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A white Christmas will prevail in the Tule Lake Project as well as in the other relocation centers, with approximately 5,000 gifts being prepared through the efforts of the JACL, United Christian Churches, school teachers, and various other individuals.

The Women’s Guild of the Tule Lake Methodist Church was the largest contributor with 2,500 gifts. Other gifts were received from churches, individual students, and organizations. Gifts were also received from civic organizations, churches, and individuals from 10 different states. Gifts were distributed as Christmas gifts among the children and organizations in the Center.

There are more than 2,600 different places on the crowded room. Model airplanes, color crayons, paint books, games, towels, mechanical toys, shoe polishers, and more new textbooks and second-hand donations were received. Cash donations were also received.

Everything from macaroni to pajamas have been pouring into #3001-A for teachers, and various other individuals.

COVERLY IS NEW DIRECTOR

Appointment of Elmer L. Shirrell, project director, to head up a new WRA office in Chicago was announced today by Director Dillon S. Myer.

In his new post, Shirrell will be responsible for finding employment opportunities for evacuees throughout the middle western part of the country.

As project director at the Tule Lake Center Shirrell will be succeeded by Harvey L. Coverly, former assistant regional director of the WRA office at San Francisco.

OL’ SAINT NICHOLAS VISITS COLONY

Newspapers and organizations have been pouring in for the nursery school Christmas party. Santa was in Tule Lake Saturday afternoon. His robust appearance caught the attention of the kiddies who observed him with keen interest as he tumbled into gift. Nursery school’s Christmas program. Ol’ Nick with a peculiar accent gave each girl a doll and each boy a swiveling dog. Santa remembered the teachers too. Each was presented with a gift.

DISPATCH VACATION

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TUESDAY, Dec. 22

Christmas concert by Church choir at #720 from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Record Office Xmas party from 8 p.m.

THURSDAY, Dec. 24

Choirs to tour City singing Carols from 7:30 p.m.

Christmas Midnight Mass (Catholic) from midnight at #720. Service conducted by Father Swift.

VICTORY HOEY by Okaleis from 7:30 to 11 p.m. at #720.

FRIDAY, Dec. 25

Joint English Worship Service from 10 a.m. at #720.

Mr. Shirrell to extend greetings.

Rev. Donald Dodd from Boring, Oregon, to be main speaker.

Violin ensemble to be conducted by Mr. Raymond Cheek.

Riki Natsumizu to sing.

Sunday School Program (Intermediate and Juniors) from 2 p.m. at #720.

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SUNDAY, Dec. 26

Sunday school program (Intermediate and Seniors) from 2 p.m. at #720.

Young, Adult and Twilight Circle to present Japanese play.

Intermediate Sunday School to present one Japanese play and one English play.

Senior Sunday School and High School Fellowship to present Xmas program and choir.

Roy Toshimn and A1 Koga in charge.

Record Office get together at Mess #3-7 from 7:30 to 11 p.m.

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THE DISPATCH EDITORIAL PAGE

"SAYONARA", MR. SHIRRELL

You have been a true pioneer in the job you have held as director of a WRA center, the prime importance in which was the re-creation of the broken lives of 15,000 human beings as a consequence of the most unprecedented event in the history of our land.

You have done the job well, for which we are all very grateful. It is to the credit of your personality, as exemplified in the strength of your character and your conception of humanity and true democracy, that there has never been an unfortunate incident occurring in our community during your administration.

No doubt the times have been most trying to you, as a government agent, and to us, as evacuees, during the past half year of our residence in Tule Lake. You have spent many a sleepless nights over the deep-rooted problems involved in the administration of a community of this type. For, these problems were the problems of humanity, and not mechanics; not political science or economics.

You have weathered these stormy days with flying colors. The days are peaceful and calm in Tule Lake today. You have won the respect and confidence of the Colony, so much so that our elder residents are now able to come out in the public to say, "our father," in calling you.

That feeling of appreciation toward the goodwill of the civil government of the United States, as manifested through your personality, is being openly declared among our colonists here today. This has been a slow process, but it is a healthy sign that our evacuees are able to look upon the future with hope and confidence. Your successor, whoever he is, will have a comparatively easy job as director of the Tule Lake WRA Project.

So, then, "sayonara" to you! It means, till we meet again, for surely we can never forget "our father." Good luck, and the season's best wishes.-HMI

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LET'S MAKE-BELIEVE
By Clara M. Bode

When bells ring out this Christmas eve,
Let's play the game of make-believe;
Let's make-believe there is no war,
No bursting bombs, no cannon roar,
No call to arms, no quick goodbyes,
No broken hearts, no stifled cries.
Let's make-believe we see the star
That led the wise men from afar.
Let's make-believe that we can hear
The angels' song, so sweet and clear;
The song they sang of Bethlehem's hill,
Of peace on earth, to men good-will.
Let's make-believe that we can see
The shepherds hastening joyfully
That they night worship and behold
Their Savior long, so wondrous fair.
Let's make-believe that we can feel
His holy presence as we kneel.
Perhaps before the bells shall cease
Our hearts shall find that perfect peace
That comes when we believe again
In Christ, the Babe of Bethlehem.

The foregoing poem, written by Mrs. Clara M. Bode of New Knoxville, O., was meant for "Dear Friends" in the Tule Lake Colony. Her oldest son was due to leave for the Navy the day following this poem was written.

The Tulean Dispatch, in printing this poem, accepts her expression of goodwill with profound appreciation on behalf of the colonists here.

COUNCIL REJECTS FACTORY EMPLOYMENT PROPOSALS

A resolution rejecting the employment plans for the proposed tent factory was passed by the City Council on Dec. 17, it was announced in a report by Yeishim Shikina, secretary of the Council.

The Council, however, declared its willingness to reopen negotiations "on any other reasonable proposals the WRA is willing to offer," it was added.

The Council rejected the proposal in view of the overwhelming consensus of the residents that it was not acceptable by its "unreasonable demands" made upon individual workers for his subsistence and clothing allowance deductions for dependents and the sub-standard wage scale.

A counterproposal was submitted to the Project Division, it was reported but was rejected by the Administration.

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In a country not a million miles away, a story is told of little Bob who met an angel.

Little Bob lived in shanty town across a railroad track from a great big city. It was a dirty, a sordid, depressing place as you'll ever see anywhere. And little Bob had never known a Christmas.

Came one Christmas eve. That year they say a huge star, bright as any three in the skies, seemed to hover over shanty town casting its crystal light downward. The populace of the big city look for it still when the 24th comes around each year. They look for it just above the church steeple cam by the tracks.

But anyway, that night, a pale moon sprinkled silver on the white blanket of snow and trees and shacks seemed to be haloed with a whiteness which gave breath to beauty, peace and love.

Little Bob was crying softly to himself. He had heard tell of a good Santa, who filled stockings and base of trees with wondrous gifts. But his stockings had always been empty.

Bitterness swept into his heart. A crippling of his thoughts to all fine things set in. He was a world apart, from happiness and love, he thought and he wept harder.

Then, little Bob, a voice called. He looked and there before him an angel with beautiful silver wings stood. She reached for him and held him close and kissed his tears away. And in that kiss of tenderness and across of warmth bitterness took flight before a surge of peace and love.

Bob cuddled close to her and soon slept meeting a Santa whose gifts were love of fellow men, peace among all nations, and a world seeped in goodwill and beauty of clean white snow.

To little Bob, Christmas came that night, a white Christmas with an angel. Santa's gift.

—Frank S. Tanabe

CHRISTMAS has always meant so much to us than any other period of the year. When we were young, we liked it for the presents and the cheerfulness it meant. It seems like yesterday when we were sitting under our gaily decorated Xmas tree by our big front window eagerly opening the packages from our parents, brothers and sisters and friends...From the radio we could hear the beautiful singing of the Xmas carols...Outside on the peaceful white blanket of snow we could see the kids snowballing and sledding down the hill past our house. Then we would excitedly join them...Those were great days.

Later in our life when we worked downtown we loved the spirit of the people during the Xmas rush...It was fun being part of the buying and packing crowd...We bought till it hurt but we loved it for the joy that it brought to our loved ones. Then we would go to church, visit people, talk in the big Xmas Eve hay at the Castle and perhaps even raise hell... Those were also wonderful days.
LOST: One outdoor basketball at Block 27 court last Saturday, Dec. 19, between 2:30 and 3:30 p.m. Finder please return to DISPATCH office 1406 or Equipment Room 1408.

All practice games must be cleared at the Recreation Department 1508 so that confusion will not be caused by two games being scheduled on the same court at the same time.

TERMITES, BL 22
KEEP JR. LEAD

Termites and Block 22 maintained their Junior Company League leadership this week as they both won their games last Saturday to keep undefeated.

Sac'to Frosh became another victim of the high-scoring Block 22 team as they were handed a 60 to 23 setback, while the Termites passed by the Spartans 34 to 29.

In a game which went into three overtime periods, the Placer Devils dropped a 56-40 decision to the Cardinals.

Rattlers Jr.s. were chewed into the league cellar when the Ward 7 five took a 26-16 triumph, and the Linni Zippers rallied in the second half to defeat the Rattlers 17-11.

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TOP TRY SIX SWAMP CUBETTES 16-6

On Saturday afternoon the Cubettes won 16-6, and Block 23 scored tied with the Yukon Lassies 6 to 6.

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GULLS BATTLE ALL-STARTER TO 7-7 TIE IN 'BOWL' GAME

In a slam-bang, hard-fought contest, the Senior All-stars held the league champion Seagulls to a 7-7 tie in the first "Sand Bowl" classic played here at Tule Lake last Sunday.

All-stars coached by George Ceklo, scored early in the first quarter when Frank Fujita fired a 30 yard pass to Yasuhio Negi, all-star end, who was standing alone on the Gull 30 yard stripe and he hit pay dirt without a hand touching him. Fujita heard to P. Hara for the conversion.

Seagulls, who were held at bay nearly 3 quarters, suddenly came to life in the third period. With the ball in their possession on the Star's 28, James Kuroheura, Gull halfback, spotted and passed to end Shig Takuma on the goal line and Takuma fumbled in the precious touchdown. Kuroheura passed to Jack Hayashida for the tying point.

In the thrill-filled fourth quarter, both teams threatened to break up the ball game. Gulls marched down to the All-Star 3 yard line but the line ran out before any damage was done.

Both lines played heads up ball and in the backfield, Janus Kurohera, Jack Hayashida for the Seagulls and Frank Fouta, Mike Hayashida, A. Shibata, and Frank Hara of the All-Stars were outstanding.

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