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STOCKTON ASSEMBLY CENTER, SATURDAY, MAY 30, 1942

## STOCKTON CENTER ROLLS

### EDITORIAL EL JOAQUIN - YOUR PAPER

It may be natural that there should be an editorial statement concerning the policies of this publication which makes its initial appearance, and much could be said at great length to explain a far-fetched, unattainable goal; but that would defeat the purpose of our work before we go very far.

It is understood that it was no easy task for those who struggled and toiled through long years to settle in this country. It was a tremendous task to uproot ourselves and actively participate in the evacuation movement which is still in its first stage. The work which lies ahead is yet a big hurdle to overcome.

However, our personal frustrations must be shelved temporarily for an undertaking which requires each individual to cooperate with his fullest and best effort.

The Staff is endeavoring to work with the administrative officials of our Center and the various activity groups in disseminating news and information.

### IRON STOVES MAKE TROUBLE

We make a special request that everyone cooperate with the Camp Officials in the use of electricity.

Ironers, stoves, fans and radios will be confiscated as a safety measure unless we take steps to avoid overloading the current. Overloading the current will burn a fuse. If a faulty fuse is inserted and does not burn when the line is overloaded, fire hazards will increase.

We ask all of you to make every effort to watch the use of electricity. Make arrangements in your own barracks so that there will be not more than one flat ironer or stove in use at the same time and not more than one radio to an apartment.

### REPORT CHANGE of ADDRESS

Notices of change of address must be sent immediately to former postmasters and to all correspondents.

The Stockton and Lodi Post Offices report that a great deal of mail has accumulated at their offices. Unless change of address cards are properly filled out and sent to the post office, this mail cannot be distributed.

### EVACUATION TOTALS 4,268 WITH VALLEITES

Starting with a movement of 1,650 evacuees from the City of Stockton area, the local Center now has a total population of 4,268 persons, according to figures released Thursday by Mr. Harold Mundell, the Center Manager.

With the momentary confusion of evacuation nearly over, residents in the Center are gradually settling down to the routine life of a new community and are beginning to show cooperative interest in its management and organization.

It is interesting to note the amount of improvement accomplished in the Center since its first construction by the Army as an assembly center only two months ago.

#### FAIRGROUND SITE TAKES NEW OUTLOOK

Looking over the 110-acre Center today, one can find only the remnants of conditions which existed after the rapid completion of 196 barracks, 10 mess halls and other structures by hundreds of carpenters, electricians, plumbers, and other laborers in April.

No doubt a great deal of difficulty was experienced in construction because of adverse weather conditions, and residents, too, have undergone similar experiences in getting settled. Yet, with leveling and grading work nearly completed on roadways and fronts of apartments, the majority of barracks and (continued page 5)

### DRAFT + ALIEN CHANGE of ADDRESS

All United States Selective Service registrants and aliens, who previously, have not done so, are requested to report a change of address immediately.

Draftees should report their change to the local draft board.

Aliens should report change of address to the Alien Registration Division of the Department of Justice, at Philadelphia, on the regular government form, AR-11.

Information booth personnel will be glad to assist you with these changes.

### SPECIAL NOTICE

The first choir turn-out will be held Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Education Exhibit Hall underneath the grandstand. All those interested in singing are urged to attend.



HELP MAINTAIN SANITATION

However good or bad it may be, it shall be of our own making. Let us make this a good and comfortable place to live. Let us build the conveniences we sorely lack. Let our services and cooperation be the most valuable assets we have. Let everyone do his part and we cannot fail our task.





Do you know him?

He is Mr. Harold Mundell, Center Manager of our assembly center. Mr. Mundell blew in from Santa Fe, New Mexico.

He is 32 years old and is the proud father of a 2½ year old son, Gordon.

To the question, "Do you like fish and hash?" he replied, "You betcha!"

## LIBRARY TO OPEN IN CENTER

As a branch of the Stockton City Library, the Center Library, which is located in the first building west of the Hospital, will soon open its doors, offering the community an assortment of magazines and books. It will be open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. to those 12 years or older.

At present on the librarian staff are Mieko Moriwaki, Edith Chikarsishi and Ken Hasegawa, who have been busy the past few days checking in and classifying magazines and books. The usual library lending system will be used and books will be issued for a one week period.

## SCOUT ACTIVITIES TO CONTINUE FOR INTERESTED YOUTHS HERE IN CENTER

Under the supervision of Bill Buettner of the Police Department and Paul Shimada of Lodi, scouting activities will continue as normal except for the use of contraband articles.

Troop 91 with a membership of 40 scouts, held its first meeting last Saturday at 2 p.m. in the Educational Building.

### CENTER ACTIVITIES

A complete line of activities has been outlined by the Assistant Scoutmaster Jimmie Ouye. The outstanding activity is making model airplanes, some of which will be for the government. Paper drives will be held each Monday morning between the hours of 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Contacts have been made for the sale of all papers collected and the proceeds are to be used for the operation of the troop.

A gardening project will be started by the scouts as soon as equipment is available. Scouts will also act as guides and ushers at all public gatherings in the Center. Boards of Review and Courts of Honor will be held as usual.

### GROUP PERSONNEL

Representation in Center of all troops are as follows: Troop 91, Scoutmaster, Paul Shimada; Jimmie Ouye, Assistant Scoutmaster; Sam Funamura, Troop Committee Chairman; Nobu Matsumoto, Finance and Advancement; Jim Sasaki, Activities; Tom Tsutsumi, Public Relations; Troop 19, John Shimakawa, Scoutmaster; George Okino, Ben Tsudama, Dr. Oshidari, Troop Committeemen.

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## RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS in PROGRESS

Koichi Inouye and Babs Inamasu, co-chairmen of social recreation under Mr. Jack McFarland, Supervisor of Recreation, put into effect the past week the following program:

Wednesday, 4 p.m., social dancing for the beginners' mixed class; 7 p.m., a general community card party; Thursday, 2 p.m., a community-sing-along. All these events were held in the Educational Exhibit Hall under the grandstand, where most of the future social activities will probably take place.

The second evening dance was held Friday from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. in the Educational Exhibit Hall while the nickelodeon furnished the music.

Much of the program is still on an experimental basis. A definite weekly schedule will depend upon the response of the community. Miss Essey Tucker

of the College of Pacific will conduct a folk dancing class next Monday at 4 p.m. A variety program of both English and Japanese numbers has been planned tentatively for next Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

Recreational supervisors are canvassing their blocks to sign up talent for variety-shows, an orchestra and a choir.

For the junior division boys and girls, there will be slides and a merry-go-round in the near future. Sandlots for the youngsters may be constructed in the blocks.

A home nursing course, headed by Mrs. A. G. Cruz of the Red Cross, will be offered to the women beginning this Monday at 2 p.m. at the Educational Exhibit Hall.

Mr. M. Nakamura, who is in charge of the older men, has tentative plans of shogi and go tournaments.



## WORK DIVISION ISSUES CALL FOR MEN AS CENTER EMPLOYMENT RISE

With approximately 750 people in the Assembly Center already working in the various divisions, Mr. Frost, Chief of Personnel Accts and Personnel, announces an urgent need for 150 laborers in the Work Division.

At present Mess and Housing has the most employed, with 350 workers. The number of employees in other jobs in chronological order are as follows: Works Division, 124; Sanitation and Janitorial, 70; Hospital, 40-50; Caucasian employees, 40; Recreation, 20-30; Canteen, 26; Timekeepers, 26; Office Staff, 20; Post Office and Information Booth, 20; and Fire Dept. 15. The number of librarians and teachers are yet unknown.

### CLASSIFICATIONS

The classification of workers by wage class are: U (unskilled), S (skilled), and P (professional or technical), with \$8, \$12, and \$16, respectively, as wages. The classes UA and UB on the notices to report to work on project are only used in WPA procedure and are listed only as unskilled in the office.

## SUNDAY SERVICES

### CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Second of the series, of morning discussion at 8 a.m. followed at 9 a.m. at the west side of the grandstand, and 10:30 brings Dr. G. Collier of College of Pacific, who speaks to the Young Peoples Church Service.

Reverend Y. Oyama's sermon for the adults' service is at 2:30 p.m.

Mr. R. J. Charles, Charles Travel Agency, will speak to the "C.E." at 7:30 p.m.

### BUDDHIST CHURCH

A gathering of the Young Buddhists in the Center will be held this Sunday at 7 a.m. in the east side of the grandstand.

## FOOD IMPORTS BANNED

For reasons of health and sanitation no foodstuffs or perishables will be permitted to be brought in or shipped into the Center by individuals.

You are requested to cooperate by asking your friends to kindly refrain from bringing or sending any foodstuffs or perishables into the Center.

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Troop 30 of Terminous; Takeshi Kubota, Scoutmaster; Albert Kawasaki, Paul Sato and Mr. Yada are the newly recruited committeemen. A scouters' training course will be offered these weeks by the San Joaquin Council of Boy Scouts of America.

## OUR NEIGHBORS by [signature]

This is Tamale--dishing out to you this week's bowl of chili-con-corny.

### TURLOCK.....

Are we in for it too?...Turlock gets two, not one--and I don't mean servings in the mess halls--smallpox as well as typhoid inoculations.

I wonder how our French Camp friends are enjoying their carrots canned.

Is it true that Turlock has no canteen? What do they do with their money? Eat it like spinach?

### SANTA ANITA.....

All adults will soon be able to differentiate between "women" and "we men". ..... Daily English classes for adults only were started.

Fifteen girls' clubs have already been formed and, at least six others are in the making.... When do we start?

Discovered were four generations of American citizens in one family.....the George V. Kanekos.

### MANZANAR.....

Gone with the wind.

### SACRAMENTO.....

Hot? Listen to this.... Diners will soon enjoy their meals without complaining of the heat. Cooling systems are being installed in mess halls.... after a collection of 60 cents was made from each of the 1000 apartments.

Doghouse.... Letter found in Wologra Wasp (Sec'to Paper) gripe box:  
"Dear Editor:

If that certain lady who left her purse in my apartment by mistake happens to be reading this column, please come and claim it and also explain to my wife how it got there.

"Perplexed!"

## ATTENTION! INFANTS! MOTHERS!

Mothers may have their milk formulas made by bringing their bottles to the INFANTS' FOOD DEPARTMENT located at the hospital. The milk bottles must be there by eight o'clock every morning.

Milk formulas will be distributed at the respective mess halls--providing that the mothers have already brought in their bottles by 8:00 a.m. to the INFANTS' DEPT. Please call at the kitchen entrance at 9:30 a.m.; 1:30 p.m.; 4:30 p.m.; and 7:30 p.m.

Permits to obtain fresh milk at the mess halls will be issued at the same department.

## ATTENTION! EXPECTANT MOTHERS

All expectant mothers please report to the hospital Sunday at 9:00 a.m. You must be registered in order to receive care during childbirth.



# sports

## TEN POWERFUL TEAMS CONTEST FOR AMERICAN LEAGUE SOFTBALL TITLE

### GAMES SCHEDULED TOMORROW

The Center's softball competition will be officially ushered in at the Recreation Field when the classy American League opens this Sunday afternoon with ten powerful teams entered in the pennant chase.

At 2:00 p.m. on Diamond 4 the crack Block 6 Trojans will cross bats with the Block 2 Kiwanis, while opening the affair at the Diamond 3 will see the hard hitting Block 7 Bombers, led by Frank Mirikitani, tangling with the Block 8 Bears.

An hour later Manager "Wimpy" Uyeda's Block 1 Aristocrats will match run for run against the Block 5 Reds on Diamond 4 and the second tilt on Diamond 3 will have the Block 3 Senators paced by their speed ball chucker, Kuni Kawamura, clashing with the colorful Hawaiian rainbows.

In the nightcap the Block 4 Chinchas will face the Block 9 Yankees in the final tilt of the day on Diamond 4.

Starting Monday two league games will be played each evening starting at 7:00 p.m. with five games scheduled for Sundays.

## VARIED ATHLETIC PROGRAM PLANNED

An extensive athletic program for the center population is now being lined up by Jack McFarland, Supervisor of Recreation and his staff headed by George "Pop" Suzuki and Keichi Ogasawara.

Recreation leaders of each block are: (1) Matsuo Okazaki and Polly Baba; (2) Art Hisaka and Polly Baba; (3) Ted Oseto and Tomiko Sugimoto; (4) James Hamastki and Louise Baba; (5) George Horita and Ted Shironaka; (6) Grace Hagio and Kats Nagai; (7) Grayce Kaneda and Jiro Okinaga; (8) Kiyo Shimaseki and Aya Inamasu; (9) Sumi Utsumi and Ed Kamita.

The following sport is now in full swing daily at the athletic field, located directly east of the half-mile track: softball, boxing, volley ball, sumo, judo, and horse shoe. Ping pong is held in the hog barn. Sumo and judo is handled by Mr. Isamu Hayase and Carl Kawasaki respectively, while boxing is headed by George Uyeda.

Other sports expected to begin in the near future are: badminton, soccer, basketball, shuffle ball, croquet, touch football, tennis, and track and field meet.

Older children and adults are urged to participate in one of the above mentioned sports and to contact their block leaders immediately because teams are now being formed for league competition, which will get under way as soon as possible.

## SOFTBALL RULES AND REGULATIONS

The following rules and regulations governing play for softball competition in the American League has been issued by the Recreation Department.

- (1) The name of the league will be the "American League".
- (2) Number of players. Fifteen players will be the maximum for one team.
- (3) A player from a block, with the consent, first of Recreation Block Leaders, then the Rules and Regulation Committees, may play for another block.
- (4) Schedule may be changed by the approval of the Rules Committee.
- (5) Umpires and official scorekeeper will be chosen by Keichi Ogasawara.
- (6) Time limit. Appearance of team will be given a leeway of twenty minutes. League games will start at 7:00 p.m.
- (7) Any team using ineligible players will have their game forfeited. Manager of team using ineligible players will have to declare it so before a game is played. If not, the problem will be taken up by the Rules Committee.
- (8) Minimum players to start a game will be nine players.
- (9) Regulation games will be seven innings.
- (10) Umpires will have full authority of the conduct of the game.
- (11) Cancellation of games must be reported to the office by 9:00 a.m. on the day of the game.
- (12) Protest of teams will go to the Protest Committee.
- (13) Two rounds of game competition with O'Shaunessey Playoff System will be played at the end of the league schedule.
- (14) The official team list must be sent in to the secretary at the Recreation Office by the end of the first three games.

### Special Ground Rules:

- (A) Two-base hit will be when a ball is hit on the fly to the outfield barracks, but a ball of this type may be played at all times, for the hitter must make his second base; but he will not be allowed to go any further than the second base.
- (B) A grounder that hits a barrack will be run out for what it is worth.
- (C) In the event there is no backstop, a runner on base will be limited to one base on a pass ball at home plate. No base runner will be permitted to steal home on a catcher's pass ball.

Rules and Regulations Committee includes: Babe Utsumi, Kats Nagai, Ted Oseto, Jimmy Ishida, and Pop Suzuki.



## JUNIOR RECREATION DEPARTMENT MAPS PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN'S EDUCATION

The Junior Division of the Recreation Department is divided into a recreational and an educational section. The educational section is attempting to help students brush up on their weak subjects so that they may be ready for the fall semester.

Classes are held daily from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Since its beginning ten days ago, there has been a rapid increase in the enrollment. Children interested are welcome to attend. Wherever possible, students are asked to bring their own notebooks, pencils and papers.

Miss Haruko Morita is teaching the first grade; Miss Bessie Matsumoto, second grade; Miss Alice Ikawa and Miss June Yamaguchi, third and fourth; Miss Toshiko Morita and Mr. Richard Arao, fifth, sixth and seventh; Mrs. Frances Arakawa, first grade attendant and Mr. Kiichi Hiramoto, fifth, sixth, and seventh assistant.

There is a nursery department for little tots three to five years of age. Miss Mary Hata and Mrs. Jeanette Iwataki are in charge, with Miss Elsie Agari as assistant. This department makes a special request that mothers "tag" their little ones with name and address.

During weekends, Miss Haruko Morita heads the recreational section of the Junior Division, Recreation Department. Assisting her are Miss June Yamaguchi and Mr. Richard Arao.

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living quarters are actually beginning to resemble the front garden of a choice court.

Thanks to ambitious nature and art-loving souls, the barracks present a brighter contrast to the once rut-filled roadways and bleak, bare-windowed apartments.

Although contact with the outside is restricted, the problem has been alleviated somewhat with the inception of the Center Store, the Visitor's Building and postal services.

### CENTER STORE AND VISITOR'S BUILDING

The Center Store, situated east of the grandstand, is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., daily, and sells candy, ice cream, tobacco, newspaper and soft drinks. Purchases can be made only with coupons which are on sale at the Cashier's Office in the former Pari-Mutual booth under the grandstand.

The Visitor's Building, north of the hospital, is open from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., daily, to permit visitors to meet with residents of the Center for completion of personal business.

## SOCIAL JOTTINGS

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Tsunekawa announced the engagement of their daughter, Teri, to Kay Yamaguchi, son of Mr. and Mrs. Yamaguchi of Roberts Island.

The prospective bride received her schooling in Stockton and is very prominent in Y.B.A. circles.

Mr. Yamaguchi has ranching interests on Roberts Island.

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Norman Funamura's of Lodi are honeymooning at Block 5, Barrack 79, Apartment A and will live at this address until the bridegroom, who is temporarily unemployed, receives further orders.

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Mr. and Mrs. Jack Matsumoto, Block 4, Barrack 59, Apartment C, celebrated their fourth wedding anniversary at a dinner party... in the mess hall with the residents of Block 4 as guests.

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First born of Mr. and Mrs. Kizuo Okumura, formerly of Lodi, is a daughter Fumiyo-san, born at the San Joaquin County General Hospital on May 24 at 9:00 a.m. Stockton Assembly Center's first lass weighed 7½ pounds at her debut.

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Masuo Yoshioka is the first to be born to Mr. and Mrs. Yoshio Yoshioka of Block 8, lately of Lodi. Both mother and son are doing well.

