ARMY SCHOOL WILL HOLD NEW COURSE

Having experienced a successful program with the first group of Japanese soldiers in special training, the Army Language School at Camp Savage, Minnesota, is planning to open a new course of Japanese instruction beginning July 1. The new class of 250 will be composed of male citizens of Japanese ancestry recruited from the 10 relocation centers and those chosen from the enlisted ranks, according to Colonel Kari E. Rauman- sen, Commandant of the Language School.

The opportunity for voluntary enlistment in the U.S. Army is being opened to single and married men who meet the following qualifications:

1. Applicants must be male citizens of the United States, of draft age and physically fit for induction into the U.S. Army. (Continued on Page 3)

MASACKA, SPEAKS TO CITIZENS' GROUP

Addressing a group of young people identified with the JACL movement, Tuesday night at 32-8-EF, Joe Masacka, representative of the national JACL headquarters in Salt Lake City, discussed the latest operations of the organization in combating the forces functioning against the loyal Japanese Americans in the country.

Masacka, who is a volunteer in the special combat unit, declared that there should be more leaders to carry on the JACL program.

He pointed out that regional offices will be established in Denver, Colorado, and possibly, in Chicago, Illinois, and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, by the JACL to cooperate with the WRA and Church groups to aid in the re-settlement effort.

PROJECT CATTLE USED TO MEET BEEF SHORTAGE

To replenish the nearly exhausted supply of beef at the commissary warehouse, six head of cattle from the herd fattened on the Project area were trucked to Fillmore for slaughtering yesterday, it was revealed by Reece E. Bell, chief of the Agricultural division.

Due to an acute scarcity of beef in the stockyards this month, the city was unable to procure its full meat rations for April. Since beef is an essential item in the daily food needs, an emergency call was directed to the Cattle raising section of Topaz by Brandon Watson, head of the commission, to supplement the present meat supply.

The cattle crew was out on the range at 5:30 yesterday morning, segregating the six head of steer for subsequent butchering at Fillmore.

The cattle, which are of the best prime beef quality, weighed approximately 1,000 lbs. per head, showing a gain of 300 lbs. since the time of their purchase last November. They were largely grazed and fed on crop residues supplemented by alfalfa hay and cracked wheat.

It was pointed out by William C. Farrell, farm superintendent, that the success in raising these cattle is the result of careful planning and endless effort on the part of the Cattle Raising section under the leadership of Fazuo Chikano.

QUALIFICATION FOR ENLISTMENT MAY BE LOWERED

Physical requirements for rejected volunteers may be lowered in order to permit them to enter the United States Army, it was intimated in the following letter received today by Project Director Charles P. Ernst from Captain John M. Hall of the War Department:

"I am glad to report that some program has been made for the benefit of volunteers from the Japanese-Americans combat team who were rejected for physical reasons. The exact details of this program have not as yet been developed, but the general result will, I think, make the majority of such volunteers eligible for the combat team."

OUR TOWN' ACCLAIMED SUCCESS

Presented by the drama department of the Topaz high school last night at Dining Hall 32, the first performance of "Our Town," Thornton Wilder's stage hit on Broadway, was acclaimed a tremendous success. Approximately 300 witnessed the presentation.

Directed by George L. Lewis, those in the cast were as follows:


Shigeo Hotta, Kenzo Ishihara, Kay Sakaguchi, Aileen Yamate, Jack Kawakami, Daley Uyeda, Koji Owasa, Shigeru Omai, Paul Kayagama.

Fumi Ishihara, Midori Hoshino, Alice Mori, Hansoko Abe, Eiko Otsuka, Alice Nomura, Kinuko Hiroa, Sadako Yoshida, Keiko Itakura, Chihiko Komura, Yoneko Takeru and Michiko Misaiho.

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LEAVE CLEARANCE SYSTEM SIMPLIFIED

A long stride forward in the resettlement program was taken this week when the WRA leave procedure was decentralized and simplified. From now on, indeterminate leaves may be cleared by the project directors as well as by the national WRA office.

A project director may issue indeterminate leaves to loyal residents who have accepted permanent jobs or are able to show evidence of financial support. The most important test of loyalty is question 28 answered during the registration recently conducted in the relocation centers by the WRA and the War Department.

However, certain persons among the residents who are applying for leaves must still be cleared by the national WRA office. These exceptions are classified in the following categories:

1. Those who have applied for repatriation;
2. Paroled aliens;
3. Shinto priests;
4. Those who have been denied leave clearance by the national office.
5. Those whose record at the Project would not warrant the project directors' favorable action; and
6. Those whose first destination is the Eastern Army Defense Command.

ICKE'S SUPPORTS WRA RESETTLEMENT PROGRAM

Last week Harold L. Ickes, Secretary of Interior, made a public statement in a clear defense of the present resettlement program.

The following is a copy of the statement:

"I interested myself for 2 reasons in the location of 7 U.S. citizens who are of Japanese ancestry on my farm at Olney, Maryland, and on the farm of a neighbor. The first reason is that I believe we should do all that we can to ease the burden that the war has placed upon this particular group of our fellow citizens.

"I do not like the idea of loyal citizens, no matter of what race or color, being kept in relocation centers any longer than need be.

"The second reason is that these citizens have a background of farming in California and we need competent farm help badly.

"The individuals involved compose family groups... I have had excellent report on them."

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SUGAR, RAILWAY FIRMS CALL FOR LABORERS

MEN NEEDED IN WAREHOUSE

Need is immediate for fifteen able-bodied men to help alleviate the serious labor shortage which is now being felt at the Project Western Sugar Company. It was emphasized that unless this shortage can be remedied, many operations of the Project directly affecting the residents will be slowed down seriously. A signed and dated Placement Office Form 4 is necessary for these positions.

AIDES HONOURED

The Nurses Aides of the Topaz Hospital were recognized for their service at a ceremony held April 20.

LANDSCAPING PROGRESSES

Several thousand plants were procured recently through various sources to be used for the spring beautification program, which is now progressing at maximum speed, according to Tom Takaki of the Landscaping and Gardening Section.

CAMP SAVAGE LISTS REQUIREMENTS

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2. While applicants should be preferably a graduate of either an American high school or a Japanese middle school, he must possess a fundamental knowledge of both English and Japanese.

Applicants are requested to fill out a qualification form in the Placement Office at Rec 4 prior to the arrival of the army interviewing team in the future. Successful candidates will be processed at an induction center in time to assure their assignment and arrival at the Army Language School at Savage not earlier than June 25 and not later than July 1.
OUTDOOR SERVICE TO CLIMAX LENT

Two worship services of community scope at the high school plans Sunday will climax the observances in Topaz of the Lenten season, it was revealed by the Protestant Church.

The sunrise worship at 6 o'clock will include a vocal solo, "The Lord's Prayer," by Kauri Isuue, baritone, and choral numbers by the woman's choir. The Rev. E. Kawamura will deliver the Easter message, followed by a baptismal service conducted by the Rev. I. Nishiwara.

The 11 o'clock morning service, provided by the Rev. Joseph Takuamato, will emphasize music in its worship. Participating on the program will be Miss Kazuko Hoshina, violin; Mrs. Alice Goto, vocal solo: Newton Tanii, piano solo, and choral numbers by the three church choirs. The Revs. K. Nakamura and T. Goto will give the sermons in Japanese and English.

Soldiers On Leave

Since Thursday, April 15, the following six soldiers are in the Project visiting their families:

Tech. Sgt. Hirumi Ueda, Camp Savage, Minnesota.
Cpl. Tadahiko Nakagawa, Fort Riley, Kansas.
Staff Sgt. Adira Yamazaki, Camp Robinson, Arkansas.
Pfc. George Okami, Camp Crozier, Missouri.

MATH CLASSES RESUMED MONDAY

The algebra and trigonometry classes were resumed Monday at 3:30-1:00 from 7:18 PM, according to the Adult Education department. In Nakamura will direct the classes.

It was stressed that special attention will be given to the former students of John Izumiz's classes to see that they may complete their textbook without delay.

S.L.C MARRIAGE REVEALED TODAY

Mr. and Mrs. Y. Hashima, 3-8-6, announce the recent marriage in Salt Lake City of their daughter, May, to Shigero Horio, son of Mr. and Mrs. Toraji Horio of Salt Lake City.

The new Mr. Horio is enrolled at the University of Utah. Horio is a third year medical student at the same university.

WASHINGTON POST EMPLOYS TOPAZAN

Miss Mary Nakata, 3-10-6, was notified this week of her appointment as a secretary in the Agricultural and Construction Division of the NRA in Washington, D.C.

Miss Kato, who has been secretary to Harry Kato of the Public Works division for the past 6 months, is expected to leave April 27.

TOPAZ PUBLIC LIBRARY

INTER-LIBRARY LOAN SERVICE

Residents who desire to obtain a collection of books which are not in our library, are urged to take advantage of the inter-library loan service offered by the University of Utah and California, and the Utah State Agricultural College. Books may be borrowed for a period of three to four weeks and may be renewed. There is a charge for the postage and insurance. Please leave all requests with the librarian at the desk.

GIFTS: Books and magazines were received from the C. R. of Topaz, Mrs. E. G. Eastman, I. Hurwitz, and E. Katsumoto.


CONCERT: The Friday evening record concert for April 30 from 8 will consist of INGERSOL'S works.... Concerto No. 50 in D Minor with Jose Iturbide, piano and the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra with Iturbi conducting from the piano, KLEINE KLEINE Yacht-musik, Felix' eingartner conductor and the London Symphony Orchestra, and Symphony No. 49 in C.

PROGRAM ADOPTED

The Topaz high school administration has established an orientation program for the relocation of senior students, according to Miss Eleanor Gerard, vice-principal.

Under this program, the vocational training section utilizes more than 150 students for part time work. Approximately 125 are in agriculture, and the rest are distributed in the industrial arts and home economics divisions.

The industrial arts students are working on the site of the new high school building, on carpentry, drafting and surveying. Other groups do miscellaneous repairs and minor constructions at the present school block.

A number of girls in the home economics courses are training and working as nurses and in the dining halls.

Another phase of the orientation program is the guidance division, which determines whether the students, desirous of going to college, have been provided with the college preparatory requirements and qualifications.

April 22, 1943
CONTEST FOR TOPAZ SONG ANNOUNCED

A contest for an official Topaz song will be sponsored by the Community Activities Section as a part of the National Music Week program being set for May 2 to 7, it was learned today. Tam Hirota is in charge of the event.

The contest officially opened today and any resident may submit one or more entries between now and noon of May 7 to CAS headquarters at Rec R. Songs may be written to any popular, classical, march or college tune. Those capable of writing original songs and to their words may do so.

Three awards in the forms of plaques and merchandise orders will be given. Judges for the contest are Tosh Suzuki, Sadie Tsubata, Toshi Koba, Tetsu Nakamoto and Kim Osato.

CAS FINANCIAL STATEMENT READY

Although the financial statement for the Community Activities section has been completed, it would not be feasible to publish it at the present time due to limitations of space in the Topaz Times, James Lamb, CAS head, announced.

TSUJI’S ORCHESTRA TO PLAY AT EASTER DANCE

Featuring the music of Tom Tsuji’s orchestra, the Easter week-end dance will be held this Saturday night at Dining Hall 32, it was disclosed today. The affair will start at 9:30 PM and end at 11:30.

The Easter dance will be for couples only and will be a program function. Boys will be required to wear coats and ties. A nominal sum of 25 cents will be charged to defray expenses for the event.

The dance will mark the first appearance of Tom Tsuji’s orchestra since its successful engagements in Salt Lake City. Guests of honor at the affair will be the members of the Topaz all-star basketball team which won the JACL tournament held recently at Salt Lake City. The trophy awarded the team will be displayed at the dance.

Tickets for the event are now available at rec halls 3, 10, 20, 34 and 36. Members of the committee in charge of the affair are Ted Hirota, Seigi Hamasaki, Bill Hata, Bichi Koizumi, Tets Takayanagi, Kats Sakai, Tom Tsuji, Yosh Isono and Effie Kamata.

CITY-WIDE EASTER DAY HUNT SET FOR SATURDAY

A city-wide Easter Egg Hunt for youngsters between the ages of 6 and 14 will be sponsored by the special events division of the CAS on Saturday, April 24, it was announced today. Rules and regulations for the hunt will be as follows:

1. There will be 2 divisions—Class A (ages 6 to 10); Class B (ages 11-14).
2. There will be 10 awards for each division, which will be presented to 10 persons in each division who find the most eggs. Also, the child in each block who brings in the most eggs will be awarded a prize.
3. Those who wish to participate must register at Rec 10 at 10:30 AM on Saturday, April 24.
4. The searching area will be divided according to classes.
5. Directions leading to hidden colored eggs will be given at the time of registration.
6. Contestants cannot team up.
7. Contestants must turn in eggs at Rec 10 by 3 PM on Saturday.

The committee handling the event includes Ted Hirota, chairman; Masako Ikeda, registration; Yo Kasa, prizes; Yosh Isono, Johnny Ohita, Fred Ohyashi and Kiku Hara, publicity; and Mary Fujikawa, Keishi Kawamoto and Sadie Towata, judges.

BLOCK 16 TEN SECURES REVENGE AGAINST OILERS

Playing under a blazing sun, the Block 16 softball team emerged with a 6-5 victory over the Topaz Oilers last Sunday afternoon. The victory avenged a previous defeat suffered by the Block 16 ten at the hands of the Oilers who had stopped the Block 16's 4-game winning streak.

Noby Ide, pitching for the Oilers, was blasted by a 6-run Block 16 uprising in the second inning which was featured by a home run by Ken Manuda with bases loaded. Although touched for 8 hits by the opponents, Tom Honda, Block 16’s twirler, tightened up in the pinches to hold the Oilers down.

KANEKO-ARIMOTO TEAM WINS 2ND MAJOR TOURNAMENT

The team of Ray Kaneko-Kano Arimoto won the second major ‘bridge tournament held Sunday afternoon at Rec 1 by scoring 30 match points. Ken Yabe and Kano Kawakami took second place with 29 and the duo of Frank Ogawa-Joe Tanaka placed third with 28. Frank Ogawa is leading the major race with 12 rating points.

Ken Yabe, tournament director, announced that the major tournament on Sunday afternoon had been changed to Sunday night. The majors also play Friday night, while the advanced players’ night is Wednesday.