

## WAAC Open To Nisei Girls

War Department approval of the enlistment of nisei women in the WAACs has been received, announced D.S. Myer, WRA director to the press Saturday.

Details of the enlistment and other matters are being worked out now, he said. He did not know when the enlistment would commence.

## MRS. ROOSEVELT CHARMS GILANS ARMY OR POLICE ESCORT ABSENT

Surprising to the residents of Gila was the total absence of Federal Bureau of Investigation agents when Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt toured the colony Friday.

Dillon Myer told the press that his visit here together with Mrs. Roosevelt was pure coincidence. Myer was on a routine swing around the western centers and stayed in Gila for two days.

Wherever Mrs. Roosevelt visited on that day, her graciousness, her concern and interest, her charm captivated the residents. Curious and thrilled evacuee eyes followed her everywhere, and autograph hunters had a field day.

## RIVERS TO PRODUCE OWN FLOWER, VEGETABLE SEEDS

The scarcity and the prohibitive prices of many types of vegetable seeds will not bother Rivers this year, said David Rogers, superintendent of the Farm Management Division.

Being grown on the farm for seed production are every type of vegetables produced on the Project. S. Hanasaki, former proprietor of a San Jose Seed Co., manages seed production, and he is very optimistic about the results.

No center, stated Rogers, will suffer from the lack of the Japanese indispensable, daikon, for enough seed is being grown

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## RESETTLEMENT PROGRAM TEMPO RISING RAPIDLY

### Recent Freeze Order Lifted

Freeze order was lifted on indefinite, seasonal and short term leaves, yesterday, by Project Director Leroy Bennett, announced Lewis J. Korn, assistant Project director.

Korn said he anticipated that a limited number of day passes to nearby communities will be issued from tomorrow, barring unforeseen developments.

Yesterday six residents left the colony as the first group to leave since Wednesday of last week. Today 24 more will depart, disclosed Henry C. Freeland, leave officer.

### U-I. SUGAR CO. REPRESENTATIVE

The Utah-Idaho Sugar Co. representative is at the Canal Administrative Building, farm office--Monday, Wednesday, Friday; at Butte 42-3-B (Ex-Servicemen's Club)--Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday.

### OPTIMISM EXPRESSED BY D.S. MYER

Declaring that the adverse effects of the execution of USAF men in Tokyo would be only temporary, affable D.S. Myer was optimistic about the WRA resettlement program on his two day visit to the Project.

Myer said that the resettlement program is progressing according to plan. The tempo is picking up rapidly, he said, in all the centers. He pointed out Manzanar, where more people went out on indefinite leaves in March than all of the months previously. He mentioned Tule Lake where 400 had already left on seasonal leaves.

The director discouraged resettlement in Denver, Colo. and Salt Lake City, where it has reached the critical stage of saturation. He said that in all likelihood more hostels would be established by church groups in the large Mid-Western cities.

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## Action Seen On Topaz Killing

The sentry who shot to death James Hatsuaki Wakasa, 63, a resident of Topaz on April 11, has been arrested and will be court-martialed at Fort Douglas, Utah, according to the Topaz Times.

From the national WRA and the Project administration, full assurances have been made that everything possible is being done to eliminate all possibilities of future occurrences similar to the killing, it was reported.

All work stoppages were discouraged by the committee of 63 block representatives. On Monday, April 19, a public funeral was given Wakasa.

Wakasa was an instructor at an army cook's school during World War I.



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editorials

## SAGUAROS IN BLOOM

We would not know that this were spring elsewhere. The seasons here are lost in the insistence of the sun. It is either a delightful arid autumn, or an awful torrid summer that might make the most incorrigible sinner repent to seek a haven.

Winter and spring as we knew it have little meaning. We would not know that spring were here, except that the majestic saguaros (giant cacti) are in bloom.

(Well might Arizona's state flower wonder this spring at the strange intrusion of a geometrically designed city in a sage-land, for centuries uninvaded by the habitat of man.)

## AMERICA IS LIKE THAT

It could not happen in a totalitarian country, particularly in a militaristic and caste conscious Japan.

In an America, the First Lady of the land visits a relocation center where one-third of the inhabitants are citizens of an enemy nation--and without military or police escort.

But America is like that.

## 'NO' CAN BE CHANGED

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Questioned regarding the possibility of the draft of American citizens in the centers, Myer said that it was up to the War Department and whatever action Congress may take. He remarked, too, that Senator A. B. Chandler was sticking by his guns and urging draft of nisei and resettlement of the loyal.

Because of the confused state of mind of evacuees during the military registration, Myer stated that the evacuees who answered

"no" to loyalty question are being given an opportunity to change their answers. He said that the WRA office in Washington will determine upon submission of an application with reasons whether such change can be made.

Myer and Phillip Glick, WRA solicitor, came to Gila by way of Chicago, San Francisco, Tule Lake, Manzanar and Poston. He visited Loupp isolation center on his way to Washington.

## Cupid's Corn

Wedding vows were solemnized at the Rev. K. Imamura's residence Thursday, April 22, to unite Kazuko Suzuki, Compton, and Ichiro Yanagihara, Santa Maria. Close friends and the immediate family were in attendance. A quiet reception was held at mess 39 Saturday.

Etsuko Uyesaka, Santa Barbara, and Sadao Miyashiro, New York, were united in marriage Saturday April 24 in Butte. The Rev. K. Imamura officiated. Mr. and Mrs. Sanpei Goto and Mr. and Mrs. Hosoi were baishakunins. Attending the ceremony were relatives and close friends.

Ida Otono, formerly of Selma and Masato Fujimoto of Downey, were united in a Christian ceremony Sunday, April 25.

Baishakunins for the couple were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kono, and Mr. and Mrs. S. Omori. Wedding reception was held in Chapel 40 in Butte.

Chiyoko Tsukahara, formerly of Santa Barbara and presently residing in Butte, and Yoshimi Hiraoka, Del Rey, exchanged matrimonial vows at the Canal Christian Church over the week end.

A Buddhist wedding ceremony saw Hisako Uchimura, Van Nuys, and George Harada, Vacaville, become Mr. and Mrs. at Canal over the week end.

Fumiko Murakishi of Concord announced her engagement to George Uchishiba of Suisun at a tea for relatives and close friends recently in Canal.

## VITAL STATISTICS

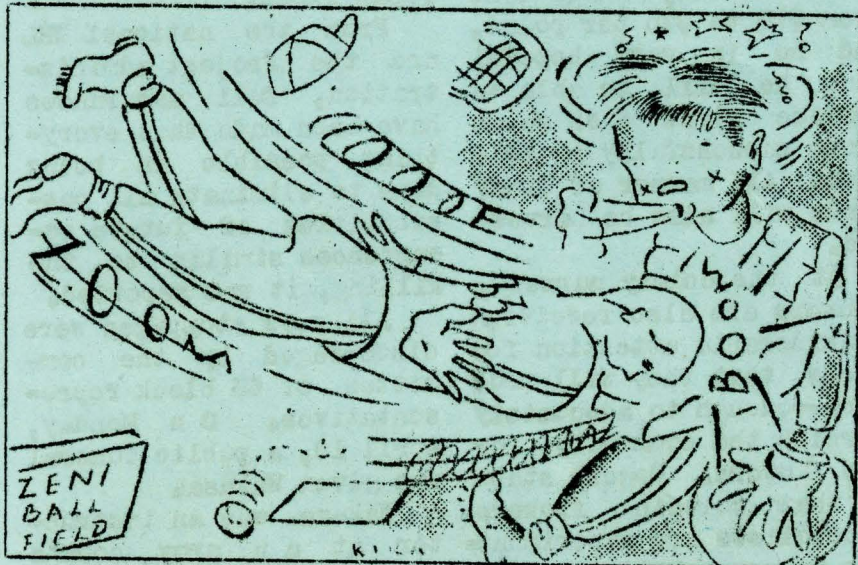
Birth April 9

To Mr. and Mrs. Earle Yusa, 72-10-D, a girl.

Death April 21

Shigezo Yamasaki, 65-10-D.

## LANI





## UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT CLAIMANTS MAY FILE APPEAL

All those persons who filed for unemployment compensation with the California Department of Employment were rejected, it was disclosed. However, residents are entitled for the right of appeal and anyone desiring action for claims are requested to contact the employment offices in Butte and Canal.

As actions for benefits must be filed within a week upon receipt of the rejection notices, evacuees are urged to obtain appeal application blanks immediately. First rejections were received on April and must be answered by the 28th.

### OVERALL COMPANY REPRESENTATIVES HERE

To interview prospective women employees for the Pella Overall Co., Pella, Iowa, two representatives of the company arrived in Rivers yesterday and are available for interviews in both communities, revealed Clara Clayman, placement officer.

Experience will not be necessary, it was said. Employees will be taught to operate power driven sewing machines.

## FIRST LADY OF USA COMMENTS ON GENERAL TOPICS AT TRIP

Comments by Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt during a press interview on topics of general interest, including the recent history making trip to Mexico by President and Mrs. Roosevelt a week ago:

"I had a chance to talk with President Camacho. I liked him very much. The trip was a part of the nation's policy to build better relations within the Americas. To create international understanding, we feel it is best to begin nearer home.

"In regards to allied relations, Madame Chiang's visit has been very good. We will have more airplanes in China by fall than we have ever had.

"In England, as compar-

## Colony Ships Tomato Plants

Thirty six hundred tomato plants from the farm nursery have been shipped to the Granada Relocation Center for transplanting, the farm reported. Another lot is scheduled to leave shortly.

### MONTANA

## U-I SUGAR CO. LOCALE TOLD

There has been a great deal of misunderstanding in this community as to location of the Utah-Idaho Sugar Co. of Montana. The area operated in, is the Milk River Valley in the North Central part of the state which covers the adjoining counties; Blaine, Phillips, and Valley. On a direct route to Chicago and Seattle the main line of the Great Northern railroad runs completely through this territory.

In reference to relocation, reaction from the people of this Montana area toward the Japanese is said to be extremely favorable.

## EASTER GREETINGS TO RESIDENTS

Easter greetings from Father Clement and the Maryknoll Chapel is extended to all residents of the Rivers colony.

"An Easter of UNDERSTANDING is our wish. There could never have been an Easter Sunday unless first there had been a sorrowful Good Friday. You are now passing through the Good Friday phase of your life but your joyful Easter Sunday will also come...In the meanwhile even NOW there can be hope through UNDERSTANDING..."

## COMING GOING

### DEPARTURES April 21

Toshio Kono for Phoenix, Arizona on seasonal leave.

Masato E. Morishima, Hitoshi Nakayama, George Hitoshi Izuno and Tom Teruzo Inouye for Zurich, Montana on seasonal leave.

David Toru Monma for Glendale, Arizona, employment.

Henry Seichi and Robert Toshiyuki Kagawa, and Ray Masayuki Nishiyama for Denver, Colo., employment.

### ARRIVALS April 21

Nancy Yukiko Suzuki and child from Boston to reside.

### VISITORS April 22

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Hirose, Robert Akamatsu, and Shinji Yamamoto from Topaz, Utah.

## SENIORS

### 13 VIE FOR MAY QUEEN TITLE

With thirteen seniors vying for the coveted May Queen crown, the lucky winner and her court will reign over the "May Time Hop" now being planned by the Butte high school juniors for the seniors Friday, May 7 at Club 41 from 8:30 p.m. Bids are set at 25 cents per couple with the social scheduled to be a sports affair.

Candidates competing for the title are Lillian Iwata, Lulu Kanebayashi, Misako Kawakami, Elsie Morita, June Moriwaki, Shag Nishijima, Minnie Sasahara, Lily Tani, Yuri Watanabe, Masako Yamaguchi, Jane Yamamoto, Taz Yamamoto, and Kuni Yamataka.



## OUTSIDE EMPLOYMENT

**Produce Managers-Chicago, Ill.** The National Tea Company, has openings for 30 produce managers in retail food stores. Experience in handling fresh fruits and vegetables required. \$25 weekly base pay for 48 hour plus one percent on all produce sales. Time and one half overtime, 53 hr. \$30 to \$40 base pay for those especially well qualified. Same setup for experienced grocery clerks except that minimum is \$21 for 48 hour week.

**Automatic Burner Company-Chicago, Ill.** Four openings: One turret lathe operator, shape external and internal cylindrical surfaces of metal objects, such as castings or forgings. Several years experience required. 85 cents per hour. Time and one half for overtime, 59 hour week.

**Toolmaker - construct, repair, maintain and calibrate machine shop tools, jigs, fixtures and instruments, operate various tools, lay out, fit and assemble parts. Wages \$1.25 per hour, time and one half for overtime, 59 hour week.**

**One engine lathe operator-shape external and internal cylindrical surfaces of metal objects with a lathe, clamps on bolts, work on spindle, shift belts or move levers to select appropriate speeds or rotation and tool feed, etc. 80 cents to 90 cents per hour, time and one half for overtime, 59 hour week.**

**Machinist assistant to assist machinist and learn operations. Industrial schooling and industrial experience required. 65 cents per hour, time and one half for overtime, 59 hour week.**

**Dishwasher-Chicago, Ill.** Dishwashing and porter work in restaurant. Kitchen experience desirable, but not required. \$25 per week and meals.

For further information on these and other jobs, please consult the Butte and Canal employment offices.

## dehydrating Gila May Get New Plant

If present plans go through, a dehydration plant will be constructed in the center, revealed David Rogers, superintendent of Farm Management.

Last week--April 17 to 23--two evacuee representatives of the farm, Harry Kamiya and Kay Nobusada, met with 40 other delegates at the Dehydration Conference held in Phoenix. Kamiya formerly had connections with a dehydrating plant in Santa Maria valley.

Should the plant be installed, Rogers said that almost all farm products with the notable exception of lettuce can be processed. He pointed out that the advantages of dehydration are: (1) dehydrated products will keep; (2) make a 10-1 difference in volume with the original product; (3) thus transportation space and costs will be materially reduced; (4) the worry about quick transportation is eliminated.

Rogers said that the bulk of dehydrated products will probably be sent to other centers.

## GAA RAFFLE

The G.A.A. sponsored raffle is scheduled for Friday, April 30 from 7:15 at the Butte amphitheatre. Originally slated to begin at 7:30, the committee advanced it fifteen minutes. Bids are still available at five cents each from any member of the G.A.A.

## FASHION SHOW SUCCESS

Promptly opening with an orchestration number by Tomio Yagura and his ensemble, Butte's first fashion show was acclaimed a grand success, as over 60 students of Aiko Okazaki's Drafting class modeled their latest creations Sunday evening at dining

Most popular among the fashions were the long torso dirndl type skirt dresses with plain, dart, or gathered sleeves. Youthful, meticulous, and as

## JUNIOR YBA TO BE FORMED

Initial steps towards the formulation of a Junior or Young Buddhist group in Butte were taken as the youthful leaders congregated at the 63 Buddhist Temple in an organization meet Sunday. With members of the Sr. YBA Council acting in an advising capacity, a temporary Jr. Council was selected. Officers Mary Nakahiro, Gary Tsudama, and Beverly Yoshimoto.

The two Councils will meet tomorrow evening at rec. 41 from 8 o'clock to complete more definite plans for the Religious Day of the National Youth Week.

## GIRL RESERVES HOLD MEET

The Girl Reserves Organization, which was recently established as a branch of the Y Working Girls Club will hold its initial meeting and election next Saturday, May 1. All high school girls who are interested are encouraged to join.

## HAPPY EASTER

Patients confined in the Canal community hospital received a pleasant surprise Sunday when the Y Working Girls entered their solitude to present each one with an Easter basket laden with candied eggs and bunnies.

This is only one of the many thoughtful gestures the Y Working Girls have to their credit to date.

refreshing as a summer breeze pinafores were also shown in soft pastels. Sophisticated white suits and dresses accentuated by matching accessories from tip of her head to the point of Milady's feet lent a metropolitan air to the show.

An appreciative audience received the issued models most heartily, who featured house and Sunday clothes. Cathleen Shimomura was commentator.



# FIREMEN UPSETS BLK 66 4 2CAC Nines End. YMBA TAKES LOOP LEAD Second Round Of Play

MAINO OKAZAKI  
SPRAINS ANKLE

Block 66 Hinodes met a heartbreaking loss last Sunday morning as the amazing Firemen of Zuke Tanaka came through with a sensational 10th inning 5-4 win.

Zuke's boys showed their best brand of all-around ball yet with brilliant flashes of flawless ball handling and dashes of good clutch hitting. Roy Nakamura's 10th frame single and Louie Hayashida's triple put in the winning run. Hinodes nicked chuckers Kuni Hisatomi and Shim Shimasaki for seven solid blows while Yoshi Shimada was touched for 11 safties, of which Zuke himself got a big share.

## PASADENA NINE DROPS GIANTS 9-4

Grabbing an early and decisive nine run margin, strong Pasadena ball club sharply defeated a hard-luck nine of Giants 9-4 last Saturday afternoon.

Pasadena took advantage of Giants' seemingly customary bad first and second inning by tallying four in the first and five in the second on a string of errors, walks and a couple of safties by Harry Oka, Shig Goto and Hide Yamanaka, who was credited with three for three.

Pasadena's Bob Toyoda went the route scattering nine bingles mostly by Ben Tsutsumi, Seirin Ikeda and Tubby Tomooka. Ben Tachihara relieved Tomooka on the hill late in the second.

## Butte 'B' Teams Open Leagues

Butte Bee Baseball leagues--the classy International League and American Association--will hold its opening tomorrow evening as Block 30 Bee and Block 31 start the International loop rolling at Zenimura Field from 6:15 and Block 64 starts American Association opening with Block 66 Hinodes Bee at Field 66 from 6:15.

Tomorrow from 6:15, Block 65 meets YMBA BEES at Zenimura Field and Independents engage Red Sox at Field 66.

Teams placed into res-

## SPORTS

### YMBA DOWNS LOMPOC 12-4

Pounding out 14 solid hits, powerful Guadalupe YMBA looked more than ever as the team to beat by smashing a hopeful Lompoc nine 12-4 last Sunday afternoon.

With practically everyone on the squad--Mas Mitani, Kei Nishino, Tom Murata, starting hurler Ted Morishita, James Tomooka and home-run hitting Mas Iriyama--getting hits aplenty, YMBA seemed to score at will off the overpowered tossing of Kiyu Matoba and youthful Hani Hayashida. Rookie Walt Inai's hard-hit triple led Lompoc's not-much batting show.

### BLOCK 28 TRIMS REDS IN 8TH 11-5

Featuring a terrific seven run rally in the final eighth canto, Ken Zenimura's hard-driving Block 28 burst forth with an astonishing 11-5 victory over the Reds of Block 30 last Sunday evening.

With everything going well for Reds' Mas Okuhara until that fateful eighth, Block 28 cut loose with five lusty bingles and couped with couple of errors and walks, came from behind to take their third straight.

Twenty-eight's Masato Kinoshita, who limited opponents to six not-too-hard blows, received good support from Sam Yamasaki, brother Min, Sab Yamada, Ken and Kenso Zenimura, who did most of 28's stick work. Red's Keizo Okuhara battled two for three.

pective leagues are: International League-Blocks 31, 28 Bees, 30 Bees, 65, 33, 72 and YMBA Bees; American Association-Block 64, 66 Bees, 63, 55, Lompoc Bees, Red Sox and Independents.

The leagues will be directed by Ken Zenimura and assisted by Seirin Ikeda.

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VIKINGS EDGE  
BLK 27 TIGERS

BY SHIG OKUNO

ACTING CANAL SPORTSWRITER

Snatching obvious defeat in the capable hands of the 27 Tigers, the Vikings emerged undefeated in the Canal Hardball circuit Sunday morning. With Minato knocked out of the box with three runs, Nakatsuka took over the mound in the 2nd and yielded four more runs to complete the 7-5 game.

Under the three hit chucking of Tom Egusa, and due to errors galore from the gradually diminishing squad of Cardinals, the potent Roughriders' aggregation clouted H. Kono's nine to a resounding 6-1 trouncing. What was predicted as being a close battle, the Vacavillans forced into a runaway game. Knocking the "pill" for five tallies in the initial inning, the Riders rode the Cards for one more in the fourth.

Ben Tanizawa's three for three hitting average brought in three for the 4th frame and the game was capped with a lone tally in the sixth, and the Norsemen walked off with another victory.

## CANAL BLOCK LEAGUES BEGINS

Realizing the important creating recreational facilities for the residents of Canal, the Girls and Boys' Recreational Director, Herky Noda, and Bob Ikeda, under the jurisdiction of George Ichimoto, formulated plans and organized a block basketball league for all ages.

## BUTTE VOLLEYBALL

Girls interested in the coming Butte Volleyball League are reminded again to see the CAS office, rec hall 51, before April 30.

## BUTTE CAS CALLS FOR LOOP ENTRIES

Butte CAS Athletics Director Yoshimi Horso Inouye has put in another call for persons interested in the coming 15 year old boys' Southwestern Softball League to inquire about team entrance and other details at CAS office, rec hall 51.



# feature section



## Prayer in No Man's Land

The story a spirit tells of the Battle of Presne'.

Gnastly light of shellfire was making shattered remnants of my makeshift shell-hole appear haunted. The moon a whitish-green palor in the sky, was glowing luridly upon the cold dead bodies of my enemies. Grotesque stumps which once were proud trees displaying arms of magnificent green now looked forlorn and took on inconceivably horrid shapes. Bluish gas eddied and rose from trenches to holes and back to the trenches again, like cold clammy fog mimicking in a nauseating manner, the spirits of the dead.

I sick, numb, and cold, attempted to comfort my one and only true buddy, who now, was breathing his last painful gasps of air. As I carressed him, held him close to me, my horribly confused brain drifted back to civilization. Home! The wonderful times we had had there. We were always together, and had wonderfully lovable times. Both of German parentage, we decided to join the U.S. army, but due to love and respect for his father, he had turned against me, and now on this cold, crisp winter's night, through fate, God granted that two enemies by cause of warring nations, should stumble upon each other's hearts once again, here in NO-MAN'S-LAND. Then my thoughts were interrupted. He was stirring again. Closing my eyes to hide hot tears, I turned my head heavenward and uttered a heartbent prayer. "Oh God, grant me surety that he will die before reinforcements come..thus will I be released from the burden of killing the one I love." With his last spark, my buddy rose at this point, and "Look out!" His body stopped the first slug that was meant for me, as I tried vainly to let them know I was not a German, but too late, the second was marked for me before I could utter a sound. Yes, he used his life that that friendship we lived for would not have been in vain. The captain of the reinforcements, still thinking I was a German, "Well, guess we got those two Deutchers. Send in the report. "Shot last two Germans in Battle of Presne'..." His voice trailed off..for there "LOOK! Look at the strange way the gas is forming. It looks almost like two humans dancing for joy. HERE in No-Man's-Land. Weird and spooky isn't it? Maybe it's those two Germans we shot, coming back to haunt us...Ha, Ha, Ha, Ha! The ironical laugh echoed and carried through the luridly cold night, --sob'n

## the desert is my home — tokiko inouye

The desert is my home; I love its suns and sands,  
I love its vastness, centuries 'sleep; it challenges,  
At night the cold stars crystallize, opalescent, clear  
I exult in their ageless eyes; their silence envelopes  
me.

And this is now my home; this, the open plains  
And endless sage beneath hot sun, the sky and sudden  
rain  
From golden dawn to red sunset, the desert beckons,  
I love its freedom, wilderness, unlimited by walls,

And this will be my home, The desert paths I'll trod,  
Far out beneath its skies and stars, I can be alone  
with God.

I believe in Scouting because of the membership it attracts..boys who have vision and courage to be leaders. They are defending what they believe is right, and filling the vacancies which are left for them. Riches, social prominence, power, nor any other like possession men strive for, will make an individual happy, but a Scout's constant effort to serve God, country, and others, all the while keeping himself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight, will bring lasting joy. Thus, brothers of scouting are willing to give time, energy, and personal possessions to make their program successful, and while doing so, they find happiness and friendship.

I believe in scouting because it demonstrates the ideals which I've just expressed. How did scouting in our community reach the present position of high esteem which it now commands?

By proving themselves capable they gradually assumed more beneficial projects and made a lasting impression of their organization in Rivers.

Members organized and carried plans out effectively, and earnestly.

By doing his part while a boy, each member leaves behind him a part of life, which he will remember with pleasure. Another reason why I believe in my scouting organization as one of outstanding and effective leadership, friendship and service is because scouting works to make brotherly cooperation the outstanding existent factor.

I believe fundamentally in man's wish to do some good to justify his existence..I believe in the attainment of an ultimate goal--a world in which we strive to perfect society and perfecting ourselves in helping others, that the dreams of our forefathers shall no longer be mere rationalization.