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TOPAZ, UTAH

Tuesday, November 24, 1942

THE CITY DELTA BAND WILL PLAY HERE TODAY

PART OF TOPAZ, DELTA GOODWILL POLICY

The Delta High School band will present two concerts for Topaz residents today from noon to 1 PM and from 2:15 to 3:15 PM. Part of the goodwill policy between Delta and Topaz, the entertainment will be held at Dining Hall 1. To meet the problem of inadequate audience accommodations, the band considerably offered to play in two performances, so that most residents will have an opportunity to attend and enjoy the music of one of the finest bands in Utah.

The Delta High School Band has a membership of 45 students this year. At the beginning of each Fall term, there is a reorganization of the band and admission of new members to take the place of those who have graduated.

During the last five years the membership has ranged from 15 to 65. Throughout the summer months, the band has given free concerts weekly here in Delta. It has participated in the State Music Contests and Festivals each spring, receiving high ratings for both concert playing and marching and maneuvering.

In addition it has taken part in the Ute Stamped Celebration at Nephi for the past six years and in the Covered Wagon Days Parade at Salt Lake City, the last 3 years, and at the State Fair in 1939 and 1940.

The band plays also throughout the school year at all league basketball and football games.

The Community Activities Division asks all residents to turn out and show their appreciation for the visit of the band.

COUNCIL APPROVES RECREATION HALL ALLOCATIONS

James F. Hughes, Assistant Project Director, appeared before the Community Council last Thursday afternoon and presented the administration's recommendations on allocation of rec halls to the following various department offices:

1-Art Production, 2-Administration, 3-Community Activities, 4-Placement, Project Attorneys and Chef stewards, 5-Adult Education, 6-Community Activities, 7 Art School, 8-Elementary school, 9-Nursery School, 14-Church, 16-Library, 19-Canteen, 20-Community Activities, 22-Church, 23-Welfare, 26-Council and Block Managers, 27-Nursery School, 28-Church Activities, 29-Community Activities, 30-Community Welfare, 31-High School, 33-Interfaith Council Office, 34-Community Activities, 35-Adult Education, 36-Community Activities, 37-Nursery School, 38-Community Activities, 39 Community Activities, 40-Community Activities, 41 elementary school, 42-Community Activities.

The Council accepted this proposal and the recommendation that an adjustment committee be created to make any further adjustments. Ernest Iiyama, acting chairman, appointed Vernon Ichisaka, Harry Konda, Isamu Uyehara, Ernest Iiyama and Jack Iizuka who will consult with all the departments concerned on readjustments.

Bed Time

THANKS: Topaz will join the nation's festivities on Thanksgiving with a traditional turkey dinner, it was announced today by Brandon Watson, head of the dining hall management. All dining halls will serve turkey, cranberry sauce, pumpkin pies and other holiday foods.

Dining Hall 11 officially opened on Sunday night, Watson added. Diet food will temporarily be prepared in Kitchen 1.

RELIGION: All past teachers and those interested in teaching are requested to attend a Buddhist Sunday School Teacher's meeting on Tuesday night, at Rec 33, at 7:30 PM.

SECOND MARRIAGE: Miss Kazu Ikeda, 7-10-A was married to Pvt. Tak Iijima of Fort Riley, Kansas, last Saturday morning in Salt Lake City where the couple is spending a honeymoon.

Mrs. Iijima is expected to return shortly to her work as a resident supervisor of social welfare of the Topaz Community Welfare Department.



Jankee's about the happiest guy on earth! Thanks to Shizuko Yokomizo of 19 12-B, who made possible the meeting of Jankee and his girl friend. Her name- TOPITA!!! It comes from Topaz and Utah.

The winner will receive an original drawing at her home Wednesday morning.

But wait! Tomorrow you will see them get acquainted.

WEATHER REPORT

	High	Low
Sat.	36° F.	11° F.
Sun.	32° F.	11° F.
Mon.	36° F.	14° F.

DELTA'S WRITE

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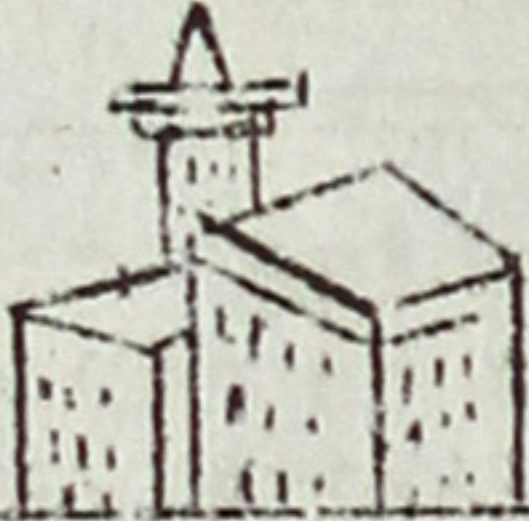
(Following is a letter from the City of Delta in acknowledgement of voluntary help rendered by 200 Topaz residents recently in the Millard County scrap metal drive.)

"The Scrap Drive Committee wants to thank you and your organization for the splendid cooperation you gave us in supplying Japanese volunteer labor for the drive held here on Sunday. About 100 tons were brought into the dumping grounds besides a carload of scrap cast iron being loaded and made ready for shipment.

"The Japanese worked well and conducted themselves perfectly throughout the day and the committee appreciates their efforts and their ready response to the occasion. Some Japanese asked if they couldn't do it again some time and it may be possible that the committee will hold another drive. If we do we will appreciate Japanese volunteers again.

"The drive was donation entirely and all of the metals, etc., that were collected were donated with the funds from their sale being split between the Red Cross and the USO."

OBSERVATIONS



(Editorial Note: Alex Yorichi, staff member, is now attending the National JACL convention in Salt Lake City. He contributed his observations for the benefit of residents here.)

Left Topaz at 2:40 PM on carrier Tuesday with Vernon Ichisaka.

About a mile from the City gate we saw land plowed and leveled for use by evacuee farmers. We also saw 2 other things: Caucasian workers enlarging the road from Topaz to Delta into a 2-way split hi-way, and evacuees uprooting and crating roots of trees for use in the City like in Tanfo.

Our train scheduled for 3:45 left Delta at 3:55 PM.

While at the station had a long talk with Maxim Shapiro who had visited the City for a few days. Also talked with nisei soldiers from Camp Sheridan, Colorado: Pvts. Ishida, Fujii, Imaizumi and Pfc. Horita.

Reached Salt Lake UP Depot at 7:10 PM.

Tom Matsuda, husband of artist, Shizu Utsunomiya Matsuda, formerly of Watsonville, met us at the station.

As we rode around the great Mormon City we learned that SLC is almost as big as San Jose.

What struck us were the parking meters situated in the streets. They are in operation only during the daytime. If you want to park your car you'd put in 1¢ for 12 min., 2¢ for 24 min., or 5¢ for 60 min., parking.

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PRESS CHIEF TENDERED FAREWELL PARTY

staff last Saturday night.

The evening was featured by a lantern slide talk on Mormonism and scenic beauties of Utah by W. Richard Nelson, vocational agriculture instructor at the high school.

Mr. Hull was presented with a desk pen and a pen and ink drawing by Mine Okubo depicting the "Zombie shift" of the staff at work.

Refreshments and dancing concluded the party.

Irvin Hull, head of the Project Reports Division, who is leaving the City to take up a position at radio station KSL Salt Lake City, was tendered a farewell party by the Times

Bed Time

COMMISSARY: Outside of wholesale meat houses, the Topaz meat storage plant boasts of being one of the largest of its kind in the United States according to Brandon Watson, head of dining hall management.

The plant is the most up-to-date in the state, he stated.

It consists of 8 storage rooms and one large meat cutting chamber. Huge uncut meat are hooked to removable rollers which can be moved to any part of the plant with the least amount of effort. Over 100 tons of meat can be stored at one time.

Residents are getting an abundance of meat, Watson states. From Nov. 10 to 16, over 37,000 lbs. of meat or more than 4 lbs. per person was received.

AGRICULTURE: An estimated 14,365 or 76.2% of the Project's 18,840 acres remains uncultivated, according to information released last week by the Agricultural Division. 7830 acres are virgin, and the remaining unworked area comprise the lands which had been abandoned by their former residents.

Previous to the official transfer of the Project Area of the WRA, alfalfa was grown on 2455 acres, and grain on approximately 1000.

*Soldiers
On Leave*

SGT. DAVE MURAMOTO:

Dave Muramoto of the QMC, Fort Riley, Kansas had the distinction of being the first nisei sergeant to enter the Project. In Topaz since Tuesday, he is visiting his brother and sister at 9-4-D.

At Fort Riley, Muramoto is assigned to the charge of detail.

The signal lights in SLC are operating all day and night including mornings. Most of these lights are suspended above the street in the middle of an intersection. Also everytime the signal light turns green, "Go," a whistle emanates from one of the corner poles, as if a traffic officer were calling you for a ticket.

Housing shortage is truly acute in SLC. Most of the places have "no vacancy" signs.

At present we are staying in an auto camp, and we were certainly lucky to find such an opening.

LIBRARY TO OPEN

Topaz library located at Rec 16 will open in a week, according to Nobuo Kitagaki, head librarian. Winterization has been completed. Kitagaki declared that the opening now awaits granting of lumber for shelves to be constructed by the staff.

Over 5,000 books from Tanforan and considerable more from Santa Anita are available. Donations from residents are invited.

Tentative hours have been set as 9 AM to 9 PM daily.

The library will be divided into 4 sections: adult reading, children's, periodical and rental collection. Best-sellers will be available in the Rental Collection at a nominal fee. Proceeds will purchase new books.

Every Wednesday from 8 to 9 PM has been set aside as a Library Concert hour of recording. Eventually, the library hopes to own a record library.

At present, the library includes Alice Watanabe, assistant librarian; Midori Shimanouchi, Umeko Sowa, Esther Tani, Daisy Tani, Margaret Tsuda, Margaret Iyeki and Mary Nagata, librarians; and Ray Kagami, Yoshiharu Tsuno, bookbinders.

350 ATTEND RALLY

Over 350 rabid football fans went home raving mad last Friday night from Dining Hall 32 after a Big Game Rally that saw California-Stanford battle to a draw. From the opening kick-off when Dave Tatsuno of California picked-up yardages for his rooters, the fans realized they were in for an evening of spectacular thrills, give and take, nip and tuck battle.

Song leader Goro Suzuki also of California had a difficult time but proved to be the Big Game hero by tossing the Indians for huge losses with cracks although he was penalized for unnecessary roughness.

Stanford's rooting section had their time to cheer, when Henry Tani, '38, fighting the best battle in his career came back into the ball game to lead his team with sensational passing of gags.

Dave Tatsuno's noblest effort came in the late stages of the 2nd quarter, when he rose to the heights of fame by leading Californians and Stanfordites in several yells. (Although due to the strenuous game he fizzled out rather suddenly.)

Third quarter found Stanford making the biggest bid for victory when Dr. Bane, '40, and Miss Veda Satterfield, '40, of Stanford reeled off huge gains through Goro Suzuki. By super effort, Cal's Art Eaton '39, finally stopped the rolling Indians with a vocal solo.

In the last quarter two grand old alumni of both Universities had to rush in the game to stem any last minute tactics. Dr. K. Kitagawa, Stanford, '14, and Mr. Ito, California, '14, fought each other to a draw.

As the game ended, the last refrain of California's and Stanford's hymns went echoing through the night to the Pacific Coast.

-Kiyoshi Kimoto

Education

PRE-SCHOOL: The two nursery centers are adhering to a new schedule, it was announced by the Pre-school division Thursday. Mothers were requested to observe the changed hours, 9:30 to 12 AM. The former schedule was from 9 to 11 AM.

Supervisors Grace Fujii and Kay Uchida pointed out that all parents are invited to discuss any child problems either during the school hours, or in the afternoon when the staff holds its daily teacher-training institutes.

Nurseries will operate at Recs 27 and 31, after winterization of the 2 centers. The two schools opened currently are Recs 9 and 13. Headquarters are maintained at Rec 13.

RELOCATION: In order to offer advice to the youths of this City, R.W. O'Brien, national director of the Student Relocation Committee, arrived in Topaz on Sunday and departed the same day.

He conferred with administration officials. Due to his unexpected arrival, the director was not able to meet with as many prospective students as he had hoped.

O'Brien is on a year's leave from the teaching staff of the University of Washington. He will make a complete tour of the relocation centers in his present capacity.

MOVIES: Scheduled for this week are a musical comedy and a thrill-packed action movie. "Gunga Din" with Victor McLaglen, Cary Grant and Douglas Fairbanks, Jr. will be shown at Rec 35 tonight and Wednesday, and at Rec 31 on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

"You'll Find Out" featuring Kay Kyser will be played tonight and Wednesday at Rec 31, and at Rec 35 Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Showings start at 7:30 PM.

The following editorials were written by staff members. This page, however, is open to all who are interested in writing editorials and column comments.

All contributions to this page should be addressed to the Topaz Times.

Nisei and Education

In resisting the many challenges of the war, the most vital and pressing to Topaz residents is the education of the nisei. To continue to educate them for the "American way of life," and at the same time to prepare them to face the future with courage is the vision to which the residents, as a part of the Japanese in America, must adhere.

Topaz City High School has been functioning as an organized student body since October 26. A normal full-day program is not being observed yet with the retardment of winterization activities in the school block. But the faculty, especially the resident personnel, is conscientiously preparing daily lessons to fortify and enlarge the mental strength of their students.

Educational problems besetting teachers and students have been many. What deficiencies were manifested in the school system equally affected students and teachers.

Now that a system of organization has been established, and the more serious flaws of the school set-up eradicated, the time and opportunity for a reciprocal relationship between teachers and students should be maintained.

Evidences have been noted and reported of discourtesies directed towards the resident personnel.

In these circumstances, this is a natural response by the release of repressed personalities, but the final worth of the student will be patented on his ascension of his abnormal

environment.

Time after time Caucasians and Japanese have been heard to remark that the Japanese do not like to be directed or governed by any individuals of their own group. The time for changing that assumption is the present. The conscientious efforts of the resident teachers towards accurate teaching practises, should be incentive enough for arousing the cooperative spirit in the student.

Students should realize that the duty incumbent on them is to preserve the consistency of this cooperative response.

True, the unnatural and drastically-changed schooling conditions are not conducive to the highest efforts of students here, but the existence and survival of a truly vigorous spirit towards educational absorption by the Topaz youth element is wholly desirable.

Training in living with others, full participation in the community life of the school, individual attention to special needs, excellent preparation for college or a more general education for those not college-minded...the Topaz school promises these attainments if the student rises to the challenge of relocation, and turns disadvantages to advantages.

--Harumi Kawahara

Challenge to Democracy

We printed the article Tuesday on the absentee ballot challengers which appeared in the Los Angeles Times, with a view towards a well-informed public.

As good citizens we read the article with discrimination and found thoughts in it.

The article pointed out that Ellis Patterson, who used to have liberal leanings, played dirty politics in order to keep Houser from receiving more votes from absentee voters. He was accused of challenging all absentee ball-

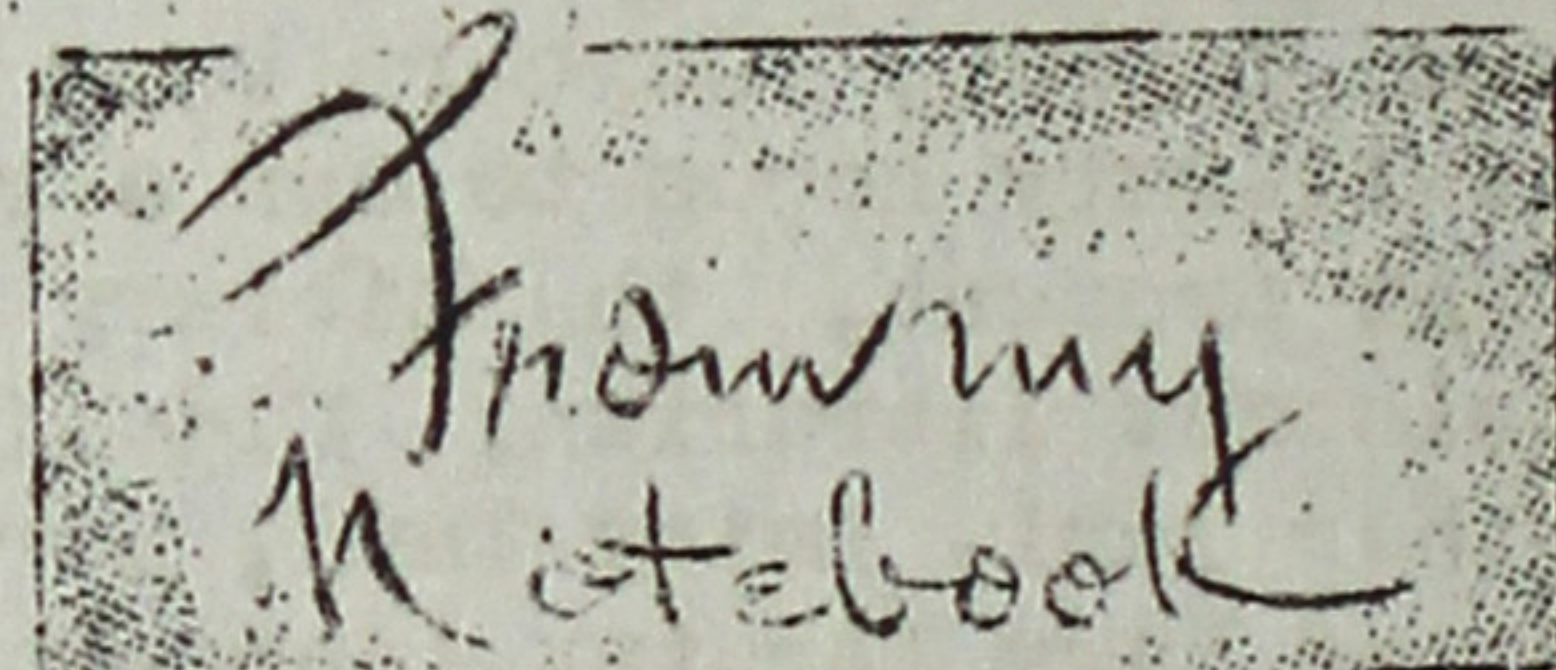
ots sent in which bore Japanese names.

In other words the article soft-scaped Patterson's rival, Frederick Houser, and placed Houser in a good light. The writer of the article was definitely pro-Houser, and he presented a one-sided account of the counting.

But when we re-read a single sentence in the article: "Houser workers at the counting said that the Patterson men are issuing far more challenges to ballots than are the Houser forces...", we realize that both groups are challengers:

We are not recommending or defending either Patterson or Houser, but unless the account can be verified by reliable neutral sources, we are sceptics.

--NAY



By Iwao Kawakami

FIRST HEROES OF TOPAZ:

Sometimes very tired truck drivers in the recent long coal run, who drove hundreds of miles over narrow mountain roads where the slightest wrong twist in steering would have meant certain death. Brakes would hold none too well, and with a heavy load of coal in the back the two boys alternating as drivers prayed for the best when the truck started rolling down steep grades.

EPISODE: A truck loaded with scrap metal and with 8 Topaz residents on it came to a railroad intersection and had to stop because there was a long line of Union Pacific freight cars on the tracks. The locomotive was about 50 yards from the intersection and the engineers were taking a rest. The truck driver looked at the engineers. The engineers sized up the situation--and obligingly uncoupled 2 freight cars so that the truck could cross the tracks.

宗教聯盟—獨特の

圖書館開設を計画

市圖書館の開設問題が、龍りに多大の慰安を與へることにならう。

氷上競技場

建設に着手

過般來計画を進められ、着手された、場所は第三十七プロウクの方である。

館は勿論一般にも開放されるもので、單に宗教に關する圖書に限らず、その他種々の雜誌、書籍も設備される筈であるが、更に外部からユタの歴史及び科學的考察に關する書籍やモルモン教に關する資料をも蒐集することになつてを、開設の暁には可成り興味深い圖書館になるものと期待され、篤志家等の冬に

柔道々場開設

柔道の稽古がいよいよ本格的に開始されることになつた、即ち關係者の盡力によつて第六レクホールを道場とする交渉に成功、ある二十三日道場開きを行つて練習を始めたが、酷暑と闘ひつ、稽古を行ふことは身心の鍛練にもつて、この關係者側では稽古希望者を歓迎してをり、第六レクホールで申込を受け付けてゐる。

幼稚園

時間割変更

從來午前九時より一時半までだった幼稚園の時間割は午前九時半より正午までと変更された。なほ現在幼稚園は第九、第十三、西レクホールを使用してゐるが、近く第六、第七、第三十七にも開かれ、答である。

演藝

圍碁將棋會所開設

不知火誠美團初公演

熱樂娛

何だか此所へいよいよ大人の娛樂が來てから氣持、澎湃として興らんとしてゐる。即ち從來冬仕度や室内整理で忙しく、又風と緒に來るがストームは、かとても娛樂にふけるなんてことは難しいことであつたが、冬と一緒に

人の氣分も落ちつき、こから冬は龍りに入るトバーズの町も色々の演藝や娛樂で賑はう。

棋將碁

先づ圍碁將棋會所が第六レクホールに開かれ、その道の達者熱心、天狗連が頻りと鶴鷺を戦はせ、王將の攻防に時を忘れてゐる。

歌留

また歌留多の方では毎週金曜日夜七時より第六レクホールに於いて柔道部の疊を拜借、歌留多會を催すが、多數の参加を希望されてゐる。

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更に演藝の方では、不知火誠美團が十一月二十四日(火)第三十五食堂において第一回公演をなし、お

加輪仁多

續き二十六日より感謝祭の四日間、亘つて公演することになつてゐる。この日程は追つて發表される。

謡曲

また謡曲の方も活動を始め、觀世流謡曲會を結成、南方利晴氏(元米國中興觀世會指導者)を主腦に、西レクホールで一般希望者に教授することになつた。

水原菊猪氏逝去

第五區在住水原菊猪氏は二十日午後四時半突然、夫と子供六名を遺して逝された。葬儀は追つて發表される。

吉田操氏(第四區)七妻徳子夫人の三十五日忌が二十四日午後七時半より第四食堂で営まれるが、夫人の生前厚知の参詣を希望す。

- ① STORES REACH LOCAL WAREHOUSES. ② "STUDY-AMERICA" PULPIT BEGINS SOON. ③ ALLOTMENT OF REC. HALLS. ④ CO-OP CHARGES FOR CASHING CHECKS. ⑤ RADIO REPAIR SHOP OPENED. ⑥ INTER-FAITH PLANS TO ESTABLISH LIBRARY. ⑦ CONSTRUCTION OF ICE SKATING RINK STARTED. ⑧ JUDO STUDIO OPENS. ⑨ NURSERY SCHOOL PROGRAM CHANGED. ⑩ ADULT ACTIVITIES CENTER. ⑪ ACKNOWLEDGMENT.