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ELECTION MONDAY, JUNE 8!

Relocation Policy Explained 20 COUNCILMEN to be ELECTED

The policy concerning applications for transfer and relocation has been announced by Harwood P. Stump of the Service Division.

Instructions are as follows:

1. Transfers between Centers--recent instructions permit the transfer of only such persons as comprise the immediate family and or those persons who, because of their relationship and physical conditions, are dependent upon relatives or certain friends for their care, shall be eligible for transfer.

Requests for transfer of persons to or from given centers to complete a family circle shall be made to the Welfare Department.

2. Requested release to accept employment in inland states or to attend school--applications of this nature shall be made to the welfare office for referral to the proper authorities. However, no release under present conditions will be granted except after referral to proper army officials.

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WORKERS CLASSIFICATION VITAL, SAYS CAVINESS

"Classification for workers shall be made by an occupational interviewer on basis of work qualifications, determined by their past experience, education, and aptitude," stated Robert E. Caviness, Chief of Personnel Accounts and Personnel Section.

The purpose of the Classification Unit is to assist other division heads by supplying each division with qualified

With the anticipation of a close race, the coming election of the Center's 20 unit representatives has been causing political interest throughout the ten units.

ONLY WOMAN CANDIDATE



CLOSE BATTLE PREDICTED

Exciting contests are in store for several units. Having upwards of five candidates are units H, K, L, and M. Unit K leads with seven hopefuls, while M is a close second with six.

The featured election will be in L section, where Florence Hasegawa, outstanding suffragette of the Center will battle it out with four men, among

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Voting polls have been set up in each of the unit headquarters which will be open from 8 a. m. to 8 p. m. Monday, June 8. All persons over the age of 18 are eligible to participate in the voting which will offer new experiences for many people.

Of the forty-one candidates, Miss Florence Hasegawa is the only woman in the running. She is expected to get much support from her followers in the L district.

Many of the pioneers who served on the temporary council were given but even chance to get back into office.

The names of the candidates have been listed on mimeographed ballots. Each person will vote for two councilmen in their respective units.

Complete results of the election will be published in the Wednesday edition of the Tulare News.

them incumbent Tsuni Noguchi.

From the M unit, there are three candidates who hope to take the place of an equal number of office holders.

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ANYONE WHO HAS PHONO-graph records of serious (classical) music, and who would be willing to lend them for a brief period for use in a music appreciation course, is asked to see Kiyoko Oda, J-7-6, or the Tulare News, C-3-1.

ATTENTION!

Persons who wish to obtain forgotten articles left in cars or in trucks, please contact Tulare News, barrack C-7, Unit 1.

Center Praised By Dr. Mahan

"This Center has one of the most outstanding educational and recreational programs," Dr. Thomas J. Mahan, Assistant Regional Director of the Service Division, remarked at the educational and recreational staff meeting held at 7 o'clock, Tuesday evening. Dr. Mahan who directs the educational and recreational program in WCCA Centers talked about the activities going on in other Centers and presented plans for fall and summer schools. Activities are provided for people of all ages.

Even a two year old child can attend the nursery school and learn how to get along with others, he said.

H.P. Stump was chairman of the meeting, while Nils Aanonsen and Harold Leach were the other speakers for the evening.

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DEAD LETTERS REPORTED

The accumulation of dead letters has been reported by Hugh Ross, Postmaster. The names of the claimants will be listed on the bulletin board in front of the post office. The following are requested to get their dead letters as soon as possible: Sumi Ito; Miss K. Oda; May Produce Company---Ray S. Yoshida and Masa Shimada formerly of 2105 Sunset, Los Angeles; Yusei Mata-yoshi; and Jimmie Nakayama.

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NOTICE

COUPON BOOKS ARE NOT
REIMBURSABLE IN CASH

At time of vacancies are transferred from Assembly Center, it is suggested that they expend their coupon books at Center stores, since they are not negotiable at War Relocation Authority Center.

Nils Aanonsen,
Center Manager

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Don't forget to vote May 8.

Vote For Miss Hasegawa As Councilwoman, Says Tulare News Femme Staff

Only woman, of the 41 candidates running in the first election of the Center Council from Unit L, is a scintillating personality hailing from Pasadena.

Introducing--Miss
Florence Hasegawa!

Although small in stature, Miss Hasegawa's list of variegated accomplishments are nothing to be snickered at. Receiving her elementary, high school and junior college education in the Santa Rosa schools, she graduated with high scholastic records and was a member of the Santa Rosa J. C. debating team. She was awarded an honor scholarship to Mills College at San Francisco upon graduating from the junior college. However, following a revision of original plans, she entered U. C. at Berkeley, majoring in English and history, and minoring in philosophy and psychology, receiving her sheepskin in 1940.

Very much interested in people, she has taken part in many social welfare activities. Her competency as counselor is proven by her many associations with various social organizations.

Prior to taking up residence in Pasadena, she was connected with the Children's Welfare Department in Berkeley.

During her high school and junior college career, she was an active member of the International Club. While attending Cal, she was a Sigma Sigma Pi, and also was vice-president of the Foreign Classes club. Her hobbies are oblecting menus and reading biographies.

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Are we going to be shoved around just because we wear skirts? NO! The feminine half of the Tulare News staff is 100% behind Miss Florence Hasegawa. We MUST HAVE a woman on the Council!

commissioner of
welfare & lodgings

HARRY
MIYAKE



"I'd do anything in my power to serve the people in this Center, for that is the only ambition I have now," was voiced by Harry Miyake, newly appointed Commissioner of Welfare and Lodging Committee.

Born on the beautiful Hawaiian Islands May 5, 1901, Harry later came to California at the age of 15. After graduating Polytechnic High School in Los Angeles and Southwestern University, he settled

down in Guadalupe. At present, he and his wife are residing in barrack H-7-5 with their five children: Frances 16, Gilbert 14, Daniel 8, Norman 5, Richard 4.

By trade he is an accountant, but before coming to the Center, he was in his own business of a produce shipper. Harry has served three terms as the J.A.C.L. president of the Santa Maria Valley chapter.

Fishing and hunting are his favorite sports; eating his favorite pastime.

As a last remark to end the interview, the Commissioner added, "With the cooperation of the people in this Center, I would like to make this place a good home."

CHRISTIAN SERVICES

Japanese Worship 7 p. m.
Rev. Kergo Tajima
preaching
English Worship 8:15 p. m.
Dr. Clarence Gillette
preaching

MORNING SUNDAY SCHOOL
SCHEDULE
Beginners from K, L, and
M. L-4-----9:30 a. m.
All other beginners
F-3-----9:30 a. m.
Primaries F-3---9:30 a. m.
Juniors F-6---8:30 a. m.
Intermediates
L-4---8:30 a. m.
Seniors D-3-----8 a. m.
Y. P. *K-6---8:30 a. m.
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CAROL IKEDA TO LEAVE

The first person to leave this Center is Mr. Carol Ikeda from Pasadena. The University of Wisconsin will be his destination, where he will do some research work in biochemistry.

After graduating from high school in Montana, he came to California and attended Pasadena Junior College for 3 years, S. C. for one-half year and Cal Tech for three years. He has already received his B. A. and M. D., and was a candidate for Ph. D. at Cal Tech.

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CHOIR FORMED

Originating from the former Guadalupe Choir, the Center Buddhist Choir is progressing under the leadership of Mrs. May Sakoda Takasugi, director, and Mrs. Jane Inamura, accompanist. The group first started out by being an all-girl choir, but at their last practice hour on Wednesday, June 3, addition of male voices was welcomed. Propositions are now up for a mixed choir. The choral group meets twice weekly, on Wednesday and Sunday evenings at 8:30 o'clock in J-6.

The membership at the first practice was twelve girls, but Wednesday's show-up numbered approximately sixty or seventy music enthusiasts.

200 ATTEND SUNDAY SCHOOL

With the approved list of the teaching staff, the Buddhist Sunday School project will be underway. Well over 200 youngsters between the ages of 1-13 years attended the first sessions last Sunday.

All former teachers who will resume duties again are: Pre-school-- Mrs. Tane, advisor, Jitoku Hanamoto, Yoshiko Inouye, Yoko Yamamoto, Masako Moriuchi, and Mrs. Inamura; 6 and 7 years--Mrs. Sakimura, advisor, Hiroko Nakamura, Fusako Nakagawa, Kumiko Koyama, Fumi Inouye, Momi Anakura and Mariko Morihisa; 8 and 9 years--Mrs. Shimakawa, advisor, June Tokuyama, Yoko Kikuchi, Michiko Yamamoto, and Chiyeo Satoh; 10 and 11 years--Mrs. Sasuraga, advisor, Aiko Omasaki, Tsuyako Suzuki, Toshiko Masunato, Michiko Kataoka; 12 and 13 years--Mrs. Latasura, advisor, Fujiko Sekiyama, Kimiko Sakannishi, Hisako Taira, and Tomio Sonoda.

DIPLOMAS TO BE ISSUED

Through the kindness and understuding of the Santa Maria elementary school board, eighth grade graduates of El Camino will have their diplomas mailed to them. The thirteen fortunate students are Yoshimura M. Araki, Geo.

BUDDHIST PROGRAM

Sunday, June 7
1. Sunday morning service, 8:30 a. m. to 9:30 a. m.
2. Sunday school classes, 8:30 a. m. to 9:30 a. m.
3. Young Buddhist discussion group, 9:30 a. m. D-3-3.
4. Choir practice, 8:30 p. m., K-6.
Tuesday, June 9
5. Evening service in Japanese, 8 p. m., K-6
Wednesday, June 10
6. Choir practice, 8:30 p. m., K-6.

Sunday Morning Service
Procedure:
1. Prelude by the choir
2. Aspiration
3. Gatha: Miyoya no Koe
4. Homages
5. Meditation
6. Gatha: Softly Flow the Breezes
7. Sunday school children file out
8. Gatha: Mamu Amida Butsu (standing)
9. Reading
10. Sermon in English by Rev. Inamura
11. Gatha: On dokusan (standing)

Kikuchi, Richard Koyama, Betty Kuwano, Kuniyoshi Maeno, Yasuo Mayoda, Louise Nagai, Masami Nagai, Soieo Nakashima, Kenneth Shimizu, Shizuko Sugai, Kemoo Watarabe, and Violet Yoshimura.

MOSS SPEAKS TO SCOUTS

In order to help organize Scouting on a center-wide basis, Field Executive Jim Moss and Organizer Morlin Wirtner, both of the Mt. Whitney Council, spoke before a small group of interested men last Wednesday. The meeting was held in the Scouts' headquarters located in J-4-1.

Field Executive Moss gave a short talk on the Fundamentals of Scouting. Following the lecture, a general discussion on organizational problems applicable to this Center ensued. Another meeting will be held next Tuesday to fix the policy to be followed.

Among those attending the meeting were: Chiefs

Hoyt and White; Harold Leach, Recreational Director; Bob Handa, Scoutmaster; Captain Kawai of the Police Department; several members of the Center Council; and other Scout leaders.



WORK DIVISION commissioner of KEN SHOWS THRIFT service UTSUNOMIYA

If thrift can help win this war, the Works and Maintenance Division of the Tulare Center, headed by E. Fixley, supervisor, and C.R. Carter, head of the Construction Division, has demonstrated its ability.

With hundreds of important construction work for the Center already on their record sheet, 168 Japanese workers are hammering away at full speed to construct projects which are vital for the health, safety and good living of the people.

The thriftiness shown by the Maintenance Division is amazing for every scrap of lumber, boxes, wire, etc., are utilized into useful articles which will serve the people.

According to C. R. Carter, skilled laborers are needed in his department at the present time. He also stated that the cooperation and honest work of the various crews make it possible for their efficiency.

Besides making dozens of furniture and useful articles, the main construction work at present is on the mess halls, bleachers, and under the grandstand, where additional rooms are being built.

Organization of maintenance and operation crews by type of works and number of workers is as follows:

SUPERINTENDENT- C. R. Carter-3 office clerks.
FIELD STOREROOM-1 foreman, 5 clerks.
PAINT SHOP-3 sign painters, 1 laborer.
GENERAL REPAIR- 1 foreman, 4 electricians, 1 electrician's helper, 1 carpenter.
CARPENTER- 1 foreman, 14 carpenters, 20 carpenters' helpers.
SANITATION-1 supervisor, 4 foremen.
GARDENING- 1 foreman, 11 gardeners.
LABOR-2 foremen, 50 laborers.
PLUMBER-1 foreman, 4 plumbers, 2 helpers.
DRIVERS- 5 truck drivers.



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Besides his work, his activities in Santa Maria were many--President of the J.A.C.L. in 1937, National Executive Secretary of the J.A.C.L. in 1939 and 1940, and president of the 20-30 club (which is a city service club). Although his political affiliation is Republican, he has not taken part in any politics.

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commissioner of TOM OTA safety



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Our new Commissioner of Safety promises to do his utmost in making Tulare Center a good place for everyone to live in.

Mr. Ota is single and is an eligible bachelor. (Girls, take note!)

"If every individual will do his small part in making this a nice place to live in, then, there is no big problem to solve," was voiced by the newly appointed Commissioner of Service, Ken Utsunomiya.

Good ol' Santa Maria has the claim on Ken, ever since the year 1910. It was there that he was graduated from high school, and with no further schooling, started to work, young as he was. Pro-

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Modest but mighty, the newly appointed Commissioner of Safety, Tom Ota, is a regular farm boy at heart.

Sierra Madre is his birthplace, but he received his hard-earned sheepskin at Carpinteria Union High and attended Santa Barbara State College two years. Prior to his coming to the Center, Tom was a co-partner of K. Ota & Son in which they cultivated 650 acres of good California

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NEW RULINGS ISSUED BY M.D.

Requests pertaining to certain rulings have been issued by the Medical Infirmary to the people within the Center. The following statements are to be observed by all in order to help the hospital staff set up a more efficient system.

The people are asked not to request that a doctor be sent out on calls unless the case is very urgent and necessary. Due to the five-doctor staff, they are kept busy attending those in special clinics, and caring for all who need medical treatment. In addition to the night duties, each doctor is busy at the dispensary. The proper procedure, therefore, as officially announced by the hospital, is to put in a call for the ambulance where immediate service is assured the people.

All emergency cases are able to be taken care of with the supplies on hand, but in the event that special drugs are not available, private purchases by the individual will provide the drugs.

Abusing the privilege of free medication by making unnecessary requests should be eliminated in this Center. Other than emergency cases, medical requests should be confined to the scheduled dispensary hours.

The dispensary and clinic hours are as follows: 9-12 noon and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. daily.

On Saturdays and Sundays, only the morning hours of 9 to 12 noon will be held for dispensary work.

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BUDDHIST PIANO ARRIVES

The arrival of a new piano for the Buddhist group has been disclosed by James Sakoda. The piano located in K-6 is open for the public's use.

All people who want to use the piano for private practice are to contact Miss Ruby Sakoda, K-19-3, by Sunday noon, June 6.

NEW TICKET SYSTEM OK

Favorable changes have resulted from the new meal ticket system, according to Tetsu Mayeda, working under the supervision of L. J. Wilkins, Supt. of Mess and Lodging. Some of the advantages of the present plan are: a more balanced proportion of people in each kitchen, faster movement of mess hall liner, and a more de-

finite idea as to the amount of people for whom to cook. There is still an existing difficulty due to the delinquency on the part of certain mess checkers in their checking.

At present, the system is still in its early state of development, so therefore, the utmost co-operation from all of the people is imperative.

DIET PROBLEM DISCUSSED

Solving the proper diet problem for children is one of the main issues being undertaken by Dr. Watanabe, Donald Parkinson and Mrs. Yoshino Sugiyama who comprise this group.

In order to administer this properly, the co-operation of the Center populace is in urgent and dire need. Mrs. Sugiyama, who is in general charge of the cooking in the mess halls, requests that all mothers get together and submit any suggestions they may have to offer in

the way of possible improvements.

With long years of practical dietetic experience, Mrs. Sugiyama is well-qualified for this job, but only through the efforts shown by everyone, can such a problem ever be hoped to be cleared.

BIRTHDAY PARTY HELD

Eighteen young people were present at the joint birthday party of Misses Nancy Egami and Merry Otomo of Pasadena. The party was held Wednesday night, June 3, in L-8-3.

commissioner of planning & works

GEORGE
ASAKURA



The Center's new Commissioner of Planning and Works committee is George Asakura of Santa Barbara, who previously worked in the personnel department before becoming a councilman.

He is a golf and badminton virtuoso, operating a co-badminton club for two years in his hometown. Asakura was a runner-up in the 1934 Santa Barbara city tournament; he also entered state tournaments. His erstwhile desire is to try for the finals. To prove his skillful playing on the courts, he has eleven trophies and cups in his possession.

George finds checker playing as one of his favorite table games. Willie Ryan, third ranking U. S. checker player, was his opponent in one of the tournaments conducted in Santa Barbara. Ryan has the reputation of being the champion blind checker player. Asakura also played opposite Banks, second rater in world tournaments, in Los Angeles. Along with checkers, he finds sports of all nature, nice milk shakes, a juicy New York steak, poker, chess, and his parents among his favorite likes.

Although he has had no previous experience in civic activities, he likes his present council job very much.

Unmarried, Asakura states definitely that he is not looking for anyone yet.

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DISTRICT TEAMS SUGGESTED

Community softball League for boys (age 9-13) will be organized. The formation of the teams are suggested as follows:

Santa Maria, Guadalupe, Santa Barbara, Oxnard-Ventura, Pasadena-San Gabriel, Gardena-Compton-Inglewood, San Luis Obispo-Arroyo Grande, and Lompoc.

Representatives of each team and persons interested report to (C-3-5) Sunday, June 7, 1:30 p. m. to 4 p. m.

RED CROSS TO MEET

First session of the Red Cross class will be held Wednesday, June 10, 7:30 p. m., at D-3-2. Classes will be held on Wednesdays and Fridays at 7:30 p. m. and Sunday at 2 p. m. The group should consist only of those wishing to become instructors for the Center. Books will be available at sixty cents each.

Attention!

Those who want tables, benches, ironing boards, etc., to be made, may contact Bob Handa in J-4-1.

THANKS TO--

Arthur T. Duerksen, who has gone out of his way to make it possible for us to have a public address system. Duerksen, the Supervisor of Supplies, is quiet and efficient. A steady worker, he always has the welfare of the people in mind.

Chief of Police, L. F. White, who gave us the beautiful basket of flowers for the Memorial Day Services. Kindly and helpful, Chief White never refuses a favor, saying that "nothing is too much trouble if it is to help you people."

Under a committee composed of Grace Hagiya, Ruth Ioshihara, and Ada Okamoto, the major girls' and womens' clubs have been organized.

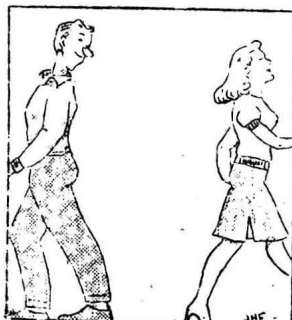
Made up of girls 13, 14, and 15 years of age, the Junior Misses form the youngest organized girls group in the Tulare Center. With volleyball as one of their main interests, the group is divided into three teams, the Marines, Navy and Cadets. Games are scheduled weekly. Meetings are held every week with Mrs. Toshiko Ikeda, adviser. Plans are now under way to form a tin pan band.

Headed by Yoshiko Honma, girls 16, 17, and 18 comprise the Tulariettes group. Their activity so far has been limited to volleyball. Future plans will produce a variety show and probably a drill team with the Boy Scouts.

The third group, composed of any girl or woman over 19, has planned a variety program, including piano solos, vocal solos, and dancing, to be held in L-4. Miss Yuriko Atemiya is expected to teach posture and the correct way to walk to those interested.

Community sings are definitely scheduled for

commissioner of
mess



president of the Nisei Grocery Association of Southern California; also a member of the Los Angeles JACL. His nickname is "Toby", stands at 5 feet 11 inches, handsome and thinks girls are cute. All sports are his hobbies.

WOMEN CLUBS ORGANIZED

Volleyball Popular with Mess Crews

"Beefing," or "singing the blues" seems to have become an integral part of the scheduled volleyball games. Every evening, several teams, mostly from the various kitchens who have formed a league, enjoy a fast game or two, accompanied by vociferous protests and excited rooting.

Last week's scores were as follows:

Kitchen league--

J Mess(15) C Mess (6)

J Mess(11) F Mess(15)

F Mess(15) E Mess(13)

The Mess Checkers, one of the most colorful teams, gave the Loafers, another outstanding team, plenty of trouble before going down 0-8 and 19-21.

THE TULARE NEWS staff acknowledges with appreciation, the recent donations received by Mrs. K. Inouye and J. Toguri.

ALL MILK TICKETS WILL be issued through the Welfare Department located in J-3-5, according to Tets Mayeda, Commissioner of Feeding. See G. Miura.

every Thursday night at 7:30 in the bleachers. These songfests are led by Ayako Matsumoto.

TETS MAYEDA

Tets Mayeda, formerly of Los Angeles and a graduate of John Fremont High, is one of the present Mess and Lodging Commissioners in the Tulare Center. An alumnus of the Niigata Business School of Japan, he has traveled extensively through Korea, Manchuria, and Upper Mongolia. After returning to his native America, Tets attended the U.C.L.A. extension division. He later became vice-

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