WRA ISSUES STATEMENT ON CIVIL SERVICE

evacuated from Pacific Coast military zones may soon be entitled to federal civil service positions in other parts of the country are being submitted to this office with increasing frequency by evacuees and by project officials.

Realistically and practically no final or definitive answer can be given to this question at the present time, there is no formal or legal prohibition against the employment of citizens of Japanese descent in the Federal Civil Service. Many departments and agencies of the Federal Government, however, appear to be reluctant to appoint such persons. The War Relocation Authority has discussed this matter with the Civil Service Commission and has found the Commission favorably disposed toward the employment of qualified evacuees in the Federal service. It will be necessary, however, to carry on similar discussions with the numerous Federal departments and agencies which do the actual hiring.

At the present time, therefore, it can be reported that the outlook has some promise, but that it will probably be several months before any considerable volume of Federal employment may develop for evacuees. Meanwhile, evacuees who have held civil service positions or who are on civil service registers should file their applications for leave clearance and should be sure to have their civil service ratings noted in their applications or on forms WRA-28 which accompany them. For the present, evacuees who are interested in possible Federal employment but do not have civil service status or standing on a civil service register as a result of passing an examination, should merely file for leave clearance.

A fire of undetermined origin slightly damaged 4-4-5 F last Thursday morning. The occupants, the Morita family, were not home, and the conflagration was discovered by a neighbor who summoned K. Miyata and Yo Takahashi, volunteer firemen.

In response to the alarm, the local fire truck sped to the scene of the fire. The blaze was immediately brought under control.

Damage might have been greater if the fire had not been combated so efficiently, Fire Chief Samuel Oyen said.

CO-OP ORDERS VARIETY OF NEW STOCK

During their recent trip to Salt Lake City, Walter Honderich, head of the Community Enterprise Section, and several members of the Co-op merchandising committee were successful in ordering a variety of hardware and grocery stock to be sold at the canteen, it was announced.

Kith and kin hardware ordered and soon to be on sale here are hinges, screws, hammers, axes, and grind stones, while foodstuffs ordered include canned fruits, canned fish, noodles, peanut butter, marmalade, honey, olives, apple cider, and Postum. Also available will be Chinese articles such as tea cups, saucers, and pots.

Already on sale at the co-op dry goods store are woolen wearing apparel, shoes, and children’s toys.
THE CITY PREPARES FOR CHRISTMAS WEEK

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Even though we have gone through a year of upheavals, and though we are far from homes where we lived for years, all of us are eager to have a Christmas which is like that in any normal American community.

Our wish will be fulfilled this week in the tremendous citywide Christmas program which is being made possible by the unstinted cooperation of all divisions and in which practically every one is taking part in one capacity or another.

At this point, we echo the following sentiments which appear on the official program for the holidays:

"Through the untiring efforts of Mrs. Harry Kingman, of Berkeley, California, who has sacrificed her own holidays with her family to be with us, this program has become a reality. Aided and abetted by the wholehearted cooperation of the Administrative staff and the entire population of the City of Topaz, we will be enjoying in these troubled times this gala citywide program planned and participated in by one and all. In acknowledge ment we gratefully dedicate this program to Mrs. Harry Kingman."

The Community Activities Section of the Community Services Division should be commended on the splendid manner in which it has coordinated all the suggestions and plans for the holiday program which were submitted at the preparation meetings attended by representatives from all groups in the City.

A cast of 300 people will present a huge Christmas Pageant entitled "The Other Wise Man" on three successive nights on Dec. 22, 23, and 24, from 7:30 PM at Dining Hall. On Dec. 22 the performance will be for wards 1 and 3, and on the 24th wards 2 and 4 will be invited. The programs on these two days will be entirely in English, and will require dining hall tickets for admittance. Israel and kibei will be able to enjoy the performance on Dec. 23, when the entire program will be in Japanese.

The cast will represent the whole community, with everybody from children of preschool age to adults over 70 years old included. As narrator, Gary Suzuki will enfold a series of tableaus and living pictures interspersed by dances and vocal choruses. Goro Suzuki will take the leading role of "The Other Wise Man" whose costumes were designed by Nuiko Harasaki and sewn by the High School and Adult sewing classes. Miss Toshi Kobe is in charge of the dancers, while the Art Department is supervising the lighting and decorating set-up.

Mrs. Harry Kingman, directing the pageant, is assisted by Chizu Ichihara, Tetsu Nakamoto, Kim Obata and Bill Hata.

HOLIDAY PROGRAM (Cont)

Included in the holiday calendar are events for persons of all age groups and interests. Following are some of the highlights of the celebrations:

MARINOTTES SHOWS

As a part of the Christmas program, four marinettii shows will be presented for the general public on Dec. 22 and 23 at Rec 10 under the supervision of Nobuko Kitagaki. Starting times for the two daily performances will be 3:30 and 7:30 PM.

Included in the entertainment will be the following acts: Madame Butterfly, Swami No Khanda, Blue Singer, and Knife Throwing Act.

Assisting Nobuko Kitagaki are Margaret Yekki and Telu Nekohi.

DANCE

Both smoothies and swingstellers will have their inning, for scheduled during the holiday season are three dances, "Smoothies on Parade" for singles and couples on Dec. 26, 8:30 PM, at Em 1; "Holiday Jitterbugs" also for singles and couples on Dec. 26, 8:45 PM, at Em 1; and a New Year's eve dance for couples only on Dec. 31, 8:45 PM, at Em 1.

HOSPITAL ENTERTAINMENT

Under the chairmanship of Dr. Henry Takanishi, an entertainment will be held at the benefit of hospital patients and the hospital staff on Christmas Day. Because most of the patients are adults, the performances, which will be held at 2:30 PM for the patients and at 3:30 PM for the staff, will be in both English and Japanese. Visiting hours will be extended during the holidays.

DECORATIONS

Already in progress is a dining hall decoration contest with Prof. Chuma Obata as judge. Necessary supplies have been distributed to all the dining halls, but the actual decoration will be left up to the ingenuity of the dining hall staff. In addition, Christmas trees have been distributed to all dining halls, rec halls, and to the hospital.

MARATHON

For the athletically minded, there will be a marathon race around the camp on Fri., under the supervision of Mrs. Makamoto. Prizes will be awarded to the winners. Entries for the race must be made through the various rec halls before Dec. 30.

PAGEANT

The grand climax will, of course, be the Christmas Pageant, a complete account of which may be found in the next column. It was stressed that admission for the performances will be by wards: ward 1 includes blocks 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 16; ward 2 includes blocks 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14, 19, and 20; ward 3 includes blocks 22, 23, 24, 30, 31, 32, 35, 36, and 39; while ward 4 includes blocks 26, 27, 28, 33, 34, 35, 40, 41, and 42.