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MORALE MEETING SET BY COUNCIL

To discuss methods for promoting better understanding and co-operation, the Community Council has called a meeting of evacuee department heads at 1-10-BC from 2:30 PM today.

According to Saiki Muneno, acting chairman, the Community Council has "decided to set forth a program to improve working habits and lack of interest toward internal project operation."

Also on the agenda is an address by Assistant Project Director James F. Hughes on plans for the establishment of a manpower priorities system for the Center.

NEWS BRIEFS

COMPOSITION COURSE: the first meeting of the English composition class will be held Thursday from 7:15 PM at 32-2-EF.

WANTED: A cashier for the Block 41 barber shop is wanted by the Co-op. Those interested should apply at Rec 26.

CO-OP NEWS: The initial issue of the Co-op News, a single-sheet mimeographed newspaper featuring co-op items, appeared last Thursday. The editorial board consists of R. Mayeyama, S. Yamate, Toby Ogawa and W. Honderich.

MID-WEEK BIBLE CIRCLE: Reverend E. Suehiro will give a devotional talk for this week's Bible Circle, to be held from 7:30 PM at 32-12-C.

PTA PROGRAM: The PTA will present a diversified program on Friday evening, May 28, at the high school auditorium.

Featured are talks on "Teachers in Our School" and musical numbers.

BUYING TRIP: Dave Tatsuno and Tad Fujita left the City last week for a 2-week co-op buying trip to Chicago and St. Louis.

RELOCATION FORUM FOR RESETTLERS SCHEDULED

A series of forums orienting residents to conditions outside will be conducted by the relocation committee, under the Community Services division.

The first forum, under moderator Shozo Tsuchida and with featured speakers Miss Marii Kyogoku and Henry Tani, will be held this Thursday from 7:30 PM in Dining Hall 32.

Miss Kyogoku will cover such phases as rationing, housing, transportation ethics and procedures, personal appearance and conduct, and war feeling. Tani will

MISSOURI WRA AGENT ARRIVES

Mrs. Katherine Luplau of the Kansas City, Mo., relocation office, arrived here yesterday for a 2-week stay to interview persons interested in relocating in Missouri, East Kansas, Iowa, Nebraska and South Dakota.

Mrs. Luplau said, "Community acceptance of evacuees is favorable, but the major obstacle is the lack of housing. However, 2 hostels are being established. One, for men, opened on May 24, and another, for women, will be ready about the first of June."

Photo Service

A photo service will be added to the Co-op soon under Kinji Utsumi. Operations have begun in a darkroom at the Ad canteen on the high school annual.

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN CALLS FOR 300 WORKERS

The University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, Michigan, is seeking the services of a large number of workers to fill positions at the University.

Positions are open for one technician to handle a blood bank, 3 registered nurses, and about 250 to 300 unskilled workers, of whom about 120 are wanted for the University hospital. The majority of these are for kitchen workers, women pressers and hand-workers for the laundry,

assimilation techniques, emphasizing recreation, religious activities, labor organizations, evacuation background and job ethics.

Residents leaving the Center after June 7 for resettlement must attend at least one of this series of forums before receiving their leave clearance, according to Laverne C. Bane, chairman of the relocation committee.

21 LEAVE CENTER FOR PROVO CAMP

Twenty-one residents left the Center for Provo, Utah, where they will work as farm hands.

Provided transportation in an open truck, this work corps will be joined there by 6 others, and will comprise the first group to live in the newly-constructed FSA camp.

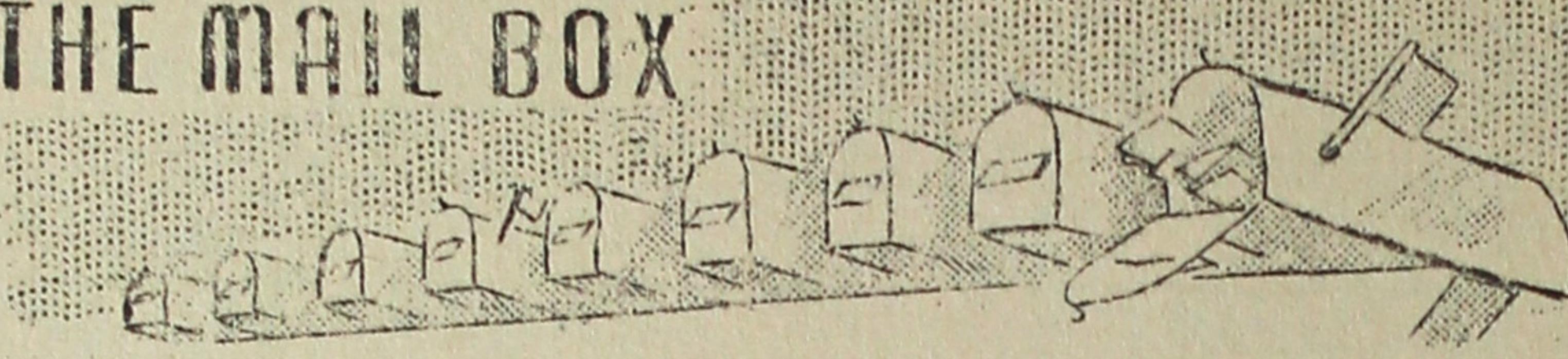
Only one couple was included among the 21, the rest being males.

and men wall and window washers.

Francis S. Shiel and John Wesch, representing the university, interviewed about 50 applicants yesterday and signed up about 15, who will leave as soon as their leave clearances are approved.

Shiel and Wesch left here this afternoon for the Minidoka center, but any others who wish to apply for the jobs may do so at the relocation office at Rec 4.

THE MAIL BOX



There are about two thousand nisei in Chicago already and the number is increasing every day. No Japanese town here yet, and I hope there never will be one. There are more work for girls than boys here.

Since I was running short on cash paying a dollar a day for a room, I looked high and low for 4 days and finally found a nice room for \$13 a month. The trouble is--most of the places don't want Japanese.

The local USES tried to help me find a linotype operating job by contacting a couple of printers and I

called up a couple more but it was no dice. I have to be an union man to get any kind of such work in Chicago. Printing places are still afraid to take the chance of hiring nisei.

The USES found me a job in a candy factory at 60 cents an hour, 6 days a week for a 9-hour day. I'll get time and a half for overtime so I'll be making \$6.60 a day.

I guess when it comes to jobs and rooms, the Japanese have the toughest time finding them because there are no Japanese hotels in Chicago (as far as I know) and of course there are no Japanese companies hiring nisei.

We're competing against white Americans and negroes and it's a tough scrap. Even the negroes are getting better breaks than the Japanese because they're trusted more. There are all kinds of jobs advertised in the papers for negroes, but 90% of the American companies won't hire nisei. A few companies will hire us but they've just got about all they could handle. Most of them already have between 10 to 20 nisei on the payroll and hesitate to take on any more because (as one superintendent told me) a group of nisei are very conspicuous in any plant.

Iwao Kawakami
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Chicago, Ill.

Arrived in Washington, D. C., at 6:30 AM and there was nobody to meet me. Oh, I got homesick right there and then. Katherine came running over 10 minutes later and Ken got off the bus 20 minutes later. They were surprised to find the train was on time.

I live in a single room (furnished not so nicely) for \$5 per week in a small red brick 3-story rooming house. The room had been repainted white, had one window which won't open, the smallest closet ever, one bureau, a little table, one light, chair and bed and a linoleum floor. The landlady makes my bed and cleans my room every morning. I have to eat out every meal but it will be a novelty for a while. Food prices are very reasonable if one finds the right places.

Am giving 10% for war bonds. Made a budget, but don't know how long I will be able to stick to it.

I will be secretary to the engineering division under Mr. Powers, a swell fellow. I have an office all to myself and I stay in there all day. I'm really beginning to miss Alice and Mary and all the gang who made it so much fun in P.W.

Mary Kawata
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Washington, D.C.

DESERT Echoes

Ernie, the energetic agitator, has finally left town. He's in Chicago now, and we'd like to think that he's taking the boys in Chi to the cleaners in poker and bridge with as much success and aplomb as he showed while he was in the City.

While Ernie was a sharp and sagacious bridge player, he was always a money player--cashing in when the chips were down. But one afternoon, as he was fond of telling, the chips fell too well for him, and, paradoxically enough, he was so lucky that he was unlucky.

The game was 7-card stud, and Ernie's hole cards were a pair of deuces. The start was auspicious, and the cards continued sweet. On top of the hidden double deuces fell a deuce, a queen, and the fourth deuce, completing Ernie's four-of-a-kind, a potent combination in any man's language.

But his vision of raking in the chips on a beautifully concealed quadruplet quickly faded away, for the next two cards that fell his way were both queens, completing a full house on board. With the result, of course, that the other boys quietly and quickly folded up.

For once, the cards had been so good as to be too good.

BUGS, ETC.

According to a bug book that we've seen recently, the female horsefly is a blood-sucker while the male doesn't bite. Any comments?

EVER HEAR THIS?

This one's second hand with us, so don't blame us for it:

Q. Why are a soldier, rooster, and an old maid alike?

A. The soldier sings Yankee-doodle-doo, the rooster crows cock-a-doodle-doo; while the old maid sighs, any-doodle-doo!

QUERY

Are you a misologist, a misoneist, or, perchance, a misocapnist?

WARREN WATANABE

legal aid...

Advice and assistance in the making of wills is but one of many services the office of the project attorney is rendering to residents of Topaz.

While the statutes of the several states provide for the disposition of property of a deceased, in many cases the owner of the property may have other wishes which can be carried out only by a will. In case of citizens owning real property there is the possibility that laws restricting the ownership of land will prevent the operation of the statutes of succession, as for example where alien parents would be heirs under the law. In such a case a will is highly desirable.

In case of a volunteer leaving for the army, a will offers a simple method of making sure of the desired disposition of property.

A will is a simple matter but needs to be executed in accordance with law to be effective. The staff of the project attorney's office will render such assistance without cost to the resident. Their office is located in the former Public Works building, and is available to all residents desiring this, or other, legal services.

AT-HOME STUDENTS TO GET SCHOOLING

To provide academic instruction for children confined in homes or the hospital because of illness or other physical disabilities, a home student service was started recently in the Project, it was reported today.

Miss Yasuko Kusunoki, 5th grade teacher at the Mountain View school has been assigned to this activity on a full-time basis

WEATHER REPORT

Max. (Fri.night)	75°	F.
Min. (Sat.morn.)	39°	F.
Max. (Sat.night)	75°	F.
Min. (Sun.morn.)	47°	F.
Max. (Sun.night)	79°	F.
Min. (Mon.morn.)	47°	F.

HOSPITAL ISSUES NEW REGULATIONS

Beginning May 24, block nurses will no longer issue doctor's certificates.

According to Dr. J. A. Simpson, chief medical officer, the Public health department had been authorized to issue certificates during the influenza epidemic to cut down the number of patients examined at the Center clinic.

Henceforth, residents must be examined by a doctor at the clinic before they may receive a doctor's certificate.

TOKUNAGA-YAMAUCHI TROTTER ANNOUNCED

The engagement of Helen Kimi Tokunaga to Dr. Paul Kazu Yamauchi, 11-9-D, was announced on May 22 by Mr. and Mrs. K. Tokunaga, 12-3-B, formerly of San Jose, Calif.

Miss Tokunaga is a registered nurse and Dr. Yamauchi, a graduate of the University of California, is a physician at the Center hospital.

CS AGENT TO RETURN SOON

Robert D. Simpson, Salt Lake Civil Service Commission representative, who recently supervised civil service tests in Topaz, will return to the City as soon as there is a sufficient number of applicants to justify his return.

Candidates for these examinations should submit their names to C. O. Sorenson, personnel officer, at Administration Building A.

CAMPBELL NAMED PLACEMENT HEAD

William J. Campbell, formerly the manager of the USES in Ogden, is the successor to James M. Jennings as chief of placement here, it was reported today. His WRA appointment was effective last Monday, May 17.

Campbell indicated that he has had past associations with the Japanese in America, having worked among approximately 500 Japanese when he was personnel officer for the Utah Copper Company.

New Openings

GLASS BLOWER--Springfield, Ill. Must be able to build and repair precise glass apparatus. \$2000 per year. (650)

CHEMICAL ENGINEER--Same location. Must have a degree and some experience. \$2000 per year. (650)

GENERAL MEDICAL TECHNICIAN, FEMALE--Must have 2 or more years experience as a doctor's attendant or clinical laboratory. (650)

POULTRY MEN--MALE--Detroit, Mich. To dress poultry. 22-35 years of age, US citizen, physically fit. \$1 per hour for experienced men. 70¢ per hour for inexperienced men to start. Time and a half for overtime. (651)

3 MALE WHOLESALE FISH DEALERS--Detroit, Mich. Processing, scaling and dressing fish. 22-35 years of age, US citizen, physically fit. Time and a half for overtime. \$15 per week

and up for experienced men. \$35 per week for inexperienced men. Time and a half for overtime. (652)

WHOLESALE FISH DEALERS, MALE--Detroit, Mich. Trucking of meat and fish. 22-35 years of age, US citizen, physically fit. \$35 to \$45 per week; time and a half for overtime. (655)

BASKET MAKERS-FEMALE--Cleveland, Ohio. Run simple basket machines and making baskets by hand. 40¢ per hour to start, time and a half for overtime. As they become experienced, they will go on a piece work basis and can average 65¢ to 75¢ per hour. Room and board. (654)

RESTAURANT WORK, MALE--Chicago, Ill. One counter-man and one miscellaneous kitchen worker. Experience not required but will be helpful. \$20 to \$30 per week depending on experience, plus meals. (684)

BLOCKS 16, 11, WIN GAMES

STARDUSTERS TIE FOR LEAD

Lambasting John Oshida for 6 solid bingles and 8 runs in the 6th canto, the Block 11 Stardusters dumped the hitherto undefeated Block 19 pacesetters, 18-15 Sunday to tie for the National League lead.

Paced by the heavy hitting of 3rd-sacker Sos Iwasa who clubbed two home runs and a double, knocking in 5 runs, the Stardusters came from behind to thump the slugging but erratic Block 19 team.

Block 19 started with a 7-run gift lead in the 1st inning when they scored all their runs on 3 hits and 6 walks, holding on to their dwindling lead until the ruinous 6th when they committed 3 costly errors and were nicked for 2 doubles, a walk and 4 singles for 8 runs.

Besides Iwasa, chucker Pete Kashima, Sab Hori and Hiro Kuwada lad the Block 11 batters. Jinx Kono and Jackson Shimokusu, who both collected homers, Sam Yamamoto, Bob Takefuji and Yosh Amino headed the Blk. 19 hitters.

Winning hurler Pete Ka-

INDUSTRIAL A CLUBS OUT TO DETHRONE ARCHITECTS

Six tens in the Industrial A softball loop will be gunning for the Architects when the 2nd round begins Wednesday evening.

The up and coming Administration ball-hawks who walloped the third place Block Managers last week will be the first team to tackle the Architects.

Following is the second round schedule of games to be played at 6:30 PM:

Wednesday - May 26
Teams Diamond
Adm. vs Arch. #15
Elec. vs Int. Sec. #21
Education vs Blk. Mgr. #21
Project Warehouse bye

Friday - May 28
Int. Sec. vs Arch. #21
Electrician vs Adm. #15
Education vs Proj. Whse. #21
Block Manager bye

Wednesday - June 2

SPORTS PARADE

37 BLOWS LEAD GAME TO 16 IN CRUCIAL CONTEST

LARGE CROWD SEES NET CLUB MATCHES

Over 300 spectators attended the local tennis club's debut Sunday.

Nebo Shimura defeated Shuichi Miho in the feature singles match, 6-1, 6-2. Hisayo Wakamatsu and Lorraine Yamate downed Mrs. Shuichi Miho and Mrs. Lessie Yamamoto, 6-2. Nebo Shimura and Mark Bando defeated Hisayo Wakamatsu and Hi Bando, 6-2, while Hi Bando nosed out brother Mark, 6-4.

Shima was replaced by his brother, Hid, in the 7th after the game was on ice. Sock Yoshida caught for both brothers. John Oshida pitched brilliantly for the losers aided by Bob Takefuji behind the plate.

BOX SCORE

Block Teams	P. H. E.
#19 -- 710 031 3	15 15 13
#11 -- 113 148 X	18 14 4

Scoring 6 times in the wild 4th inning, the powerful Block 16 horsehideers trounced the Block 37 ten Saturday, 12-7, before the largest crowd to attend a Topaz softball tilt, gaining undisputed lead of the American League.

Block 37's defense crumbled in the 4th, allowing Block 16 to score 6 runs on one hit. In the sixth, Block 16 pounced on the offerings of Kiyoshi Hataye for 4 safeties and four runs to clinch the game.

Pitcher Jimmy Honda of Block 16 was in trouble in the 2nd and 5th frames. He was hit for 3 and 4 runs respectively, but held the losers to five scattered hits.

James Kataoka, Jimmy Honda, Tosh Ikeda and Hiss Kataoka were the big guns for the victors, with Jimmy Honda and Tosh Ikeda forming the battery. The losing chucker was Kiyoshi Hataye aided by Shig Nakayama catching behind the plate.

BOX SCORE

Block Teams	R. H.
#37 -- 030 040 0	7 5
#16 -- 011 604 X	12 11

INDUSTRIAL LEAGUES

	"AA"		
Team	W	L	Pct.
Hospital	6	0	1.000
Commissary	6	1	.857
Delta Mill	3	1	.750
Oilers	3	3	.500
Co-op	2	5	.286
Proj. Whse.	2	5	.286
CAS	2	5	.286
Post Office	1	5	.167

	"A"		
Team	W	L	Pct.
Architects	7	0	1.000
Electricians	5	2	.714
Blk. Mgrs.	4	2	.667
Education	3	3	.500
Proj. Whse.	2	2	.500
Adm.	3	4	.428
Int. Sec.	0	5	.000
Garage	0	6	.000

Team mentioned first will be the home team.

More Questions, Answers On Relocation

(Continued from last week)

39. What are the functions of the WRA Field Offices?

A. The WRA Field Offices determine community sentiment, employment and relocation opportunities, housing conditions, labor organization acceptance, preservation of law and order, and all other pertinent information relative to permanent resettlement.

40. Can residents have their personal and household goods sent to the point of resettlement at Government expense?

A. Residents leaving Topaz on an indefinite leave may have personal property on the Project up to 500 pounds shipped to their destination at Government expense. The WRA also provides for one movement of an unlimited amount of personal and household property which is stored privately or in government warehouses on the coast to any relocation point.

41. What precautionary measures are provided for residents after relocation in case of financial difficulty?

A. A joint agreement between the WRA and the Social Security Board provides that relocators in need of assistance can apply for such at the Welfare Agency in the community in which they are relocated.

42. Would the Leave office recommend that a course on "Preparation for Leaving the Project" be required for all residents who apply for indefinite leaves?

A. The relocation forums will commence next Thursday at Dining Hall 32.

43. What steps have been taken to provide proper housing for relocators?

A. Relocation Officers thoroughly check on housing conditions and do not recommend a job offer unless provision for adequate housing has been made. Hostels set up by the Friends Society and other church groups are providing some temporary housing for relocators entering the larger cities, and the FHA has opened its room-register plan to WRA.

44. What are the general salary levels received by the people who are going out to work?

A. This depends on the job and community. The WRA Field Offices investigate and see that the prevailing wage scales govern.

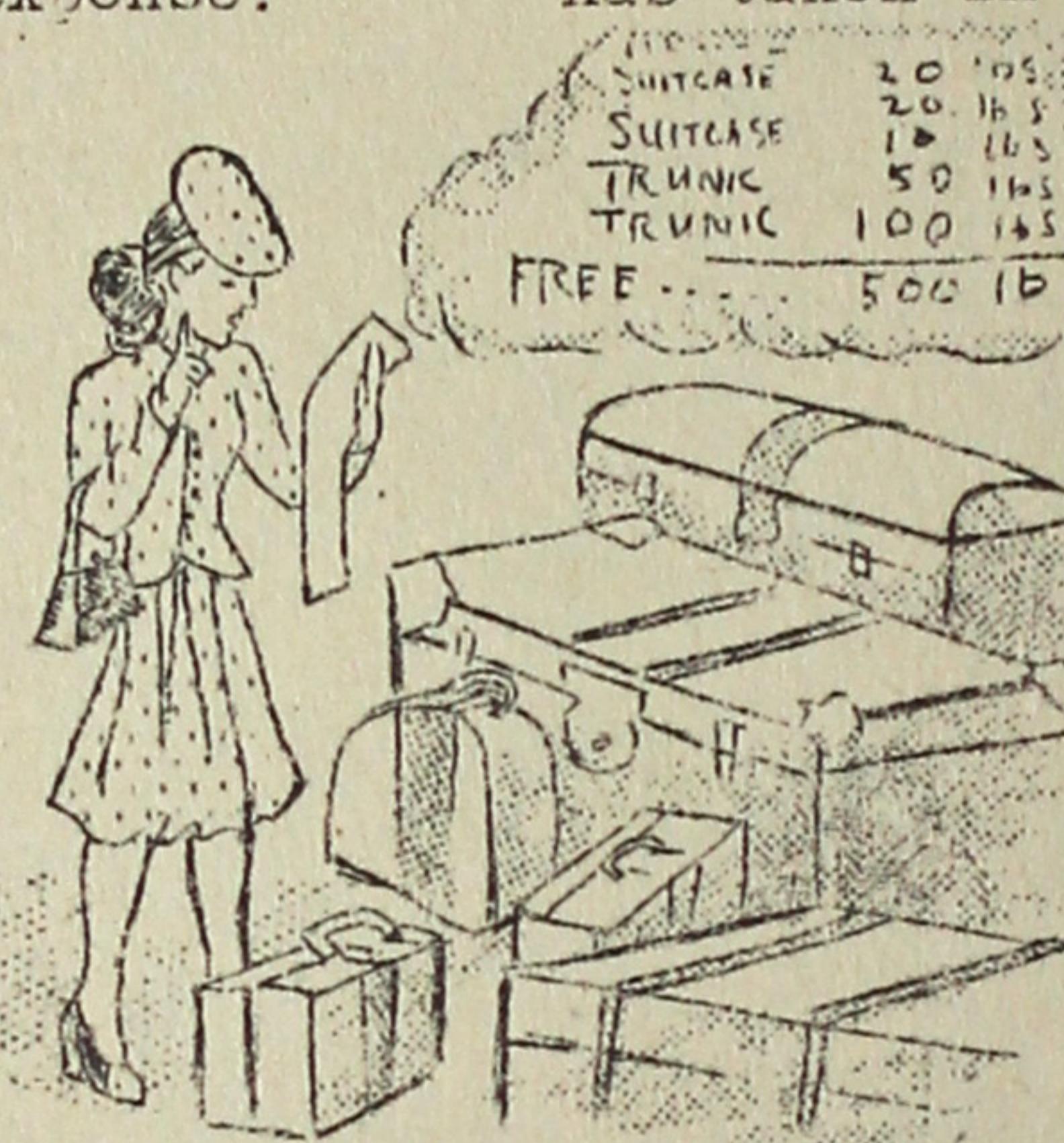
45. Are there any WRA standards governing domestic work?

A. No, this is the function of the State or Federal Governments.

46. Do the WRA Field Offices have a file of available talents of residents who wish to be relocated from Topaz?

A. The Tule Lake Statistical Laboratory is analyzing employability of residents from the Form WRA-26 which we sent there. This information is being made available to all the Field Offices.

47. What provisions are made to assist relocators in obtaining employment in the event the worker is doing work which is not his qualified job but which he has taken in order to leave the Center?



A. WRA Field Offices are assisting in job replacement and job advancement. The first to satisfy the employer who is losing a worker and the second to give the relocator a chance for advancement.

48. Are the people getting the type of jobs they want?

A. Efforts by the Field Offices to find specific jobs for residents with specific skills are materializing with increasing success.

49. What is the present procedure for selection of residents for outside employment by the Employment division?

A. A recommendation from a division head is given first consideration. If this does not fill the job, then the applicants are encouraged to write directly to the employer who will make his own selection. Selections are also made on the basis of training, experience, and general qualification as detailed on Form WRA-12.

50. Why isn't the information of every job offer made available to all?

A. All job offers follow the conveyor process and the only exceptions are offers to individuals.

51. Will people leaving Topaz for outside positions be frozen in the jobs they take?

A. This depends on the kind of job they take. If it is below their capacity in serving the Nation, then they will be in a position to change. Persons applying for transfer must show a "Certificate of Availability" issued by the USES.

52. Is favoritism being shown to certain employers?

A. The Employment office attempts to offer each employer every opportunity on an equal basis to recruit workers.

53. Where can residents see the actual job offers?

A. At the Relocation office in Rec 4.

