MANY LEAVE IN FEBRUARY

A total of 245 leaves were issued during February, of which 133 were for short term, 103 indefinite and 8 group work leaves, according to information released by the leave office.

The largest number of the indefinite leave clearances went to Topazans who had been out of the city on other types of leaves. 17 students left for colleges and universities to continue their education.

More than one-third of the indefinite leaves for work went to Salt Lake City. Those now in there are Hisaji Takeuchi, Kikuko Naruo, Masako Takeda, Betty Hanako Takeuchi, Kazuo Kaibe, Kay Sadanaga, Morris Eugene Goyetomi, Satoshi Toshiyama, Haruko and Ronald Akki and George Amano. Those who left the City for other parts of Utah are Bin Toshikiko Nakagawa, Lunar Nakagawa, Judith Yamaguchi and Michael Yamaguchi, Ogden; and Sachi Takasahashi, Delta; and Senzaku Koike, Logan.

Illinois claimed 8 Topazans during February with Betty Setaka Moriwaki, Etue Grace Yamada and Ruth Kikuye Yamada to Chicago; Tsuyuko, Tsuyoko, and Yuriko Doi, Winnetka; George Satoshi Fujinaga, Evanston; and Haruno Wada, Fort Sheridan.

Among others who are resettled in various sections of the country are Sachi and Mochi Kajiwara, Lincoln, Neb.; Chiyo Nao, Denver, Colo.; Hisao Tsubakura and Yama Asanuma, Fort Custer, Mich.; Yuri Oshida, St. Paul, Minn.; and Rose Ogii, Cheyenne, Wyo.

Group leave for February are Yukio Hibiya, Nana and Lloyd Enomoto, and Hideo Enomoto, Spanish Fork; and Hiroji Kariya and Shozo Maeda, Delta.

NEED FIFTY NURSES' AIDES IMMEDIATELY

Immediate need of 50 additional nurses' aides to meet the existing nursing personnel shortage was revealed by Mrs. C. Kitow, R.N. Beginning Monday afternoon, March 8, there will be a 3-week training course consisting of classroom instruction, demonstration and practice in hospital procedure. This course is open to both men and women and those interested are urged to enroll immediately.

Topaz Hospital was merely a site when the first contingent of residents arrived in September. In the middle of October the present hospital was dedicated and the staff moved into one wing of the hospital proper. Since then it has rapidly expanded in capacity and service. Except for 2 east wings the Medical Division now occupies all of the buildings which include the following multiple services: an outpatient department with X-ray, medical laboratory, surgery, public health department, pharmacy, dental and eye clinics, and 6 units with a total of 128 beds for the patients.

The clinic has consulted and treated 1638 cases excluding dental and optometry cases within the past month. With the community experiencing numerous cases of cold and pneumonia, the ward beds are filled to capacity. With the help of only 80 aides and orderlies the functions and services have been maintained in the 6 units on 3 shifts—day, evening and night. There are still two unoccupied wings to be opened. However without the additional nurses' aides proper operation of these wards cannot be established.

The hospital appeals to the community for more residents to apply for the nurse's aide course in order that proper medical care may be given to the residents.
MORMON SAGA

W. Richard Nelson’s “History of Utah,” has now reached its most thrilling part—the moment when Brigham Young, looking upon the Great Salt Lake valley, said: “This is the place.”

The famous remark reminds us that behind the words lay one of the most remarkable stories of America—the saga of the Mormon trek.

It is over a hundred years now since the assassination of Joseph Smith, founder of the Mormon faith, in the town of Carthage, Missouri, and the subsequent memorable exodus of the Latter-Day Saints from Missouri, across Indian-infested plains, over the towering and icy Rockies and into the virtually uninhabited Utah valleys.

“This is the place,” the great Mormon leader said, but we wonder whether his followers realized what “this place” was good for—if anything. Certainly, the desert valley which stretched before the eyes of the Mormons could not have appeared as an inviting prospect compared to the last beautiful city they had left behind them—Nauvoo in Missouri.

The story of the terrible first years of the Mormon settlement in Utah is an epic of courage against almost insurmountable odds, and that story will unfold in the succeeding chapters of Mr. Nelson’s history. It is certain that no one could have foreseen the rise of a metropolis like Salt Lake City in “this place,” which Young envisioned.

We, who are evacuees from the Pacific Coast, are apt to magnify our troubles and consider that our trials are without precedent in American history, but it would be a salutary thing for us if we were to understand the extraordinary persecutions and tribulations which the Mormons underwent. Compared to the savagery and fury which hounded this religious group, we can be thankful that we live in a more enlightened time.

HISTORY OF UTAH

By W. RICHARD NELSON

Part VII—(Continued)

In April, 1847, Brigham Young selected a party of 168, including 3 women and 2 children and the hardiest men he could muster, and set out from winter quarters. Seventy-three prairie schooners drawn by oxen, horses and oxen stretched out far over hill and valley toward the land of promise. This was the vanguard company going into the Far West to find the place where the entire people could secure peace and tranquility.

By early summer the caravan reached the foot hills of the Rocky Mountains. Timber wolves and rattlesnakes were now encountered. Rolling prairies gave way to bluffs. Mountain passes took place of open trails. The rumble of wagon wheels and the lowing of cattle resounded from canyon to canyon, as the long caravan forged its way forward, often doubling up the teams to climb the steep grades.

A few days before they reached the valley of the Great Salt Lake, President Young became extremely ill with mountain fever and was left behind in the care of the company while a selected few under the direction of Orson Pratt pushed on. The vanguard group came into Salt Lake Valley on July 24th and 25th.

About noon on Saturday, July 24, 1847, Brigham Young with the main portion of the pioneer company emerged upon the narrow plateau near the mouth of Emigration Canyon. Coming out of the seemingly endless mountain ranges at last, the exiled pioneers beheld a vista which to their tired eyes must have seemed a mirage in a desert.

There, beneath them, was a vast, undulating plain sloping gently down to the blue, salty waters of a lake, while towering, snow-capped mountains hemmed them in on all sides. Brilliantly-lined canyons gleamed in the strong sunlight and occasional green trees peered from rocky crevices.

Brigham Young was riding in Wilford Woodruff’s carriage. The apostle assisted the Mormon leader to attain a sitting posture. Together they beheld the extensive valley which was to become their new home. Of the event, Woodruff recorded in his journal:

“We gazed in wonder and admiration upon the vast valley before us, with the waters of the Great Salt Lake glistening in the sun.

“The Mormon leader remarked: ‘This is the place! Drive on.’

(To be continued next week)
ARMY LIFE IN MINNESOTA

By a Nisei in Camp Savage
By order of the War Department no revealing material and data on Camp Savage can be released for publications and public consumption; yet our parents and friends in the centers believe that something has happened to us because we don't write home facts about our daily activities and duties.

An order is an order so we cannot commit ourselves. The following on our companions does not reveal pertinent military secrets.

OUR BUDDIES

There are nisei here from the various Army posts throughout the U.S., including some from posts in the restricted military areas, all doing the same type of work. The men here are predominantly those who have been in the Army from a year to 2 years. There are also those who volunteered from the 10 relocation centers and from the free zone. This is a representative, cross-sectional group of nisei because their so-called permanent residences are located in big cities and small towns alike: from Port Angeles, Washington, in the north down to San Diego, California in the south. Our fellow soldiers include a number of Christian and Buddhist leaders as well as former athletes who were members of well-known coast basketball, baseball and bowling teams. To cite an example on representation, we have the following barracks mates at our end of the barracks: a former SFJC student club proxy from Central California; a university student and Pinedale Assembly Center sports editor; a Fife, Washington, youth (18 and one of the youngest in the camp); a trombone player from the Minneapolis Swing orchestra which toured the coast last year; an Eastbay who played center for a Buddhist quintet; and a prominent nisei from the free zone in Oregon. These are our buddies.

TWIN CITY TRAX

Soldiers' wives and fiancées and evacuees are arriving in both Minneapolis and St. Paul (Twin Cities) every week from the various centers. Most of them have domestic jobs awaiting them. The adjutant of the camp, a captain, has promised that he'll try to find work opportunities for soldiers' wives and fiancées who are contemplating work in the Twin Cities, while the Minneapolis WRA has a sign which states that nisei who are married or engaged should inquire at the desk for job openings for these spouse or betrothed ones.

We have learned from an authoritative source that the WRA will establish an office in Minneapolis to secure "skilled positions for those so trained." However, we were told by a Caucasian officer who has been studying this matter that there is not much of a labor shortage in the Minneapolis area, especially with respect to stenographers, of which there seems to be an abundance. It seems as if a bad precedent has already been set in many of the Midwestern cities, as a great number of girls from the relocation centers have applied for and have gone out as domestics. Naturally, the Caucasian employers, who have never before been in contact with the nisei, will look upon this minority group as a good and big source for housework. We know that it is difficult to get skilled or semi-skilled work on the outside while still in the centers, but nisei girls, with their inherent high IQ, should be able to land a good job with enough initiative.

NOTES: Newest staff member is Ronald Nagata... The latest issue of magazines are kept behind the desk and may be seen on request. Back issues of newspapers are kept on file in the reference stacks and are available on request.

DONORS: Books and magazines were received from Mary Nagata, Mrs. Goodman, Lily Abiko and Mr. Okubo of Topaz.


WANTED

A small, 4-wheel tractor or crawler by J. M. Toner, Jr., 995 Market St., San Francisco, Calif. Any resident having this type of vehicle in storage and wishing to sell it is asked to get in touch with Joseph Ito, 351 E.

Togei Public Library
**DISTRICT 4 LEADS IN HIGH B LOOP**

With no games played in the Senior High A league last week, prep school cage interest centered in the Senior High B loop competition where District 4 held a slim lead after being nosed out by District 2, 30-25. In the other game, District 3 downed District 1, 26-16.

In the Junior High league, District 1A defeated District 3B, 23-4, in a tilt which practically clinched first place for the former team.

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**CALL ISSUED FOR SOFTBALL, HARDBALL TEAMS**

The athletic department of the Community Activities section issued a call this week for an early sign-up of industrial teams interested in participating in prospective softball and hardball leagues. Kimbo Yoshitomi at Rec Hall 3 is in charge of the sign-up.

Softball diamonds will be laid out at the elementary school sites at the western and southern ends of the city.

Four tennis courts will also be started this week in front of Rec Hall 3.

**CAS DOWNS COMMISSARY**

The league-leading CAS quintet had to come from behind to overtake the Commissary team in the featured Class AA game last Sunday. Although the final score read 46-40 in favor of CAS, the game was a nip and tuck affair all the way.

With Jun Honda, Yuk San-no and Hach Tomina leading the Commissary attack, the Commissary held a 12-5 margin in the first quarter and a 24-19 lead in the second quarter.

In the third quarter, the CAS finally got going. Keichi Kawanota, John Oishi, George Yokoura and George Kakehi scored from fast breaking formations while holding the opponents down to 6 points to forge ahead at the end of the third quarter 35-30. The last quarter found both teams playing equal brand of ball.

**ARCHITECTS TRIM FIREFIGHTERS, 20-8**

The Architects retained their slim chance of winning the Class AA Industrial league title by well-competing the Firemen, 20-8, and thereby keeping a firm hold on second place. Half-time score was 7-2. Key moments of the Architects took scoring honors with 8 points.

**CARRIERS NOSE OUT HOUSING CAGERS, 28-27**

The Carrier team had to play 3 overtime periods to eke out a 28-27 win over the Housing five last week. The victory gave the Carriers the lead in Class A Industrial league.

For 3 quarters the Carriers floundered around like a Class C team while Housing hung on to an 18-14 lead.

Insertion of Hideo Nishii, a reserve, in the last quarter proved to be the Carriers' biggest break. Neishi almost single-handedly wiped out the Housing lead and helped tie the game at 24-all at the end of the regulation playing time.

**M&O LOSES TO HOSPITAL**

Tosh Minamoto of M&O was stopped for the first time in Class A competition as his team went down to a 32-24 defeat at the hands of the Hospital five.

T. Takamoto of M&O rang up 13 points to take scoring honors for the tilt. Ted Iida with 8 and Jim Momii with 6 led the winners.

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Results last week:

- Hospital (32), M & O (24)
- Carriers (28), Housing (27)
- Housing (23), Town C (17)
- Education, Wrecking C, F

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Results last week:

- Arch. (20), Firemen (8)
- CAS (46), Commissary (39)
- Co-op (31), Motor P. (29)

Games this week:

- Sunday--Motor Pool vs. CAS, 2 PM, Court 30; Co-op vs. Commissary, 3 PM, Court 30; Timekeepers vs. Architects, 2 PM, Court 20.

**GAMEDAY**

- Saturday--Education vs. Office, 3 PM, Court 10.
- Sunday--Housing vs. M & O, 2 PM, Court 10.
- Carriers, 3 PM, Court 10.
**WAR SHORTAGE OF MEN**

These are not times for light-hearted wisecracks about this ratio of girls to a man, for it looms as an immediate threat. It’s a matter of days before our men will start leaving us for training camps and the front. If a girl is in her middle twenties now, she will be in her thirties in five years. There are too many unmarried girls in the thirties even now. Then what would her chances be, with hundreds of younger charmers running competition for her being chosen by the man returning home from the army? Pretty slim.

"It is not only a problem unique to the nisei, but a universal one all over the world. How girls are going to prepare themselves for this uncertainty is a very personal problem. Perhaps it is high time they and their parents get together in a frank heart-to-heart discussion in planning for the future. A common solution, no doubt, will be resignation to spinsterhood and interracial marriages for the brave few will be another outcome from the dispersion of Japanese in the isolated communities of the Middle West and the East. This is a real problem, and those who will be prepared to face life and reality will be the wiser and happier."

If some of you girls are planning to get your things in order prior to relocation outside, it seems advisable to get accessories made. Jabot collar in checkered or plaid taffeta with matching gloves is an idea to spruce up that old outfit to make it look Spring 1943. A glove pattern is hereafter offered for your approval, free as usual, at Topaz Times.

**FABRIC GLOVES**

After the first week’s limbering up exercises, you have measured yourself at the thigh, calf, hip, waist and bust and decided you CAN do something about it. No single beauty treatment, I am sure, can prove that your efforts are getting results is all the impetus you should need to keep you consistently devoted to your self-appointed routine.

The second week, start these exercises and do them daily for the duration of the program. These tips are the same as nationally famous glamour courses.

1. Lie flat on back. Stretch arms out wide, shoulder level. Bring right leg up, over, stretching it, toeing left fingertips. Reverse. Do ten times first day, gradually increasing to twenty and thirty.

2. Kneel on right knee on floor using cushion, stretching left leg to side, keeping knee straight. Keep right palm under armpit, raise left arm over head and lean over to right side pulling trunk straight with left leg. Push upper part of body to right side for eight hard pushes. Relax. Repeat this four times. Reverse position using left knee, repeat directions on left side.

3. Lying on back, bend knees to chest. Wrap arms around knees tightly and roll over to left side, then to right. Continue for sixteen counts.

4. Same position, knees to chest position on floor, come up to sitting position still holding tightly to knees, then return to floor sixteen times.

**FIVE WEEKS FROM TONIGHT**

Mrs. S.M. Kitow of 6-3-F offers a slight variation in her spaghetti recipe:

1 lb. spaghetti
2 cans hot tomato sauce
1 lb. hamburger
1 large onion
Parmesan cheese
1/2 clove of garlic
Very small can mushrooms

Chop onions and garlic and fry in olive, salad or similar oils, add hamburger and brown, then, in order, add tomato sauce, mushrooms and juice and season to taste. Pour sauce over spaghetti (see Mrs. Bankson’s recipe for method of cooking) and sprinkle with cheese. Serves eight.

Take your pick, ladies.
SEVENTEEN RELOCATED IN SCHOOLS

Seventeen Topaz students were relocated in colleges, universities, and art and music institutions throughout the country during February, according to information released by the Youth department of the Community Welfare section.

The group of students included: Mary Yamashiro and Seichi Matsuda, Boston University, Boston, Mass.; Jin Kinoshita, Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson, N.Y.; Marymo Marietta College, Marietta, Ohio; Eiko Yoshizato, Chicago Musical College, Chicago, Ill.; Martha Nozawa, Washington University, St. Louis, Mo.; Kenji Tomita, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio; Clifford Nakajima, Westminster College, Salt Lake City, Utah; George Asamiya, University of Idaho, Pocatello, Idaho; William Suyemoto and Ken Matsuda, University of Maryland, College Park, Md.; Minoru Oto, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah; Hatsuro Atsumi, Mission House College, Plymouth, Wis.; Henry Kobayashi, University of Texas, Austin, Tex.; Tomiko Yamamoto, Art Students League, New York City, N.Y.; John Nakayama, IBS Business College, Salt Lake City, Utah; and Mitsuo Yamada, Baker University, Baldwin, Kan.

DEPARTMENTS REORGANIZED

The departmental program in the Topaz City High School has been reorganized in administrative functions, it was reported.

Victor Goetzl, head of the guidance and placement program in the secondary school, was appointed school registrar, from which post he reviews the standing of all students.

Miss Eleanor Oda, vice-principal, has been placed in charge of supervision and cadet training.

HIGH SCHOOL OVERHAULED

Topaz high school was washed behind the everlast yesterday as 1500 students and faculty members, armed with cleaning paraphernalia, applied elbow grease to the 6-month-old buildings.

Six teams of girls attacked, in old socks and sweaters, washed windows and walls, painted and polished the pot-bellied Army heaters, mopped the floors, and underwent a general interior decoration program.

The boys did the repair operations, and faced the dirt and pencil markings on the outside of buildings. Another crew deposited and arranged gravel on the main arteries of the school grounds.

According to Miss Eleanor Oda, vice-principal, similar beautification campaigns will be conducted periodically.

ART OF ABACUS TO BE TAUGHT

A training class for beginners in the conventional usage of abacus was instituted this week from 5 to 6 PM daily at 8-7-C, it was announced by the Adult Education department.

A similar class for beginners, who have access to an abacus, is scheduled for Monday from 5 PM at the same location.

Interested residents are requested to contact Sangoro Ito of the Education cost accounting unit at Administration B, it was pointed out.

TALKS DEFERRED

Kantaiishi Nishimura, a lecturer in the Americanization series, is currently in the Topaz hospital for a thorough examination and rest, it was learned. He is expected to be released from the hospital shortly, after which he will reopen his classes.

The Americanization series is sponsored by the Adult Education department.

TOPAZ CASTS PERFORM AT COMMUNITIES

The Speech department of the high school presented 2 one-act plays in Delta and Hinckley Tuesday, it was revealed. The 14 performers were accompanied by George L. Lewis, director of speech and drama.

In a continuation of the reciprocal exchange of good-will programs, the Topaz students participated in the Delta high school assembly at 2 PM.

As the guests of the Mutual Improvement association, the high school gave their second performance before the Hinckley community at 8 PM. Dinner was served the casts by the community church members at 7 PM.

In "Youth Adds a Dash of Pepper," the following participated: Pumi Shihara, Kengo Ishihara, Kingo Kotoke, Paul Fukami, Fujiko Takahashi, and Koji Ozawa.

The cast of "Little Darling" included: John Katsu, Motoko Ishiyama, Irene Matsu, Ruth Naruo, Kay Tsuguhito, and Yone Takata.

The four Topaz nursery schools are located at Rooms 9, 13, 27 and 37. There are also classes in the afternoon for older groups at Rooms 9 and 27. Children between the ages of 2 to 5 years attend.

The Pre-School department is interested, especially, in helping children to learn how to get along with others, and to cultivate habits of cleanliness and health, and to learn to develop independently, creatively and resourcefully.

A day at the nursery school is an exciting one for the pupils. They have opportunities to do the things they enjoy, such as to draw, paint, mold objects in clay, play house, build with blocks, and look at picture books.

Whenever the weather is clear, the children are allowed to play outdoors.
BUDDHISTS TO PRESENT HUGE RALLY

To heighten interest in the 2-day Buddhist conference, scheduled for March 21 and 22, the Topaz Young Buddhist association will stage a pre-conference rally Sunday night from 7:30 at Dining Hall, according to Tad Hirota.

Four speakers will address the all-Buddhist assembly. They are: James E. Lamb, head of the Community Activities section, Rev. K. Kumata, advisor, Fumi Takeda and Masato Huruyama.

Heading the other activities planned for the evening are the following: Frank Matsuyama and Hisako Kuganagi, community singing; Toshio Yoshida, entertainment; and Dr. Misugi Naito, dancing.

F.O.R. TO MEET IN HOME SESSION

The Topaz Fellowship of Reconciliation group will hold its weekly session on Monday night from 8 at the residence of Miss Kay Yamashita, 6-3-E.

Chairman of the session will be Iwao Kawai, who will preview Allan Hunter’s “Secretly Armed”.

SCHEDULE FOR THE CHURCHES

CATHOLIC CHURCH
SUNDAY: Mass worship at Rec 14 from 8:30 AM with Father Stoeckl; Sunday school general meeting at Rec 14 from 9 PM.

PROTESTANT CHURCH
Sunday: Holy communion from 9:15 AM at Rec 32 with Rev. Terawara; Sunday school classes from 10 AM at Rec 8, 8E, 8D and DH 3A; YP morning worship at DH 32 from 11 AM with Rev. Nichimura, speaker, and Rev. K. Takai, chairman; high school fellow- ship from 7:30 PM at 32-8 E with Rev. E. Suchiro, speaker; Sunday evening conference from 7:30 PM at Rec 32 with Claude C. Corn- wall, speaking on “The History of Utah,”

S.E.C. TO HEAR UTAH HISTORY

Claude C. Cornwall, chief of the Employment division, will address the Topaz young people on “The Legend and Visions of Utah.” On Sunday night from 7:30 at Dining Hall, it was announced.

Cornwall’s lecture will be the third presentation of the current series, which is sponsored by the Christian Young People’s Sunday Evening Conference. At the past two assemblies, there were approximately 150 young people in each audience.

Each of the series is expected to cover a period of five weeks.

BUDDHISTS PLAN HANA-MATSURI

A 4-day Hana-Matsuri celebration is being planned by the Topaz Buddhists. It was learned from Rev. K. Kumata, in observance of the Lord Buddha’s birthday, the festivities will be held from April 8 to 11 with all church members participating in the different activities.

Rev. Kumata, Tad Hirota, Masato Huruyama and Elchi Sato, are on the committee, which will formulate plans for the affair.

YOUR SINCERELY
By Rev. K. M. Kumata

It’s just a complimentary close to a letter, that phrase, “Your sincerely,” and little thought is given to it aside from this. And yet the word sincerely must carry more importance and weight than this.

Recently the residents of Topaz were given the opportunity to exercise sincerity in our thinking and sincerity in our action. Many sleepless nights were spent, many arguments spun in sincerity, till the final momentous decision was reached. Whatever that decision, we respected individuals for having made a clean cut answer in the face of conflicting emotions and contradictory conditions.

There is left to us, now, the living of that decision. And surely we shall succeed in attaining that ideal by putting into action the sincerity which was found in sincerity. By no means will it be simple; by all standards hardships shall be ahead. And it is those moments that faith in our religion shall guide us over obstacles. For that religion founded in sincerity itself; is not Faith the ultimate in sincerity?

A LETTER

In a letter addressed to his Sunday School teacher, a college youth serving with the armed forces, pointed out a fact of extreme importance to the Church, “The man coming out of the service with a sound mental and moral perspective,” says this discriminating young man, “will do so in most cases because an attitude was firmly established in his thinking before he entered the service. Anything you can do, then, to give such a mind—something in which he can believe profoundly—is a step towards saving, just as certainly as our fellow- aside may be the means of saving his body if he is wounded.”
NICE SHOT!

DON'T FORGET MY WRITE-UP, KIMOTO!

HEY JANKEE! ZOOM

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