WOMEN MAY REVISE ANSWERS

Due to confusion on the part of some Topaz women citizens in answering question 28 on the Form 186-revised during the recent registration, the clarification of the situation was made today by Project Director Charles F. Ernst.

Unintentionally these women citizens may have answered question 28 in such a way that they are placed in a different classification from their alien husbands or their alien parents.

"The women concerned are urged to take advantage of the opportunity to clarify their answers to question 28 by seeing interviewers at Rec 4, starting today and continuing through Saturday.

SENATOR MURDOCK SENDS LETTER TO VOLUNTEERS

The letter which was reprinted in the March 31 issue of the Topaz Times received a reply, dated March 30, from one of the 4 Congressmen from Utah to whom the letter was sent by the Topaz U.S. Army volunteers.

The Hon. Abe Murdock, from whom the reply was received yesterday morning, is a member of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary.

The reply, addressed to the Volunteers for Victory of Topaz, read: "Your very splendid letter of March 23rd reached my desk this morning, and I have just finished reading it. I congratulate you heartily on your attitude as expressed in this communication. I agree thoroughly with the definition of

NEWS BRIEFS

SERVICE: Rev. S. Shima-da and Rev. J. Tsukamoto will speak at the Midweek Bible Circle this Wednesday night at 32-12-3.

CHOIR: The first practice of the YBA choir will be held tonight from 7:30 o'clock at Rec 28.

YOUTH HAS NARROW ESCAPE FROM DEATH

A Topaz boy owes his life today to the quick-thinking of his 3 youthful companions whom on underground dugout in the high school construction area in which 11-year-old Frank Nishio, 31-5-A, was playing caved in, completely burying the lad at 8 o'clock last Saturday night.

At 7:45 PM, Reserve Warden Warren Sakainari, on passing through the high school area, had warned the 4 youngsters to return from playing in the underground dugout which they had built. Immediately after the mishap occurred, Dan Kawamorita, 11, 31-2-AB, and 2 Mizunaga brothers, Albert, 12, and Yosuke, 9, 31-7-B, who were with Nishio, dug frantically with their hands and mana-ed to clear away sufficient dirt so that the victim could breathe. Kawamorita then dashed into Rec 11 at 6:15 PM to inform the safety wardens of the accident.

Toshikichi Nishio, the victim's father, was notified, while Warden Sakainari, Investigator K. Yukawa and Field Supervisor S. Ogawa and T. Takagi were dispatched to the scene and an ambulance was called. After a quick survey at the spot, Ogawa rushed over to the fire station to secure shovels and additional men for rescue work.

After 20 minutes of digging, Nishio was extricated from the cave-in and transported to the hospital on a stretcher.

Suffering from swollen eyes and a wrenched back, the victim was reported to be resting today at the hospital after his narrow escape from being smothered to death.

"Warning was repeated today by Theodore Lewis, head of the Internal Security division, that persons should keep away from not only the construction part of the high school area but all construction work, and especially should refrain from playing any games where tunneling is involved, as the character of the soil does not permit safety.

MOVIE SCHEDULE


REC 32--"It Started With Eve," with Deanna Durbin, Charles Laughton, Robert Cummings.

Show-times: Mon., & Fri; Tues.,Sat., 7:45 PM; Sat.--matines, 2:15 PM.
With the approach of the Easter season and a desire by some parents and children here to catch wild rabbits in the desert area of the Project, we believe some telling about the dangers of contracting tularemia will not be amiss.

In the book "Hunger Fighters" by Paul de Kruif, a chapter is devoted to Edward Francis, the man who discovered the tularemia germ, and the locale of the story is Pahvant Valley in which Topaz is situated.

Tularemia is a disease which can be contracted by human beings from wild rabbits and field rodents.

According to de Kruif, "there is certainly no way to stave off this dangerous hunger (for rabbit meat) out of our country, for even a Kocher (the man who conquered the hoof-and-mouth disease by killing and burning in lime all infected cattle) wouldn't try to exterminate the total jack, snowshoe and cotton-tail rabbit tribe of the United States."

"But Francis has a simple and perfectly certain preventive for tularemia, the disease that slaps with such fantastic ease from rabbits to men but never spreads from one human being to another. In the Pahvant Valley or in the wilds of Montana or Idaho it might be caught from the bites of deer-flies or ticks. But the one sure way to catch it is by getting your hands into the insides of a rabbit that is sick with the microbe from Tulare County in California."

As it has been pointed out, there is a possibility that, aside from contact with rabbits, tularemia infection can come from bites of ticks, the season for which is now at hand in this area. It would be well to heed the advice of Dr. Donald Boardman, head of the Topaz hospital, that a thorough physical and bed inspection for ticks be conducted every night before retiring.

It should be emphasized here that residents need no fear of contracting tularemia from domesticated Easter bunnies.

Worker in St. Louis Still Anxious to Join Army

(The following letter was received from Ernest M. Izumi, former resident of Topaz and a volunteer for the Japanese American combat team, who is now working in St. Louis, Mo.—Editor’s note).

I have finally settled and have officially been sworn into the City Public Health Service here. There are 5 bacteriologists and 3 technicians besides myself in this department. There is quite a large laboratory here and we do considerable diagnostic work.

I took this position with the understanding that perhaps I would be taken into the Army within 30 to 60 days if I passed the physical examinations. This is satisfactory with the chief of the personnel and also with my immediate employer. In spite of the good position I have just obtained here I am still quite anxious to serve in the armed forces of the United States.

Very sincerely yours,

ERNST M. IZUMI
HISTORY OF UTAH
By W. RICHARD NELSON
The twenty-fourth of July, 1847, fell on a Saturday. That was the day on which the leader of the company, Brigham Young, entered the valley of the Salt Lake. The following day, therefore, was Sunday, the Christian Sabbath. It was the first Sabbath in the new home, and during two religious services some of the Church leaders, including Brigham Young, addressed the Saints sounding a keynote for the great work which was to follow.

HISTORY OF UTAH

It was on this occasion that President Young announced the policy that would be followed with respect to land, water, and timber, and their proper utilization.

Land is a gift of God. It belongs to the community, not to the individual. Social prosperity depends fundamentally on the wisdom and justice with which the land is divided and used. In early England the meadow was held in common, as was the pasture-land; the woodland was common. It was distributed. In the United States the rights of the common man were safeguarded by making land cheap and limiting the amount that one person could buy.

Land-hunger is a sin against the community. Wherever it is not curbed, there the seeds of national decay flourish. In ancient Egypt the farmers sold their land to get bread. One time six persons owned the whole province of Africa. The great estates sited in the downfall of Rome.

Water and wood go with the land. They are essential to those who work the fields and build houses to live in. Hence these, too, belong to the community, not to the individual. Land, water, and timber in the hills—these are funds—EXPERIENCES OF VOLUNTEERS TOLD

By Pfc. ALEX YORKISH, Camp Savage, Minnesota

The following is an account of the induction and reception processes as encountered by nisei volunteers several months ago (November-December, 1943) as they were inducted into the Army of the United States. Such processes seem to be standardized and, except for minor deviations, inductees go through almost an identical experience at the different Army centers before being shipped to replacement and training camps such as Camp Shelby.

Instead of reporting directly to an induction center, last year's volunteers were inducted into the Army while still in the relocation centers by mobile Army parties which visited every one of these centers. We received the physical examination from the i.p. medical officer, while our eye examinations and urinalysis were made by the Center hospital staff. Afterwards we were sworn into the service in the community government officer.

It is our understanding that some of those who volunteered for the Japanese American combat team will report to Utah's Fort Douglas reception center before being sent to Camp Shelby.

A few days after our induction, we left the center with a multi-colored "Volunteer" band on our arms, and traveled over 1500 miles to our reception center at Fort Snelling, Minn.

We reached St. Paul, Minn., at night, several hours behind schedule and in the midst of snowy, subzero weather, and we were warmly received in the Union Station branch of the USO. We had hot coffee, sandwiches, doughnuts and apples as we waited for transportation to Fort Snelling.

In Fort Snelling we

Just about noon we were taken to a large classroom where we took 3 examinations--Army general classification (IQ), mechanical aptitude, and a recorded telegraph code (dot and dash) tests. The IQ test dealt on true and false questions, vocabulary, math, and block-counting.

In the afternoon we went to a fair-sized auditorium where we received an insight into the Army's sugar-coated form of presenting dry subjects in a novel way--visual education. We were shown 3 movies on the Articles of War, military courtesy, and venereal diseases.

This ended our first day in an Army camp and we learned that we had to be up by 4:30 AM with breakfast at 5, dinner at 10 AM, and supper at 5 PM.

To be continued.
HANA-MATSURI PROGRAM TO START TOMORROW

To celebrate the birth of Buddha, a gala 5-day Hana-Matsuri program will be sponsored by the Topaz Buddhist Church from Wednesday to Sunday, it was revealed today. Artificial cherry blossoms will be given to residents to wear for the celebration, it was added. The program will be the artificial flower exhibit and hobby show on Thursday and Friday from 10 AM to 10 PM at Rec 10, and the oratorio contest in English and Japanese on Friday night at Dining Hall 32.

The program for the first 3 days of the celebration is as follows:

**WEDNESDAY**
- Odori rehearsal - 7:30 PM in front of Rec FB, Toshio Yoshida, chairman.

**THURSDAY**
- Artificial Flower Exhibit and Hobby Show - 10 AM to 10 PM at Rec 10.
- Civic Tea Reception - 4 PM at Rec 10.

**FRIDAY**
- Artificial Flower Exhibit and Hobby Show - 10 AM to 10 PM at Rec 10.
- Oratorio Contest (in English and Japanese) - 7:30 PM at Dining Hall 32, June Nakayama and Katsuki Harano, co-chairmen.

beginning to establish.

(To be concluded)

TOKUNAGA-KAWAKAMI WIN TOPAZ BRIDGE TITLE

With 64 players participating, the Topaz open bridge tournament held Sunday night at Rec 1 won by Lino Tokunaga and Iwao Kawakami, playing east-west, by the score of 157-125. The winning team was awarded 2 silver cups.

Norman Nakashima and Louis Okamoto took first place for north-south with 147x, while the teams of Joe Takatsuno-Ima Takai and Mike Oda-Ira. Pat Himba placed second for north-south and east-west, respectively.

Mrs. Himba became the second woman major, others to become majors were Mike Oda, Jose Takatsuno, Mas Takai and Iwao Kawakami.

Prizes were awarded to teams taking third, fourth and fifth places. The names of the players will be published in the Thursday issue of the Times.

The major tournament will start Sunday, April 11, it was announced today by Ken Yabe, tournament director. The advanced players tournament will take place tomorrow night at Rec 1. Teams of majors may play Wednesday, but their points will not count, it was added.
ESTHER BIRD ADDRESSES 2 TOPAZ GROUPS

To view the current conditions in the relocation centers and to aid in the amelioration of those conditions, Miss Esther Bird, a former member of the YWCA national executive board in New York City, was in Topaz for several days, according to Mrs. S. Fujita of the Topaz YWCA. Miss Bird, who spoke before the Christian organizations Sunday evening on the activities of the national YWCA chapter pertinent to the Japanese people in the country, addressed the professional and business women of Topaz Monday night on business opportunities for American Japanese. Miss Bird left the project today.

FIRST AID CLASS SCHEDULED FRIDAY

Registration for a beginners class in Red Cross first aid, planned for Friday, April 9, is scheduled from today till Friday at 3-6 P.M., it was announced by Dr. Laverne C. Bane, director of Adult Education. T. Kashima will be the instructor.

KNOW YOUR SCHOOLS

By DRAYTON B. NUTTALL

Meet the students. If each were to tell of his educational history, we would be able to obtain a good description of school life in California cities. The students in the Topaz schools make up a melting pot in miniature.

1943 students in the elementary schools have come from previous school experiences in 123 different schools. The majority are in California, but there are students from schools in Colorado, Washington, D.C., New York, Hawaii, and Utah. The largest number from any one school is the 91 from the Raphael Weill school in San Francisco. Others contributing large groups are the Morning Star School, M. Eden; Longfellow School, Berkeley; the Lateyette, Oakland; and the Centerville School, Centerville.

A similar situation exists in the high school. The 1050 students have transferred from a total of 127 schools in California and elsewhere. Commerce High in San Francisco contributed the largest number, 71. Next in order came Berkeley High, Berkeley; Washington Union, Centerville; Lowell High, San Francisco; and Hayward High, Hayward.

Add to the above description the fact that all but 16 of the students are of Japanese ancestry, many of whom have never attended school with others of the same racial extraction and the result is a new, if not altogether pleasant experience in learning to live.

ACADEMIC COURSES TO BE INSTITUTED

With consideration for demand and needs, the Adult Education department is planning several beginning academic courses for college credit acceptable to the University of Utah, it was learned today. Initial plans for the program were inaugurated when Dr. I. O. Horn, professor of the Extension division of the University visited the project last Friday and Saturday.

The following courses will be offered with Topaz instructors: freshman composition, Miss Toyo Suyemoto; mechanical drawing, instructor unannounced; mathematics and physics, Dr. Joseph Goodman; history and political science, Miss Eleanor Gerard and Henry Tanaka; and psychology, Dr. Reese H. Hauchan and Victor Goertzel.

Interested students should contact the Adult Education office, 8-7-B, so that classes may be started as soon as the minimum number of candidates registers for specified classes, according to Dr. L.C. Bane, director.

FACULTY HOLD WENIE ROAST

Faculty members of the Topaz City High School enjoyed a wenie roast Sunday afternoon on the project, one mile north of the hospital, according to Dr. Golden L. Woolf, principal.

Chairman of the faculty get-together was Dr. Joseph Goodman, instructor of sciences, assisted by George L. Lewis of the speech and dramatics department.
**RE-C-TIVITIES**

Ranking among the best in the city, Rec 34 with its variety of activities takes its bow today.

**STAFF MEMBERS**

Directors are Jimmie Matsunoto and June Tanaka. Leoders for the various clubs are: Tanaka, high school and junior high; Suwako Yamashita, grammar school; Rando Taketoshi, junior and senior girls; and Jimmie Matsunoto, senior high boys.

**NEVER A DULL MOMENT**

There is never a dull moment at this rec hall. Almost every Saturday or Sunday night, the rec hall is being used for parties, bingo, talent shows, sing-spiration, club meetings and dances. Jitterbug classes are held every Friday night.

During the week, hundreds of sports-minded boys and girls use the basketball and volleyball courts, horseshoe pit, baseball diamond and ping-pong table.

Rec 34's outstanding event was the city-wide "three in one" show which was attended by a capacity crowd. Community singing, talent show and dancing featured the successful affair.

**FUTURE ACTIVITIES**

Programs on tap for the coming month are barn dance, talent show, Easter party for the youngsters, and a hike for everyone.

Tentatively set for the spring months is a proposed wards' softball league. Badminton competition is also being planned.

As I see it now, the rec hall can use more capable leaders and more handicrafts to fill in the needs of Ward 4.

**NOTICE**

Due to the sudden outbreak of a dust storm, the deciding Industrial League championship game between the CAS and the Hospital five scheduled for last Sunday was postponed until Sunday, April 11. The game will be played at Court 10 from 3 PM.

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**Most valuable player award to M. Takahashi.**

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**ALL-STAR RATED ON ALL-AROUND ABILITY**

Out of the make of many outstanding players, 20 singles were selected on the All-Opponent All-Star teams. Chosen on the basis of their all-around performances during the past Industrial League play, the players were given berths on the various mythical teams in accordance with the number of votes they received.

Interesting to note in the Class AA selection is the appearance of the young CAS first-stringers. Also of interest is the fact that the Class AA selection is practically the same team that copied the Intermountain Tourney.

In the Class A league, the first team, comprised of Tosh Minemoto, Ted Iida, Leon Westover, Jack Mizono and Dai Matsuda, is certainly a worthy selector. It combines speed, accuracy, and experience.

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**SOFTBALL MEETING**

There will be an important softball meeting for all interested participants this Wednesday afternoon from 2 PM at Rec 3.

At this meeting, plans and details of the contemplated Softball League will be discussed. John Tomita, commissioner of the new league, will preside as chairman.