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## GRADUATION PLANS FOR SALINAS SENIORS

Monday afternoon marks this Center's first graduation exercises. Salinas High School will graduate 46 senior students Monday afternoon in the new Reception Building.

Seniors in caps and gowns will receive their diplomas from school officials with fitting ceremonies. Complete plans have not been formulated for the "Senior Day", which may include a reception and a senior dance. Committees are hard at work on details. Limited space will allow only immediate family members to attend.

The managing staff of the Crier extends heartiest congratulations to each member of this graduating class.

## RECEPTION HALL FACILITIES COMPLETED

The new Reception Hall, occupying the eastern end of the Interior Guard building, is proving a great convenience to Center visitors.

Teru Kikuchi and Miyo Iwakiri are the receptionists in charge, assisted by the three messenger boys. A register is maintained in which the name of the visitor and the name of the person to be called are recorded, together with a brief statement of the nature of the business to be transacted. The interview must be confined to the Reception Hall, and when terminated, the visitor must leave the Center by the most direct route. No loitering or wandering about the grounds by outsiders is permitted.

## TYPHOID DELINQUENTS, PLEASE NOTE

Within a few days, names of typhoid delinquents will be posted on the bulletin boards. Please watch for it. Your full cooperation is requested.

-K. Iwasa, M.D., Physician-in-Charge.

## BRIDGE CLUB TO HOLD TOURNAMENTS

Thirty interested bridge fans met in Barrack 95 to discuss the future of bridge playing in this Center.

Permanent Bridge Club headquarters is to be announced and until then Building 95 will be used, it was announced by the committee. Wednesday and Friday evenings have been reserved for those interested in attending and joining the group.

George Nagano, George Yiga and Fred Okamoto serve on the committee. Tournaments have been planned for the near future.

## NURSERY CLASSES STARTED THIS WEEK

The Nursery School located in the drying rooms of the far laundry unit opened Monday, June 1.

At the present time two sections are being conducted, one of which is in session Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, while the other on Tuesdays, Thursdays, & Saturday mornings. Each section is composed of thirty children ranging in age from three to five years and nine months.

A typical day in the nursery school begins at 9 a.m. The children are examined at the door for cleanliness, bad colds or skin diseases. They take their coats and other extra pieces of clothing to their own lockers and hang them up. This is followed by play in the yard.

About three-quarters of an hour of play the children put away their toys and change into slippers and wash up for the rest period which follows. The children are served their milk or fruit juice after the rest period. The last one half hour is spent in quiet play and work before dismissal.

The aim of these activities is to develop the children's ability to help take care of themselves, to be cooperative, to learn good habits of health and sanitation and to develop coordination of the mind and the body.

OPEN FORUM SPONSORED BY CENTER COUNCIL

CENTER STORE -- A POPULAR RENDEZVOUS

To meet the community demands of items not sold at the Center Store, Mr. Bert Southard, store executive, declared that the P.X. will increase the stock to meet the requirements.

A staff of ten clerks, one secretary and one stenographer are working consistently to make the P.X. a success.

Mr. Southard announced that sales of soda pop will be discontinued unless the bottles are returned. No deposit is charged on the bottles and if they are returned, the P.X. can continue selling soft drinks.

Due to the large population and the comparative smallness of the store, Mr. Southard requested that if customers would make purchases and not visit too long, there would be less congestion.

An open forum was held Saturday night, May 30, in the Buddhist church building. All the Councilmen and the representatives from each barrack were present.

Chairman Dr. Harry Kita presided. Fire Chief Pearson appealed to the people for their cooperation in fire prevention. Mr. Tachibana, executive secretary of the Council, reported on the kitchen problems and the preparation of the food.

Reports were made by Konzo Yoshida and John Urato on the indoor and outdoor recreational programs.

The Council will sponsor such meetings monthly or as often as the occasion demands.

INTRA-CENTER POST OFFICE FUNCTIONING

One of the busiest offices in the Center is the Post Office. According to Mr. Miyasaki, there are about 250 C.O.D. packages arriving daily through the parcel post system. The first class mail averages 1500 to 2000 pieces. An equal number of magazines and newspapers are received.

The carrier personnel includes Takeshi Ariyoshi, Utaka Nakamura, Yoshio Shibata, Harry Mayeda, Jack Miyake, Tom Otsuki, Hiro Yamasaki, Masao Yuki. Those in the distribution department are Masanobu Miyasaki, Helen Yamamoto, Minoru Inagi and Jayne Miyake.

APPOINTMENTS MADE BY CENTER COUNCIL

At the regular Council meeting held Monday night, June 1, the Council decided to appoint a permanent attendant for each shower and laundry unit.

Mr. Takiguchi was appointed to supervise the cooking in all of the kitchens.

Mr. Leo Wade, assistant Chief of Police, was also present at the meeting. He spoke briefly on the matter of gambling, petty thievery and blackout regulations.

The Council announced the following change in meal hours:

- Daily: Breakfast-- 7:30 a.m.
- Lunch-----12:00 p.m.
- Supper----- 5:30 p.m.

- Sunday only:
- Breakfast-- 8:00 a.m.
- Lunch----- 1:00 p.m.
- Supper----- 5:30 p.m.

LOST AND FOUND BULLETIN PUBLISHED DAILY

Attention of Center residents is called to the fact that the Interior Guard publish daily a bulletin of lost and found articles, which is posted outside the Guard Headquarters. They are urged to report all lost and found articles, as well as all crimes or disturbances coming to their attention which will be recorded and investigated promptly by the Interior Guard.

CORRECTION

Alice Kubota has been appointed to assist planning a balanced diet for patients only in the infirmaries. She is not on the Mess and Lodging Staff.

NOTES from the NOVEL NOVEL

The "Novel Novel" boasting the only full length veranda to be found is enjoying tremendous popularity. Our camp reporter was inclined to praise the flourishing center library, but the staff informed us that they have only just begun.

An average of 400 book-lovers daily browse through the interesting array of books, magazines, pamphlets, and comics which comprise the present quota of the library collection.

Deliveries of books have been coming in every week in addition to the many that have been donated and loaned.

Any favorites not found on the shelf or special requests may be made at any time and they will receive prompt attention.

The library is now a branch of the County Free Library, and this singular fact distinguishes ours from any other Assembly Center library in California.

The library has been divided into five separate departments: Intellects Corner, Juvenile Junction, Browse and Drowse, The Yarn Shoppe and the Children's Hour (Seminar.)

An efficient staff consisting of Fusako Kodani, Librarian, Yuri Nishi, Sachi Fujikawa, Sakaye Nakamura, Ida Nagano, Mary Terao, Emi Shikuma, Kuniko Hirokawa, and Rosie Hayashi, assistants are on hand to assist with individual library needs.

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ORCHIDS TO THE FIRE PATROL

With a hearty Hi, Ho! Silver! the Lone Ranger (Charles Yuhora), drawing his trusty fire extinguisher, galloped into Kitchen "C" on the cold, bleak dawn of May 5, to prevent what might have been a near catastrophe.

In a nick of time the ever alert Fire Patrol extinguished the flames in Kitchen "C".

ART CLASS ORGANIZED

Salinas Center is about to have its first art exhibit. Talent scouts and critics are searching for hidden creations in the field of painting among our neighbors.

It is rumored that the library will be called upon to house this collection for a limited. We are anxiously watching for the announcement on the Center bulletin boards.

The already formed art classes should furnish several worthwhile items. Hard at work under true artist stress of inadequate equipment and facilities, our camp reporter found a remarkable group including Aiko Deguchi, Takeo Isohe, Hiroko Ichikawa, Fumiye Takemoto, May Tsukamoto, Mary Fujita, Michi Hayashi, Olive Ogawa, Gus Nakagawa, Yukio Ide and H. Yoshizumi.

Future plans include work on still life, landscapes and costume figures. Monday and Wednesday at 6:30 o'clock to 8:30 o'clock have been set aside for meeting nights. Interested artists should give up their attic studios and join this new progressive group.

TALENTS FEATURED AT SINGSPIRATION

With Toru Asada as song leader and Gladys Onoye as pianist, another weekly Singspiration program was enjoyed by a record-breaking attendance at the Christian church building.

Guest performers were Kay Matsushita in a harmonica selection accompanied by Frank Masamori on his guitar; Grace Nakamura in two vocal numbers; and Tom Masamori who sang two solos and rendered a popular song hit as an encore. Gladys Onoye accompanied the singers on the piano.

CLINIC HOURS ARE ANNOUNCED

The Medical Department requested that home calls be made only for emergency cases. Tentative clinic hours at present are:

Daily 9 - 11 a.m.; 2 - 4 p.m.  
Saturday 9 - 11 a.m. only.  
Closed on Sundays and holidays except for emergency.

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## BARNYARD GOLF ENTHUSIASM HIGH

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## SPORTS

by Tom Tsuyuki

With an estimated 1000 people participating daily in one form of recreation or another, the camp recreational program is rapidly growing out of its long embryonic stage and into full maturity.

While softball is still the biggest attraction with the boasting of twenty-one organized teams, all other sports are drawing their share of the sports enthusiasts.

Two additional volleyball courts have been added within the last week and the arrival of more equipment is expected very soon.

With immense credit going to John Urabe and Robert Sakamoto, recreational heads, and their staff of able assistants for their diligent effort towards the success of this program, this department takes space to thank all the contributors in behalf of this Center for their donations which made possible the purchase of athletic equipment.

## SOFTBALL LEAGUE ATTRACTS SPECTATORS

The National and the American leagues made their debut in a twilight meet Thursday evening with the Interior Guards defeating the Post Exchange employees, 9 to 3 in the former game. In the American league tilt, the Hominy Grits (Warehouse tossers) overwhelmed the "Old Timers" in a 19 to 7 contest.

In the Kitchen League, the Kitchen "E" aggregation moved into the league lead with seven victories against their two losses.

## WRESTLING RING TO BE DEDICATED

The new "Sumo" ring located in front of the Recreation Building #48 will be dedicated for community use and enjoyment, June 7, at 2 p.m.

Seating facilities have not been arranged and spectators are requested to bring their own chairs.

A softball game is also scheduled in the afternoon.

Camp enthusiasm insures the success for barnyard golf followers. "Horseshoe playing is here to stay" is the profound opinion expressed by Harry Nakahara. Other iron throwers hope that someone will explain the "6-inch rule" to Harry as pitching control is not one of his virtues.

Much comment has been passed this week after the new horseshoe courts were built next to Recreation Center Number 48. So much so in fact that two more are under construction next to Building 95. These plus the independent efforts of interested individuals make horseshoe pitching one of camp's most popular events.

Sign-ups for a tournament are in progress, and the next week or two should bring forth many challenges to the "Operation boy's" unofficial title.

BETWEEN the BARRACKS  
Add signs: George Hada's "Idiots' Delight" and "Fools' Paradise" on "Decadence Avenue."

The "Love Seat" belonging to the Recreation Department comfortably seats two couples, complete with a fibreboard canopy.

Salinas senior girl students may obtain their gift chests at the Interior Guard office this week according to the announcement made by Fuku Yokoyama.

Clever and cunning mail boxes are making their appearances. The first mail box that was hung out is credited to Fred Yoshioka. The cutest box is given credit to Yamamisaka's "Bunny Hut."

Mr. and Mrs. George "Spig" Okamoto celebrated their ninth anniversary Friday night at their apartment. Old friends gathered to make their observance a happy one.

Jitterbugs are still talking about the jam session conducted Sunday afternoon by Jimmy Miyasaki on his clarinet and John Kado on his drums as an intermission feature of the band concert held last Sunday afternoon.