RESIDENTS NEED CERTIFICATES TO PURCHASE SHOES

To purchase shoes it is necessary for Topaz residents to obtain ration certificates, it was announced by the Welfare department, which is handling the issuance of the shoe-rationing certificates.

An office for this purpose has been set up at the east entrance of Rec 30. Office hours are from 10:45 to 12:45 in the mornings and from 3:45 to 5:45 in the afternoons, Monday through Friday, and mornings only on Saturday.

Each certificate, which will be issued only after application, will entitle the holder to purchase a pair of shoes at any time between now and June 15 of this year (the first rationing period), and will expire if not used by that date. Certificates will be issued for the second and subsequent rationing periods, to be announced within 30 days.

Baby shoes and those up to size 4 are not rationed. When purchasing shoes by mail, a certificate must be sent in with the order for each pair, it was pointed out.

WEATHER REPORT
Max. (Fri.night) 99° F.
Min. (Sat.morn.) 86° F.
Max. (Sat.night) 93° F.
Min. (Sun.morn.) 44° F.
Max. (Sun.night) 67° F.
Min. (Mon.morn.) 15° F.
Max. (Mon.night) 36° F.
Min. (Tues.morn.) 7° F.

ENTERTAINMENT TO FEATURE ENLISTES' PARTY

Sponsored by and given for the 103 Topaz "Volunteers for Victory," a party will be held tonight from 7:30 o'clock at Dining Hall 54.

Frank Matsuzato is emcee and entertainment for the evening will include May Hayashida, vocalist; Johnny Kato, magician; Tochi Suzuki, harmonica; and Fumi Haga- ta, pianist.

Refreshments and dancing will conclude the get-together.

Nov. Clothing Allowances Ready

Clothing allowances for November are now being issued, according to Miss Adrian Altavera, head of the clothing section. Residents should call for their allowances as soon as they receive their notices for them.

The amounts being issued vary according to ages; children under 16 years will receive $2.25; 8 to 16 years, $3.25; over 16 years, $2.75.

Persons who purchased surplus government clothing last year will have the cost of these deducted from their allowances.

The above is an answer to a letter which recently appeared in the "Old Issei's" letter.

It is not fair to the "Old Issei" whose letter recently appeared in the Topaz Times. It is natural for the nisei to be proud of being loyal to the United States and to be willing to give their lives in defense of their country when they are called upon to do so. This is their American pride, and their pride as Americans of Japanese ancestry.

We must not, however, forget that the United States is a democratic country. It was because of this principle of democracy that in the recent registration we were permitted to answer questions 27 and 28 in our own way. It is obvious that the spirit of sportsmanship and fair play must guide our daily association with those who answered in a different way than we did.

There may be among Ki-bel nisei those who evaded the draft in Japan. We must recognize that among these are many who did so because they were Americans and wanted to remain loyal only to the United States.

There are also people who are not prepared at this time to express their loyalty to the United States as clearly as they would like to, because they were made to realize the forces of racial prejudice which were partly responsible for evacuation. We can understand the fervor which motivated the "Old Issei" to express his wishes for the future of the people of Japanese ancestry. But we cannot agree with him when he terms those who answered "no" cowardly or un-Japanese.

Nor can we agree with those who, we hear, tend to resort to extreme measures to express their disagreement with the "Old Issei." The principles of democracy and the spirit of Yamato teach us that to oppose an opinion only the vehicle of speech must be employed. The term "Yamato-Damashii" or the spirit of Yamato is not the spirit of great peace," to forget which would shame all men of Japanese ancestry.

This should be realized especially when the writer is an old issei whom we should respect for his age if for no other reason.

James Oki
Karl Ichiro Aklya

(Ed. note: The above is an answer to a letter which recently appeared in the "Old Issei" section of the March 10th issue of the Topaz Times.)
G.I. CLOTHING
ON SALE AT
BARGAIN PRICES

Various articles of G.I. clothing are available to the residents at cost price, it was announced this week by Gilbert L. Niesse, chief of the Administrative division.

The following list of clothing with their respective prices may be purchased at Warehouse 117:

- Fleece jackets, $3.50
- W.O.D. jackets, $3.85
- W.O. D. breeches, $2.25
- Overcoats, $4.95
- Leather gloves, 65¢
- Blue denim trousers, 85¢
- Hickory shirts, 50¢
- Wool mittens, 58¢
- Blue denim jackets (used), 15¢
- Blue denim trousers (used), 15¢
- Cook's jackets (used), 15¢

All that is necessary to withdraw these items from the warehouse is to furnish the storekeeper with evidence that the individual is employed or on public assistance. These items will then be deducted from the clothing allowance.

3-MONTH WEATHER RECORD FOR THIS AREA SHOWS MILDEST WINTER

What is believed to have been one of the mildest winters observed in this area was revealed this week with the release of the climatological data for the past three months. These data were compiled by Kuni Akagi, Topaz weather observer. A monthly report is sent to the United States Department of Commerce Weather Bureau in Salt Lake City to be entered into the official weather observation files.

The coldest day recorded this winter occurred on January 19 when the thermometer dipped to 9 below zero, but this is far above the all-time low recorded at Deseret on January 9, 1937. The hottest day was 106 in June a number of years ago; however, residents of Topaz may anticipate an average summer heat which ranges from 90 to 100 degrees during the day. These figures illustrate the fact that Topazans will not have to endure any appreciable amount of uncomfortable heat during this summer.

Akagi asserted that not only was the winter milder but also the amount of rainfall and snowfall has been considerably less than average. These comparisons of the departure from the normal temperature and precipitation have been computed from the records of the weather bureau at Deseret, located 15 miles south of here, which has maintained observations for the past 43 years.

On the debit side of these data are the existence of dust storms at regular intervals caused by south winds of high velocity. However, this condition will be somewhat alleviated this spring by the landscape and gardening program which is currently being undertaken by the Agricultural division.

BILL INTRODUCED TO GIVE CITIZENSHIP TO ORIENTALS

A bill to amend the Nationality Act of 1940 was introduced in the House of Representatives by Representative Vito Marcantonio of New York, it was learned today. The bill, if passed, would mean that all Orientals would have the right to become naturalized citizens of the United States.

Representative Marcantonio introduced the bill with the statement that "it will for the first time recognize the Asiatic people in America as part of the whole American people" and that "it will strike a tremendous blow at the Axis propaganda" in that it will prove "that America is engaged in a real people's war for a peace based on true democracy."

The complete bill reads as follows: "Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Congress assembled, that Section 303 of the Nationality Act of 1940, approved October 14, 1940 (54 Stat. 1142, 8 U.S.C. 703), be, and hereby, is amended by striking out the said section and enacting a new section replacing it to read as follows: 'The right of a person to become a naturalized citizen of the United States shall not be denied or abridged because of race, color, creed, or national origin.'"

FARM RODENT CONTROL MOOTED

B.L. Johnson, district agent of the U.S. Fish and Wild Life Service, was a visitor in Topaz for two days last week during which time he conferred with the Agricultural division on rodent control problems.

After an extensive survey of the Project area, Johnson outlined a program to control such rodents as kangaroo rats, ground squirrels, and jack rabbits, which constitute a menace to our food crops.

Under the supervision of William G. Parrell, a crew has been organized with Motoki Yatabe as foreman to combat this situation.