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1ST PLANTING STARTED AT LOCAL FARMS

The initial planting work of the truck crop program was undertaken last week as the climax to 5 months of extensive soil survey and land preparation, it was announced today by the truck crops section of the Agricultural division.

Included in the first stock of seeds received last week were corn, cabbage, tomatoes, garlic, potatoes and asparagus. The complete purchase order for over 40 varieties of vegetable seeds is expected to arrive during this month.

Under the guidance of T. Hase, who supervises general field operations, 6 different kinds of tomatoes were planted in the hot beds located in Section 11. In the latter part of May, the young tomato plants are expected to be transplanted to selected fields.

Present plans call for production which will assure the City of adequate supplies of fresh vegetables throughout the seasons.

FARMERS WANTED BY COLORADANS

Persons interested in agricultural work or share lease cropping are asked to come to Rec 4 Wednesday and Thursday during office hours for interviews with H.M. Routh, associate relocation officer for western Colorado.

Demands for labor in sugar beets, peaches and truck cropping will be heavy this season in western Colorado.

WEATHER REPORT

Max. (Sun. night) 55° F.
Min. (Mon. morn.) 30° F.
Max. (Mon. night) 65° F.
Min. (Tues. morn.) 32° F.

M.P. SENTRY ARRESTED; TO BE COURT-MARTIALED

The sentry who shot to death James Hatsuki Wakasa, 63, a resident, on Sunday night, has been arrested and will be court-martialed at Fort Douglas as the result of a military hearing held at Salt Lake City, it was announced by Assistant Project Director James F. Hughes.

Col. Wing, head of the military police in the 9th district, presided over the military hearing at Salt Lake City.

A representative of the Spanish embassy in Washington and the Spanish consul in San Francisco will come to Topaz this week end to investigate the killing of James Hatsuki Wakasa, it was announced Tuesday night. A member of the State Department is also coming here, it was added.

At a meeting of councilmen and resident representatives from each block held Monday night at 1-10-C, the following committee of 10 representatives was elected to draw up recommendations for action to be taken by the residents in the affair: Den Morozumi, Sanaye Akashi, James Hirano, Hoko Ikeda, Toshimi Ogawa, Tanaki Matsuno, Shinichiro Nomura, Sashima Itow, Aizo Takahashi and Fred Koba.

The administration previously informed the resident investigation groups that Project Director Ernst had wired from Washington a statement that the War Department has assured a complete investigation. He expressed his deep regret over the incident and stated that everything possible will be done to the

EDITORS' NOTE

The report which appeared in the special edition of the Times, Monday, April 12, was prepared by the Project administration at a hearing attended by the appointed WRA staff and representatives of the Community Council and other resident groups.

All information contained in the report was based on official preliminary information received from the Military Police. The report submitted by the administration was printed verbatim in the special edition of the Times.

and that such an incident shall never recur.

As the result of a conference between the administration and the military police Tuesday, the alert was called off and the sentries ordered not to carry extra weapons such as tommy-guns and tear bombs. The sentries, however, will still carry sidearms, which is a part of their regular equipment. It was emphasized that orders had been issued by the military police that no waving of weapons in front of the residents would be allowed.

KEEPING OF WILD ANIMALS SCORED

An alarming increase in the number of captured wild animals brought into the City for pets was scored sharply by the Community Council.

As all wild animals found here are potential carriers of the tularemia germ and parasitic insects

infected with Rocky Mountain spotted fever, the necessity of immediately disposing of all wild pets kept in the City was voiced by the councilmen.

The residents are warned to refrain from contacting any wild animal found in this area.

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EDITORIAL

CITIZENS IN WARTIME

The events which have occurred both in and out of the evacuation centers since the reopening of the United States Army to American citizens of Japanese ancestry should have made all of us particularly aware of the responsibilities of American citizenship. It must be fully realized not only by the general public but by every evacuee that when the very question of victory or defeat is at stake, any nation at war cannot tolerate slackers and fence-sitters any more than it can be expected to permit deliberately an enemy to weaken the resources of its home front.

In this age of total war, the loyalty of all the people as well as that of the men and women in uniform is measured in terms of willingness to serve. The loyal prove themselves by manifesting unqualified allegiance to their country; and in indicating their active willingness to bear the responsibilities of a fighting people, they earn the right to claim every respect and benefit due to all citizens who maintain unwavering faith in their country.

Embitterment and personal grievances, as justly founded as they actually may be, fail especially in time of war to provide valid and acceptable reasons for the denial of the responsibilities of citizenship. Any citizen--regardless of his race or creed or of his past misfortunes--who chooses to divorce himself of his burden of service simultaneously denies himself the right to share in the fruits of the victory that is certain to reward the united forces now fighting for the destruction of fascism.

Brought down from the general American picture to the situation in the 10 WRA centers, the subject bares the necessity of meeting an added task confronting the already-tried evacuees. The full significance of the recent assurance made by the Federal government that loyal evacuees are to be given broad opportunities to serve America in the present war on the battle front and in war production must be realized. This means that the process of restoring us to the normal life of the nation has been begun by the Federal government.

In re-entering the main stream of American life, we must be determined not to let our minds dwell idly on the injustices we may have been forced to endure in the past. To permit ourselves individually to slide into the stagnum of deleterious mental attitudes will incapacitate us as an entire group from

ARMY RECRUITS GET INTERVIEWS



WOTINELL ARE YOU SMILIN' ABOUT?

By PFC. ALEX YORICHI
Camp Savage, Minnesota
(Conclusion)

On the third day we had interviews. Individually we were called and given a sales talk that "we were the highest-paid soldiers in the world," and that "a part of the \$50 per month salary should be invested in War Bonds." So we all signed up to have a few dollars deducted from our monthly pay towards buying War Bonds. A few of us nisei signed up to buy an \$18.75 bond every month. Next we signed up for insurance policies from \$1000 to \$10,000 for which we also have a few dollars deducted from our pay each month.

Our last interview had to do with our educational and vocational background so that the Army would have a record of our general fitness and qualification.

Now that we were through the reception center, we were transferred to a company where we had to wait for our shipping orders. During our stay there we saw groups of a few selected rookies come into the shipping center and then leave for the many and varied Army replacement and training camps throughout the United States.

Here we came upon what is known as "K.P. duty." Every morning while we stayed there we were assigned to different details such as kitchen police, latrine orderly and fire-guard. Now we were real buck privates--U.S. Army!

attaining that rightful plane in American society which we have for so long been seeking. Although we have been confined in these evacuation centers, we as loyal Americans must face and take on our share--and more, if necessary--of the responsibilities of our citizenship.

DANIEL C. OTA

100 Openings

MALE

Cleveland, Ohio. G. & N. Manufacturing Co. 80 cents hour with time and half or work over 40 hours a week. Average work-week 54 hours. Shipping clerk.

Salt Lake City. Steel Products Co. 1 layout man, \$1.10 hour; 10 first string welders, \$1 hour; 5 second string welders, 90 cents hour; 5 welding helpers, 70 cents hour; 3 workers, 60 cents hour.

FEMALE

Chicago, Ill. W. L. Stockwell Co. \$22 week, advancement for experienced worker. Typing, general clerical, possibly shorthand if experienced. This is a good opportunity for a girl without experience but with business college training.

Cleveland, Ohio. Clerk-assistant in the catalogue dept. \$1.05 month. Duties to assist in clerical routines and some typing. 40 hours week. Candidates must be college graduates.

Gross Points Park, Mich. 2 girls, \$65 month for each girl. One of the girls to do general housework and cooking and other girl to be nurse-maid. Large room, twin beds, tile bathroom and shower.

MALE or FEMALE

Cleveland, Ohio. American Textile Products Co. Employer willing to teach accepted candidate how to operate a mop-making machine. Work pays 60 cents hour. 52 hours week.

MALE or COUPLE

Bremen, Indiana. \$100 month, no maintenance. Man to serve as general handyman for home and office and care for grounds with fruit trees. If married man, can guarantee work for the wife by the day.

FEMALE or COUPLE

Winnetka, Ill. \$115 month starting salary for couple, \$18 week for girl. General housework, cooking and serving. Every Thursday and 2 Sundays a month off. Private room and bath.

COUPLE

Chicago, Ill. Henrotin Hospital. \$125 month with room but no meals. Man for janitor work, wife as maid.

STAY RESETTLED. MYER ADVISES

Those who leave the relocation centers on indefinite leave should do so with the intention of staying permanently relocated, it was stressed today by Dillon S. Myer, national WRA director at Washington.

Every effort will be made to aid relocated evacuees in case they run into financial difficulties, unemployment or illness.

However, under adverse circumstances, if all resources have been exhausted, such evacuees will be readmitted into a relocation center, Myer added.

The policy of the War Relocation Authority is to encourage residents of the centers to accept fair employment opportunities and return as rapidly as possible to normal life in American communities it was pointed out. Employment opportunities outside the centers take precedence over all project needs and the following measures have been taken to assist evacuees to establish themselves outside the centers.

(1) Relocation offices have been established throughout the country to develop relocation opportunities and explain the program to the public.

(2) WRA provides transportation and initial subsistence expenses to evacuees receiving indefinite leave and reading such as—

Identification Cards Needed To Get Checks

Resident identification cards, identifying the owner by individual signature and description, will be the sole instrument acceptable to effect the release of checks to payees at the cashier's window of the Topaz Pay Station, it was disclosed today by Assistant Project Director James F. Hughes.

It was further emphasized that the signature of the payees will be carefully compared with that appearing on the identification card at the time of check release to insure against any possible errors in regard to improper recipients of checks.

sistence.

(3) Federal funds are available through the Social Security Board and affiliated local public welfare agencies for emergency assistance to evacuees who may, through illness or other misfortune, need help after relocation.

(4) The United States Employment Service, as well as WRA relocation offices, will assist evacuees on indefinite leave to find employment.

With the above provisions in effect, and in view of the abundant employment opportunities at the present time, it is believed that there will rarely be genuine need for evacuees to return to the projects after having once obtained indefinite leave.

This policy does not mean, however, that centers will be absolutely closed to any evacuee who has received indefinite leave. Brief visits will be permitted upon application to the project director. Applications to visit Tule Lake or Manzanar must be approved by the Western Defense Command, since visits to those projects involve travel through prohibited military areas. If a situation should arise wherein an evacuee on indefinite leave finds it impossible to maintain employment or residence outside the relocation center, he may apply in writing to the nearest relocation officer for permission to return to a center as a resident. His application will be carefully investigated and every effort will be made to enable him to remain on indefinite leave. As a last resort and if circumstances of the particular case warrant, the evacuee will be readmitted to a relocation center.

RAWLINSON NEW ASSISTANT FARM SUPERINTENDENT

The recent appointment of Claude Rawlinson to the position of assistant farm superintendent over the Topaz farm project was revealed today by Roscoe E. Bell, chief of the Agricultural division.

Specializing in land development techniques and maintenance of equipment, Rawlinson will have charge of land preparation, farm implements and machinery.

He has long experience in this line of work in Utah and California with the Grazing Service of the Department of Interior.

DEADLINE FOR SOFTBALL TEAMS WEDNESDAY

All softball teams desiring to enter the Topaz Softball League were urgently requested today to hand in their rosters and 10-cent entry fees at Rec 3 by Wednesday noon, which is the deadline. No entries will be accepted after this date, it was emphasized.

Golf and tennis enthusiasts are asked to sign up for their membership cards at Rec 3, it was added.

New Schedule Set for Bridge Tournaments

A change in the schedule of the bridge tournaments was announced today by the bridge committee as follows:

Major tournament--Friday, 7:30 PM; Sunday, 2:30 PM.

Advanced tournament--Wednesday, 7:30 PM.

Kenji Baba is now the regular bridge instructor and will give lessons at Rec 1 to all those interested in learning how to play bridge.

The teams of Mrs. Leslie Yamamoto-Kenji Baba and Frank Ogawa-Yasuo Abiko tied for first place in the first major tournament held at Rec 1 Sunday night. Tokuji Hedani and Lincoln Tokunaga took third place.

AGRICULTURAL PROGRAM PLANNED FOR SUMMER

Guided by a soil survey conducted jointly with the Soil Conservation Service and the Utah State Agricultural College, the Project is planning an extended agricultural program this summer on the 18,840-acre area, it was announced today.

Roscoe E. Bell, chief of the Agricultural division, said present plans call for 700 acres of vegetables to be used for food at the Center, 80 acres of corn, 700 acres of grain, and approximately 2,000 acres of alfalfa for hay and seed.

A livestock program to provide meat for the Center calls for enlargement of the present herd of 400 hogs to a projected output of 4,000 head per year, and purchase of 500 to 600 head of cattle next fall to fill out a present beef cattle herd of 200 head.

Vegetable production, to include all common vegetables with a special emphasis on tomatoes, cabbage, cauliflower and root crops, will be concentrated on 1500 acres of Class II land and some Class III land, which can be made suitable for production of truck crops by leveling or by additional drainage and removal of alkali salts. The survey shows that there is no Class I land in the Project area.

The Class II lands, comprising 7.97 per cent of the Project, require simple soil building and conservation practices such as application of barnyard and green manures.

The Class III lands of 4,408 acres are heavy textured, particularly adaptable to production of alfalfa and alfalfa seed, the report indicates. Two thousand acres of this land are to be utilized for alfalfa production, Bell reported.

A total of 9,630 acres or 51.11 per cent of the total land in the Project, falls in Class IV, best adapted to irrigated pasture if seeded to alkali-tolerant pasture mixtures. The remaining 3,302 acres or 17.52 per cent of the land are in Class VII and considered useable only as

grazing land.

Livestock production is expected to be excellent, because of combination of a large acreage of grazing and pasture lands and alfalfa production.

Production of vegetable crops hinges on weather conditions, which, in this area adjoining the Sevier Desert, are uncertain. The soil survey report mentions that "the climate is typical of Utah deserts and is characterized by wide fluctuations in daily temperature, low precipitation, high evaporation rates and extended periods of windy weather."

"Some crop failures and low yields have been attributed to the high drying wind," the soil survey report concludes.

Despite this, the Center plans call for most varieties of common vegetables as well as cantaloupes and watermelons, not only for summer needs, but for storage for winter use.

"Storage facilities are planned and work is being started at the present time to see if we can develop canning facilities for handling the surplus crops, tomatoes especially," Bell said.

"It is hoped that the project will produce food in sufficient quantities to make it as nearly self-supporting as possible in respect to both vegetables, potatoes, meat and poultry products," was an added observation by Project Director Charles F. Ernst.

"An intensive training program is in progress whereby city-bred high school youths and women will be used on the Project farm this summer to replace men who are going into the armed forces and who are leaving the Project for outside employment on farms and in war industries," he stated.

GIRLS AID IN TRUCK CROPS ACTIVITIES

A new practice for girls' agriculture students was instituted recently in the Topaz City High School vocational agriculture classes, it was revealed by Alden S. Adams, agricultural instructor.

For the past week girls interested in the many phases of farming have been commuting to the farm area every afternoon including Saturdays and assisting with the Truck Crops section. Current work is confined to brush clearing, preparation of seed beds, conditioning irrigation canals, and propagating plant work. However, with the approach of the growing season, farm work activities will be enlarged considerably.

Roscoe Bell, chief of the Agricultural division, highly commended the girls for their invaluable aid in the food production program. He pointed out that with farm workers decreasing daily through the process of resettlement the girls will play an important role on the Project farm this year.

At the present time the following girls are participating in this training course: Tomiko Hase, Oki Hashimoto, Amy Hosoda, Kaoru Kawahata, Masu Komatsu, Miya Nagata, Marian Nishimura, Ruby Sato, Chiyo Sonoda and Ruth Iseyama.

Midweek Service To Feature Cross

The Midweek Bible Circle of the Protestant Church, in adhering to its series of messages relevant to the crucifixion of Christ on the cross, will feature Rev. J. Tsukamoto, who will speak on "The Cross," during the devotional period. Elizabeth Nemoto will be the chairman of the worship, which will be held Wednesday night at 32-12-C from 7:30 o'clock.

Rev. Shimada will continue his lectures, which began last Wednesday, on

KAYE UYEDA SENDS MESSAGE TO TOPAZANS

Miss Kaye C. Uyeda, secretary to Harold Fister in the Cleveland office of the WRA, sent the following communication to Topaz yesterday:

"I have started to work in the WRA office here in Cleveland. This office is more or less an employment office for the people in the Center. I don't suppose the people in Topaz will ever realize how hard this office works to help in getting them relocated...

"I get lonely sometimes, but now that I have been asked to speak before different groups about Topaz life, I hope it will fill my time so I won't always be thinking about and longing for my friends."

Miss Uyeda, who left in March, was secretary to George Reed, cost accountant, while in the Project.

FELLOWSHIP MAKES BANQUET CARDS

Eighty place cards made by the Topaz Inter-collegiate Fellowship were sent to the University of California YWCA for their international banquet on Saturday, April 16, according to Miss Kay Yamashita, chairman.

The student group had been solicited to aid in the making of the cards as their contribution to the international banquet of the University YWCA.

It was pointed out that contacts are being maintained with other student and Christian associations also.

APRIL NUPTIALS REVEALED TODAY

Married in Fillmore last Friday, Mr. and Mrs. George Yoshimoto established their new residence at 33-5-B, it was disclosed today.

Mrs. Yoshimoto, nee Michiko Mabuchi, was formerly from El Cerrito, California. Yoshimoto was from San Francisco.

the Book of Revelations following the devotional.

CONFERENCE IN DENVER COMPLETED

Outstanding educators in the country and WRA officials attended the Denver conference of WRA superintendents of education from April 5 to 9, it was learned from Superintendent LeGrand Noble, who represented Topaz.

The importance of using available facilities within the relocation centers to fit students for vocational and other training to supplement the shortage of textbooks and educational equipment was stressed. Problems such as difficulties in shortages of instructors in all centers due to the relocation program of resident teaching personnel was also discussed.

Among the key speakers at the meeting were William L. Wrinkle, director of field service at the Colorado College and John H. Province, WRA chief of community services.

Leavees

INDEFINITE: The following are indefinite leavees issued since April 5: William Ogo, Shizuo Hayashi, and Jack Mizono, Salt Lake City; Amy Kishii, Minneapolis, Minn.; Misao and Kazuko Okada, Denver, Colo.; Mary Imachi, Fort Custer, Mich.; Henri Takahashi, Fairview.

GROUP WORK: The following persons left the Center for seasonal work in various parts of Utah: Henry Endo, Sutherland; Joe and Larry Tanaka, Lehi; Roy Hashimura, Shigeo Takai, Robert Mizono, Jack Morita, Arthur Kaku, Eichi Tsuchida, Toshiharu Okada, Sensuske Ura and Paul Tomimaga, Salt Lake City; Nobuo Kitagaki, Richard Harada and Minoru Ikeda, Delta; Tomove Takahashi, Fairview; and Kiyosuke Nomura, Fort Collins, Colo.

STUDENT LEAVES: The following students left to continue their education: Gwendolyn and Jean Yo Ino, Beaver College, Jenkintown, Pennsylvania.

赤十字新聞

赤十字社支部設置

當トバズ市の赤十字社支部は、不時の出来事や災害等の慈善事業の爲めに使用されるものとして、而して若今週月曜日から寄附の爲めである。而して若金募集運動を起す事し、全国的戦時救済費とあつた。運動委員に寄附せんとする人長熊田開教師及び書人、其の寄附金は赤十字記つて、米産の發表、其の寄附金は赤十字する所によれば、全市社本部に送附されるに涉つて、十人の特べし。

別募集委員が本尚ほ近き将来に於て週中各戸訪問して寄附市赤十字社支部に附金募集する事には、應急手當及び營養費の爲め、赤十字社研究課を設置する計のメンバースhip、一畫が進められつゝある。而して又日系米志家の寄附金何程で、人戦闘部隊志願兵達も隨意である。尤も、の爲めに慰問募集集金、回募集する基金、の計畫されて居る。は全部當トバズ市に

ヤン店員不足

補充方一般の協力求む
今後毎日曜日閉店に直面

昨今青年男女の外部、現在の店員を毎週日向ふ者著増し、常時曜日を休ましめ、住所も人的資源の不要あり、従つて今後不足を来し、キヤンテ毎日曜キヤンティンに於て此影響がは、閉店せざるを得ざるに於て、此に至つた。不自由を招来するこので消費組合では、今回全市に呼びかけて、店員補充の助力を乞ふことになつた。即ち店員として就職の可能者ある者を一般から推薦して貰ひたいと云ふのである。若し本週内に店員を補充し得ざる時は、現正勤務中の店員は無休で働かねばならぬことになり、氣の毒な事態に直面するので、是非今週中に店員補充不可能となれば、来る十八日の日曜から、バグを要求せぬ様希望してゐる。

ペーパーバッグ極めて品薄

買物を入れるペーパーバッグは極めて品薄な状態にあるので、各店で買物した場合は、僅少な品物を入れた袋を要求せぬ様希望してゐる。

望してゐる

果物類の仕入れ

奴力を注中

昨今では新鮮なオレシゲアツプル類を仕入れることが困難となつたが、消費組合では、全力を挙げて仕入れに努めてゐる。

ケチヤップ買ひに容れ物必要

目下キヤンティンでは、トメト、ケチヤップを賣り出してゐるが、計り賣りになつてゐる。是非購入希望者は、是非容れ物を持つて来て欲しい。

三月迄の割戻しスリッ

十四日後は無効

消費組合では、三月末迄の買物スリップに受付けを去る土曜日の先般のアンサーを以つて締切つたが、

決算帳簿の整理上次改めた、方或は自分面の決算期には三月末迄の物は受付けを絶対拒絶し無効とする方針である。若し今週三月三十一日迄の買物スリップを所有してゐる向きがあるならば、来る十四日迄で猶豫期間を与へ受附けることになつてゐるから、間違ひなく納入して欲しい。

婦人連に對し特に登録に關し注意

當市在任の或る婦女子は、先達ての登録の際改訂されたる諸問答第八項に關し誤解の爲め、彼等自身の夫や両親と異つた部類に編入される様を返答してゐる。爲め、甚だ不利であるが、故に當局では、若し自分の先般のアンサーを

婚約式

田中敬太君
仁田坂エカ嬢

當市第三十一區在住
田中俊一氏令息敬太君は、今週矢野八郎、塩路勝藏、細田徳一、三夫婦の媒介により、アリゾナ州ヒラ轉任所、在任仁田坂豐太氏令嬢エカ嬢と、婚約成立する。去る十一日午前十一時トバズ佛教師會に於て、眞田開教師司式の下に、友人多数來会下に、婚約式を挙げて、黃道吉日を定めて、近々結婚式を挙げる予定。

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WOMEN AND REGISTRATION
MARRIAGE NOTICE

華府西班牙大使館員
桑港西班牙領事
華府國務省部員
近々當市出張

充分な補ふ意味で出来得る限り実地講習金の如きを利用して將來在任者が外部就職に際して必要なる技術の養成訓練を行ふ必要性が議論された。

亦適當人材の外部轉任から生ずる教師缺員に關する事項も席上問題化されたとの事である。

尚デンバー会谈にはトパーズ市よりの代表者として学務課監督ノーブル氏出席された。

結婚 ⑥

元桑港の吉永デヨド氏とエルセリトの奥洲ミチ子嬢は先週金曜日の早市に就日出度く結婚されたが新妻の居室は三月五日である。

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