too vital and too vulnerable to take any chances."

It was understood that a high War Department official is trying to get DeWitt to change his mind.

VACATION

The Butte elementary school spring vacation will come on Monday and Tuesday, April 26 and 27 instead of Thursday and Friday of this week.

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editorial

Who Will Your Decision Hurt?

We are tremendously impressed and pleased by the number of nisei who are resettlement-minded.

However, there are many who have come to accept this life we lead here and have no intention of venturing forth as has been the time-honored way of youth. There are still others, who, because of parental objection, have resigned themselves to a life of either frustration or stagnation. (We grant too that there are the physically and otherwise disable and a few others because of circumstances who must remain here).

Three of the four groups above, we shall not dwell on. But for those who want to but are withheld from relocation, we have sympathy and feel that their parents are mistaken.

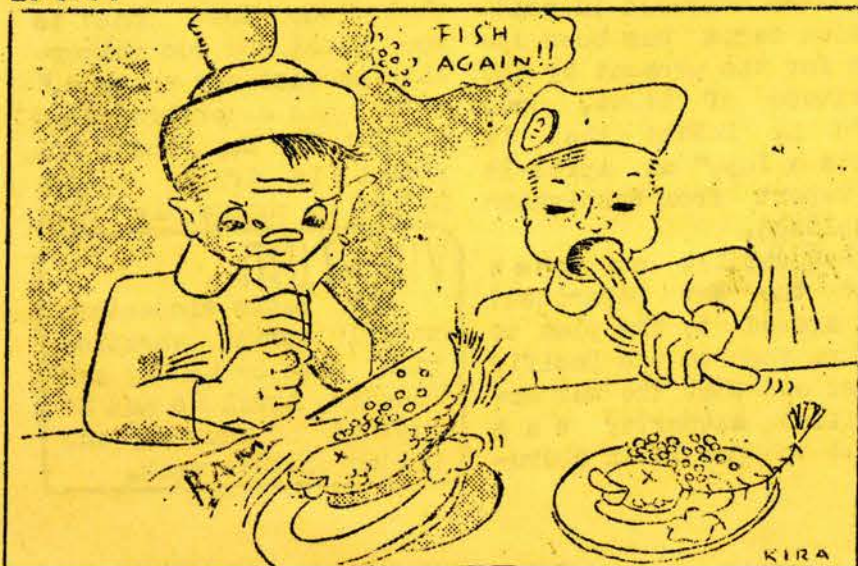
The parents are old now, most of them are far past their prime. We have no quarrel with them should they choose to remain here, (though we hate to see them who were the essence of industry prior to evacuation moulder away their last few years.) But we do question the action of those who refuse to permit their nisei children to resettle.

The nisei after all are only emulating what the issei themselves has done 20 to 50 years ago when they came to this country. They are young and have a desire to carve their niche in the American commonwealth. They are at a time when courage and initiative are at their most confident peak, and this enforced exile is not to their liking. And they are at that make-or-break period when a misstep might mean a miserable robot-like life of failure.

Is it right that these young people be denied what the issei themselves realized years ago? Is it sane to permit an aggravation of the age-youth conflict which may result in the erection of incurable resentments? Is it fair that the will of the old forever be imposed on the young so that the young will never attain that self-confidence and self-dependence essential to successful living? Does it even indicate parental concern to deny these youths their bid to fit into the vital pattern of American life?

Issei, as many and more nisei leave the center, your children too will feel ever more strongly the call of youth to be away and doing. In the coming months you will have to decide a question which will either hurt you or your children. Who will your decision hurt?

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WR CENTER TRADE WARS

MANZANAR, CALIFORNIA

A girls' fire college, probably the first of its kind in the United States, and presumably in the world, recently made its appearance at this center. This training enables them to work in fire departments outside as secretaries or stenographers, stated Fire Chief Robert Kubota. Until now, there were only men employees, but due to labor shortages, girls will be required.

HEART MOUNTAIN, WYOMING

April 11-17 designated as Salute to Volunteers Week by Project Director Guy Robertson. The entire community honored the men with various activities including a big dinner. Project Director warns against "tons of food we do not have this summer and fall" unless the call for more manpower help is mitigated. Preliminary plans for an international play-day is being made by the Girl Scouts.

MINIDOKA, IDAHO

Centerwide beautification program got underway as areas between each barrack were plowed up for seeding...shade trees were planted in each block. A twelve page telephone directory was distributed to each office. 'Labor Shortage In Center Acute' reads a headline in the Minidoka Irrigator. Happy news to bibliophiles of the center were the additions of best sellers.

AMACHE, COLORADO

County Clerk J.B. Swat disclosed that two-thirds of all marriage licenses issued so far this year in Prowers County have been to residents of Japanese ancestry in the Amache Relocation Center.

DENSON, ARKANSAS

Fifty members of the Temporary Community Councils of the Jerome and Rohwer centers met recently to discuss various community problems. Combat team honored at dinner. "Kobu" contest scheduled.

HONOR ROLL HAS Opportunities 15 STRAIGHT 'A' In Chicago INTELLECTUALS 'NISEI SHOULD RESETTLE' YANO

Fifteen straight "A" students of the Butte high school were recently distinguished as being on the first honor roll as computed upon the completion of the first semester.

These fifteen lead a honor procession of nearly 400 students and this represents 35% of the entire enrollment and is an unusually high percentage of any school, voiced superintendent W. C. 'Tom' Sawyer.

The fifteen "brainies" are: Mary Arakawa, Fusae Hamane, Chiyeko Inadomi, Tokiko Inouye, Ruth Katayama, Nami Kobara, Akira Maruyama, Mary Matsuzawa, Maxine Nakamura, Frances Ogasawara, Ruby Oji, Minnie Sasahara, Ila Sato, Sunny Soga, and Kimiko Takahashi.

Veteran Officer On Canal Force

Tom E. Netherton, veteran Police Officer of Tulsa, Oklahoma, is stationed at Canal. Netherton, who is Assistant Chief to F. J. Graves, has worked with the Government State and City Police also. The Internal Security Dept. announced that Lieut. George Ogata's vacancy is being filled by former Sgt. Clark Saito, and Warden Itsuji Kagawa was also promoted to Lieut. of Platoon 3.

CANAL CLUB COUNCIL ESTABLISHES RULES

Clifford Fujimoto, chairman of the Canal Club Council, called a meeting of club representatives recently for the purpose of establishing rules and regulations. The following standards by which clubs will be recognized were decided:

1. Club organizations—
- a.) Statement of the type of organization—girls', boys', or mixed, social, and business. b.) A minimum of 3 officers, including an adviser. c.) A

Dear Editor:

I wish to give a report for outside employment possibilities in the Middle West. I left Gila center about two weeks ago and find the city of Chicago a very large and friendly place to live. The people are broadminded and considerate.

There are many opportunities for the nisei in every line of employment. Nisei are working as chemist research workers, machinists, welders, auto mechanics, secretaries, church work, etc...

There are many nisei coming into this area every week from different relocation centers. If there are persons planning to leave the center, they shouldn't hesitate...

I left on a hostel plan, ...and find it the best way to come out for employment...

EDDIE YANO

HOFFMAN SPEAKS ON EDUCATION

Third in the series of lectures on children's education is slated for Thursday, April 22 at mess hall 46. Addressing the group will be Luther Hoffman, chief of the community services division who will be assisted by interpreter S. Hikida of the CAS. Section III includes blocks 46, 47, 51, and 52. The public is cordially invited.

Secretary Ickes Hires Evacuees Seven From Poston Leave For Olney

Harold L. Ickes, Secretary of Interior, hired three evacuated American citizens of Japanese ancestry to work on his Olney (Md.) farm because of his belief that "we should do all we can to ease the burden that the war has placed upon this particular group of citizens."

He added, "I do not like the idea of loyal citizens, no matter of what race or color, being kept in a relocation center than need be."

The farm workers are graduates of California State Polytechnic Institute and are highly skilled poultry specialists. They, together with four others who will work on the farm of Sam Rice, former Washington baseball player, are en route to Olney from the Poston Relocation Center. The group consists of four men and the wives of three.

The seven evacuees are the first to be paroled from a relocation center for farm work in the Eastern Defense Command.

Escape Attempt Proves Fatal

Ignoring four commands to halt while crawling through the fence around the residential area in an attempt to escape, James Wakasa, 62 year old evacuee at the Topaz Relocation Center was shot and killed, according to an OWI announcement of April 12.

Wakasa was shot by the military police guarding the center.

WOODSHOP CLASS OPENS FOR ADULTS

A new class in woodshop under Mr. Brunell was added to the Adult Education school yesterday, at 43-6-C from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Classes will be held every Monday through Friday. The course is fitting to those intending to relocate outside, it was added.

COMING-GOING

DEPARTURES April 16, 17

PEC Bob Shigemura returned to Ft. Snelling, Minnesota after visiting.

Taro Kawa left for Salt Lake City, Utah to accept employment.

Sannosuke Madokoro returned to Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Joe Nakayama for Chicago, Ill. for employment.

Masao Wayne Nagare for Mack, Colorado, employment.

LEAVES April 17, 18

Frank Mitsumori Wakida for Rocky Ford, Colorado on short term leave.

George Izumi Fukagawa and Toshio Yamaguchi for Brighton, Colorado on short term leave.

ARRIVALS April 17

Seichi, Hideko and Janice Kayahara, Ted Fukawa from Manzanar to reside.

Hideo and Shigeto Matsunaga and Sueno and Motoe Sato from Heart Mountain, Wyoming to reside.

VISITORS April 17

Fred Noboru Usuki from Minidoka, Idaho, visiting.

**TAGAMI-EGUSA
NUPTIALS TOLD**

A beautiful Buddhist church wedding united Peggy Matsuye Tagami and Tom Tomiyuki Egusa Saturday night at Canal. Mrs. Egusa is the first daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Tagami of Kingsburg and Mr. Egusa is the son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Egusa of Suisun.

Attendants for the couple were Edith Tamaye Fukagawa, Marian Mitsuye Tagami, Mori Egusa and Benny Yasutomo. The wedding reception was held in mess 4. Baishakunins were Mr. and Mrs. M. Takeuchi and Mr. and Mrs. M. Kamigaki.

VITAL STATISTICS**BIRTHS**

April 15, to Mrs. Haruo Yoshimoto, 23-5-B, a boy.

To Mrs. Tom Masao Koyama, 47-2-B, a girl.

April 16-To Mrs. Tom T. Hayashida, 7-11-A, a boy.

April 18-To Mrs. Robert Tadashi Uyomura, 56-2-C, a girl. To Mrs. Ben T. Ono, 27-8-A, a boy.

DEATH

April 16-Nobuji Shimamura, 21-14-D.

**YWCA Maps
Big Program****AID GIVEN****BY OUTSIDERS**

YWCA activities in Butte was given a new boost Saturday with the presence of 3 visiting "Y" personalities. On the same day, Canal YW held an all-day conference and in Butte, the first of organization meetings was held.

The Butte working girls met with Miss Helen Flack, national YWCA board member from New York City, who was a guest speaker. To plan a program of activities for the coming months, the group selected a programming committee at the meeting. Miss Annie Fujimoto was the presiding officer.

High school girls, with the end in view of organizing Girls' Reserve clubs in Butte, met with Miss Esther Briesemeister, YWCA executive secretary of relocation centers, and Mrs. Bartlett B. Heard, national board member. Midori Morooka presided.

WEDDING BELLS**S. YAMAMOTO
P. NAKAMURA**

Susie Shizuyo Yamamoto, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. Yamamoto, formerly of Selma, and Paul Tsutomu Nakamura, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Nakamura of Los Angeles, were united in a Canal Buddhist ceremony Sunday afternoon. Attending the couple were Kimiko Kotsubo, maid of honor and Kenry Fukuchi, best man.

The wedding reception was held in the evening in rec hall 21. Baishakunins for the couple were Mr. and Mrs. M. Umeda and Mr. and Mrs. U. Nakano.

WANTED

Two reporters. One to write sports news for Canal, and the other to write general informative news. Please inquire at the Canal employment office.

WATER SWITCH

Will the person who borrowed the main water switch from block 5 two weeks ago, please return same immediately.

**OUTSIDE
EMPLOYMENT**

Three photographic finisher. Must be able to process 250 prints per hour on Paco Eastman Kodak or Rapid Velox. Salary range \$25-\$40, depending on individual's working ability. Other nisei working. Fifty employed.

One photographer dark room man, must have experience in developing films, enlarging and operating printer. Des Plaines, Ill.

Five men. Boston Factory Shoe Repairing Co., Cleveland, Ohio. Must have all around shoe repairing ability, bench and jack work. Operate Landis Curve Needle Stitcher and Landis Finishing Machine. Average wage for experienced-\$40 week. Excellent offer.

Married couple for noted author, Mr. Carl Sandburg, Michigan country home for general housework, family washing and ironing, and cook plain foods. Must be neat, clean and industrious. \$100 month for couple. Furnished quarters, private bathroom and radio.

Male servant, Lima, Ohio. Man with some knowledge of cooking, housework, and little yard work. \$20 week, room and board. Alternate Sundays off.

Houseman, Chicago, Ill. Man for general painting, cleaning and odd jobs for apartment hotel. \$110 mon.

Two girls for Clearing Machine Corporation in Chicago, Illinois. Must have qualification for stenographer and typing. Salary range-\$22.50-27.50 on 40 hour basis time and one half for overtime. Qualified person should average \$35 per week.

Bookkeeper, Indianapolis, Indiana for Cooperative Agency. Permanent position for women or draft exempted men. Wages-\$35-\$40 week. Position must be filled at once.

Single man-25 years of age, Phoenix, Arizona for vegetable and flower irrigation.

**TONIGHT
HAWAIIAN MEET**

Important Hawaiian Club tonight, mess 64 from 8. Members are urged to be present. Refreshments will be served.

BUTTE ALL-STARS RELEASED

SPORTS

FIRST TEAM

Mas Okumura YMBA F
Mas Tsuda Cardinals F
Yas Yamada Cardinals C
Harry Oka Cardinals G
Tom Sakamoto Cardinals G

Honorable mentions:

Tosh Tsuda, Cards; George Hayakawa, Yosh Kikuchi, Sentinels; Shun Ozono, YMBA; Shig Goto, Jake Matsumoto, Gremlins; Yosh Hiroto, Roy Nakamura, Gila Indians; Ken Nishimine, Saints; Fumio Itow, Firemen; Ken Mikuriya, Gremlin.

FOUR CARDS

Placing four members on the first team, colorful champion Cards monopolized Butte's basketball All-Stars honors, having placing all first string players mentioned numerously.

Heading the list was center Yas Yamada who was mentioned by the persons who made the selections, team managers and CAS, the most times with YMBA's Mas Okumura getting the next most votes.

Mas Tsuda, winner scoring crown, edged Zephyrs' keoneyed Joe Shimada by a very close margin for the other first team forward positions.

A meeting to discuss problems of the Butte Aye Major League will be held tomorrow evening by all team managers at the home of Ken Zenimura, 28-13-C, from 8:30.

Southwest Loop Holds Play-Off

After much delay due to the shock on the ages of each team, Butte's Boys' Southwestern Basketball League will climax its season's play with four teams entering an three game championship play-off tourney tonight and tomorrow evening.

Nibors meet Swishers tonight from 6:45 and later Papooses engage Geronimos at 7:45 and the two winners will square off tomorrow evening with the team coming out on top being declared the champions. Cubs and finished first in the regularly scheduled play, but like the clowns, were ruled ineligible to the crown because it was found that they had many players over 15 years old, the age limit of the league.

SECOND TEAM

Joe Shimada Zephyrs F
Sid Inouye Bulldogs F
Chuck Mayeda Bulldogs C
Roy Hiroto Gremlins G
Ken Hashimoto Bulldogs G

Firemen Lose Heartbreaker; Hinodes Take Third Straight

PASADENA BOWS TO BLOCK THIRTY
BLOCK 28 TRIMS GIANTS, EIGHT TO SIX

Behind the superb four hit pitching of Hiroshi Shinmoto and Yosh Shimada, 66 Hinodes maintained their excellent win record by handing another severe 8-3 beating this time to a fighting Lompoc nine last Saturday afternoon. In a following game, Block 28 also gathered a successful win over Giants by a 6-3 8-6 margin.

Heartbreaking as it was, Giants 1 s s was third straight as Ken Zenimura's consistent nine capitalized on Giant hurler Joe Koyanagi's bad first inning for a quick start and although tied in the first of fourth and eight frames, Zennie's squad seemed to pull through easily while rapping eight bingles including Isamu Tomooka and Kenso Zenimura's two for three.

Hinodes jumped onto a seldom threatened first inning lead as they tallied two runs on singles by Keizo Komura, Shig Tsujita and Maino Okazaki, who clouted two telling bingles.

Pitching fairly well was Kiyoshi Matoba, who kept eight Hinodes' bingles pretty well scattered.

ALL-STARS WHIP CASA GRANDE

Banging out 16 hits, the Butte All-Stars came across with all glory by inflicting an humiliating 20-3 slaughter on a hapless nine from Casa Grande and El Roy last Sunday afternoon.

BUTTE SUMOISTS WIN

Butte sumoists once again brought home the bacon when they defeated Canal's rikishis 25-20 Sunday evening at the ponant tourmanot hold in that city.

CANAL BASEBALL RESULTS:
Vikings, 12- Cards, 5
Deltans, 4- Riders, 1
Bears, 9- Block 36, 5
Ochis, 5- Old Timers, 3

THIRD TEAM

Frank Fujii YMBA F
Dick Kamon Sentinels F
Kody Kodama YMBA C
Gen Shimada Zephyrs G
Yosh Furukawa Bulldogs G

Coming across with its first league win, Block 30 Reds drove home a stunning 7-3 win over Pasadena Sunday afternoon after Guadalupe YMBA took a hard-fought 5-2 battle from Butte Firemen in the morning.

Although collecting seven hits apiece, Reds hits came mostly in opportune moments in all innings except the second, sixth, seventh and ninth frames. Biggest frame was the third as a walk and a couple of hits brought in three runs.

FIREMEN HOT

Surprising everyone were the Firemen of Zuke Tanaka, who boldly threatened in the ninth, but were cut off by a fine double play when left fielder Massey Tomooka made another fine catch and doubled a man off second. Threatening were the Firemen in other innings too, but YMBA's smooth fielding provided four fast double plays.

Hard hitting Joe Osada banged out three of Firemen's seven hits off of Ted Morishita, while YMBA's total blows came down to a new low of 5 bingles against the good hurling of Kuni Hisatori and Shimashimashi.

BEE LEAGUE TEAMS CONTINUE PLAY

Butte bee baseballers resume the try-out tourney tonight as Red Sox meet Block 33 and Block 55 engages Block 30 'B' tomorrow evening and Block 28 'B' clash with Block 63. All games will be played after supper.

TEMPORARY SCRIBE

George Ichimoto, Canal CAS athletic head, has agreed to write sports until the replacement for Tsuneo Shinmoto is found.

WANTED....Canal sports writers. Apply at Canal News Room in the administration Building.

feature section

DESERT TWILIGHT _____ tokiko inouye

Home of the cactus, land of the sun.
and the prairie dogs' lonely cry.
The path of the builders, the cowboy's trail,
and the blue of the desert sky.

Barren wilderness, endless plains,
purple mountains to the west.
Where forgotten crawling creatures roam
and coyotes take their rest.

Vast and lonely, age-old sands
for centuries lost, untrod.
Yet with a wealth of sun and sky,
the treasure-hold of God.



Scouting TRAILS

It is mighty keen to have this opportunity of greeting you semi-monthly now through the columns of the Scouting Trails. I think we may well be proud of our scouting column. It does a real job for us that could not be accomplished in any other manner.

Despite all our difficulties, our programs, and the trials which always beset the initial efforts of an organization of real purpose, we are advancing, we are growing in vigor and power, we are getting results. It means untiring work, it means hard driving, it means unceasing building, but we are achieving our goals! We are making friendship, leadership, and service tangible qualities that can be put to work successfully.

It is going to be a little tough on those of you who succeed us this coming year. Even our best laid plans are going to be buffeted around a bit because of the tremendous demands of the selective service program. Truly the man not in service as a big job cut out for him as the men are called to colors for it is his duty to fill the gaps, to carry on, to protect the full program of our organization.

To reform a man, you must begin with his grandmother!

--Victor Hugo

When THE LIGHTS GO OUT AGAIN

When the lights go out again--I'll be hanged if I let such an opportunity elude me this time. I looked around the dimly lit ballroom. Couples were swaying to the sweet strains of the orchestra music.

Cute little Hana-chan was swishing her eyelashes up at me again. Damn her anyhow. I wish the lights would go out--but fast. With Hana-chan looking at me like that, it was difficult to keep my hands so seemingly nonchalant at my sides very much longer. I could feel the perspiration ooze out onto my brow. There--she did it again! But wait a minute--Murray! The lights have gone out! NOW--I can hitch my suspenders... M.T.

"This is my Own"

"May the blessing of God be with the graduates." I now stood on the threshold of life. Reminiscing, I recall trying days prior to evacuation. Graduation uncertain, Gila beckoning, DEMOCRACY becoming a mirage on the waste of human folly. But from chaos developed appreciation of higher things. From it emanated urge to emulate the conceptions of right which had been driving faculties for great struggle. From commencement arose dignity and want for that realization of justice. From upheaval, I derived knowledge that "THIS IS MY OWN MY NATIVE LAND."

---so



Properly speaking, most of us went to Japanese school because our "old man" was no apostle of "Freedom from Fear"--he threatened us with corporal punishment if we did not go to refresh our minds on the mysterious, somewhat dizzying lines and bars that make up the language.

In the light of our having nothing else to do at school, ours was the delightful task of inventing new methods of slow torture to inflict on our pint-sized teacher. Poor old professor, he used to worry and fret over us like a mother hen over an adopted brood of ducklings. Threats, entreaties, flattery--all proved unavailing--they went in from one ear and the next second went out the other.

"Look at the girls"--"Gahls" he used to pronounce it--and on he would go to great lengths prophetically extolling their studious virtues into a bright future. The pig-tailed things swallowed it whole with an air of smug self-satisfaction, reserving for us looks of haughty contempt. We listened to his lectures quite indifferently, and, being in that blissful stage of life when women held no attractions, used to show the girls our lofty regard for them by pelting them with clods on the way home. What brats we were. Those were the good ole days when we prided ourselves on our orneriness.

But life can be a haphazard entity. Some of the things that look impossible, ridiculous, or impractical at the time, later take on aspects of the most natural urgent importance. The Japanese was no exception. I who had considered learning "nihongo" a waste of time, am now a corporal in the U.S. Army, enrolled in the intelligence school at Camp Savage, Minnesota, studying the Japanese language as I never studied it before. T.S.

What fools these mortals be. --Puck