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North Weld News Roundup

Pvt. Shimada Killed in Action—
Pvt. George Shimada was killed in action on April 5 in Italy, his wife has been informed by the War Department.

Pvt. Shimada reported for active duty in August, 1944 and received orders to Camp Blanding, Fla. He left for overseas duty in January. Known to his many friends as "Chic," he was graduated from Kersey High School and was engaged in farming before his induction. Survivors include his wife, the former Grace Hisako Gow, a son Jimmie and his father, Mr. S. Shimada, all of Greeley.

On Fortune—
Pvt. Kiyoshi Yamashita, Jim Tatsu and Paul Sakurai were recently on furlough after completing their basic training at Camp Blanding, Fla.

Nebraska Nisei Killed In Action

SCOTTSLBURG, Neb.—Pfc. Harley Tanaka, 25, son of Mrs. Mana Tanaka of Mitchell, R.I., was killed in action in Italy on April 5; his mother was recently notified by the War Department.

Pfc. Tanaka, who joined the Army Jan. 14, 1941, was one of the first American-born sons of Japanese ancestry in the North Platte valley to enlist for service, and it is believed to be the first of this race in the valley to lose his life in World War II.

Overseas a little more than a year, Pfc. Tanaka fought with the famed 442nd Infantry Regiment in Italy and France and, according to his last letter to his family, had only recently been transferred from the Seabees to the 77th Inf. and turned to the Italian front. He was born in Mitchell, and had been combined with the 50th Battalion, composed entirely of Americans of Japanese ancestry.

Pfc. Tanaka was born in Mitchell April 10, 1919, and was graduated from Scottslburg high school in 1936. He operated a farm in Mitchell with his brother Charles Tanaka of Mitchell R.D. 1, before enlisting in the Army. Pfc. Tanaka was last home on furlough in November, 1943.

Besides his mother and brother, Charles, there survive three other brothers, Sgt. Paul Tanaka of Mitchell, stationed at Ft. Shafter, Midway, and Louis and Carl. There also survive his sister, Mrs. San Miyamoto of Mitchell, Martha, of Denver, and Irene, Sue and Caroline, all at home. An uncle, Frank S. Tanaka, farms southwest of Gering, and a cousin, William Tanaka, farms southwest of Morrill.

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Girl Testifies Arson Attempt At Doi Ranch

Under Cross-Examination Witness Says Memory Dim

AUBURN.—The sudden collapse of testimony given by a 19-year-old girl offered an unexpected set-back to the prosecution in the trial of three men charged with arson and illegal use of explosives in terror raids on the ranch of a Nisei farmer last summer.

The girl, Miss Marie Trabakos, admitted under cross-examination she had no distinct recollection of what happened because she drank so much on January 18 and 19 that she had no distinct recollection of what had happened.

At this point, Judge Lowell L. Sparks sent the jury from the court room and heard arguments among the attorneys.

Floyd Bowers, defense attorney, stated that the hearing had been a leading factor in the defense had objected to them at the time, but had been overruled.

"I am not informed what happened," said Bowers.

Tindall said he would ask no further questions.

Bowers then took the witness for cross examination.

Rancher Testifies

District Attorney Clarence E. Tindall complained to the court the witness on direct testimony was failing to remember facts to which she had testified at the preliminary hearing.

During the morning session, Tindall charged that an unnamed person in the courtroom had advised Miss Trabakos not to testify as a protection witness.

Following the charge, Miss Trabakos had testified that she had been among eight persons who made the ride on January 18 that resulted in the firing of the packing shed.

Night Ride Described

She also testified that the 3 defendants were among the party of eight who went for a ride after the evacuation of the ranch. During this early evening, she said Watson and the two soldiers left the car, walked to the packing shed on the Doi ranch and remained 10 minutes. She said after they returned to the car and started to drive away she saw a "little fire" in the Doi packing shed.

Later, however, the girl said, "I am not informed what happened because she had no distinct recollection of what happened."

Myer charged a small group of people had spent years fabricating stories, putting out misinformation, whipping up racial feeling, hoping the Japanese could be kept in concentration camps until they could be shipped out of the country."

Early closure of relocation camps is sought, said Myer, so some 20,000 Japanese children can be reestablished in our own country. In American communities utilize Japanese workers in a time of manpower shortage; properly care and ag and infirm; save appropriations nec-

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