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"A summer camp up in the mountains with swimming, hiking, games, camp programs, good eats and -- just resting!"

Hundreds of youths of Topaz--and some of the older folks, too--began to dream of things like this away back in the winter of 1942-3. That was the way it used to be back home in pre-evacuation days when the boy scouts, the girl scouts, the girl reserves and other groups of youngsters had their camps. Could it be ever again? Leaders of these groups talked among themselves and talked about it to the young boys and girls.

Then something more than talking took place. In March and April leaders of young people's groups, under the guidance of Community Activities, became serious in their planning for just such a thing as a summer camp for Topaz.

One look at the terrain surrounding Topaz was enough to discourage the thought of anything like this. For miles and miles in every direction lay the barren, level desert with widespread alkali "slicks" glistening in the sun's rays. But far away against the clear horizon arose the rugged mountain ranges and toward these the planners turned their eyes. Somewhere up in there perhaps a place could be found that would suit the purpose.

An executive committee was organized under sponsorship of Community Activities and a search for the place was started. About 38 miles west of the Center the committee came upon an

abandoned CCC camp site at a place called Antelope Springs, where fresh water gurgled from the ground to run off down a canyon.

The site was high up in the range at the foot of old Mount Swasey, and was walled in on three sides by the abrupt mountain slopes, with an opening on the fourth side, looking out toward the east, across the desert -- a beautiful and majestic amphitheater.

A good road led from the Center to this site, and without delay the committee negotiated with the Government for its use. Now it seemed that a dream was really coming true. Feverish plans were carried forward to completion and finally the camp opened on June 27 to operate continuously thereafter through August 22.

Details of the camping program were carefully worked out so that as the time for the camping period approached youngsters of the Center, boys and girls alike, were looking eagerly forward to their chance to spend a week at the camp, living with nature in the great out-doors. During the season 106 leaders of the camp's activities guides 198 boys and 140 girls, giving a total camp attendance of 444.

One evening, around the roaring campfire during a program of singing and games, a youth, whose home had formerly been in San Francisco, was called upon to tell a group of administrative visitors what this camp meant to him and to his companions. One thought that he expressed would seem to summarize everything:

"Sure we dreamed about having a camp. We talked about camps our boy scout troops used to have back home. We kidded ourselves along and got a kick out of just talking about it. We didn't think that our dream would really come true. But look at us tonight. It just shows that if you make up your mind you want something bad enough you will get it, even out in the middle of the desert."

Mechanics of Camp Antelope are discussed on the following pages:

PURPOSE OF CAMPING

1. For the improvement of physical and mental health.
2. To give opportunity for self-expression.
3. To give opportunity for group experience in program of civic betterment.
4. For the stimulation of interests in nature.

CAMP SITE

The camp site is the former C.C.C. Camp at Antelope Spring at the foot of Mount Swasey, exactly west of Popax, 40 miles distance. The elevation of the site is 7,300 feet above sea level. There is plenty of water, tall trees, and shrubs in this area with three sides protected by cliffs and hills and one side (south) open for a clear view. Grounds are already well laid for sleeping, cooking, dining, and recreation with a small amphitheatre for campfires.

Agreement for the usage of this site for camping has been taken up between the Project Officials and the Grazing Department of the United States Department of Interior.

CAMPING COMMITTEE

The Summer Camping was originally planned in April as a part of the summer activities program with Mr. Drayton Kuttall as the chairman. Mr. Kuttall, in turn, appointed the following persons to initiate the summer camp:

Keigo Inouye - Boy Scout Division
Elmer Johnson - High School Education Department
Koji Kawaguchi - High School Education Department
George Suzuki - Community Activities Section
Frank Fukuda - Community Council

This originally appointed committee of five had the first meeting in the middle of April and selected the camping Lay Committee from various departments including the persons mentioned above. The committee consisted of the following personnel:

Drayton Kuttall - Counselor
James Lamb - Counselor
Keigo Inouye - Boy Scouts
W. L. Law - Maintenance and Operations
Giichi Yoshioka - Maintenance and Operations

Shiro Higuchi - Maintenance and Operations
John Iwatsu - Community Council
Frank Fukuda - Community Council
Chojiro Kumasjiri - Community Activities
George Suzuki - Community Activities
Yo Kasai - Community Activities
Elmer Johnson - Education
Eleanor Gerard - Education
Koji Kawaguchi - Education
Russell Wehara - Finance
George Takeda - Community Welfare
Masaru Marahara - Block Managers
Kuni Yatabe - P.T.A.
Rev. Sanada - Inter-Faith

GENERAL PLANNING

In order to plan out the summer camping, the above Lay Committee met from time to time and the sub-committees had meetings separately to discuss the specific phases of camping. At the first meeting of this Lay Committee the Camp Director and the Sub-committees were selected as follows:

Camp Director - Koigo Inouye
Planning and Construction
Law, Yoshioka, Higuchi, Iwatsu, Fukuda,
Johnson, and Suzuki
Schedule and Selection
Kumasjiri, Marahara, Iwatsu, Takeda, Gerard,
Yatabe, and Sanada
Supplies and Transportation
Wehara, Nakamoto, Kasai, and Motor Pool
Maintenance
Hideshima, Miyamoto, Tanino, Imoto, and Dooka
Program and Activities (Education, craft, entertain-
ment, games, hiking, etc.)
Koba, Sasaki, Maruoka, Iwatsu, Johnson, Takeda,
Kawaguchi, and Goodman, Goertzel.
(Women leaders to be selected by Misses Toshi
Koba and Eleanor Gerard)
Health and Sanitation
Hospital Staff and Fire-Chief Owen

CAMP LEADERS

By the end of June the camp leaders were selected by the Camp Director with the assistance of the lay committee.

Camp Director - Koigo Inouye
Registrar and Coordinator - Nobu Yasuda

Supplies and Procurement - Tats Nakamoto, assisted
by Jim Kono
Mess Chief - Chojiro Numajiri
Cooks - To be assigned by Chief Steward Watson
K.P.s - To be assigned from campers
Maintenance - George Guye, Hideji Hideshima, Roy
Hamachi, Irvin Hirabayashi
Nurses - To be assigned by Head Nurse Kringlin
Fire Marshall - To be selected from campers
Safety Warden - To be selected from campers
Nature and Hiking - Elmer Johnson
Crafts - Koji Kawaguchi
Life-Guard - Iwao Hashiguchi, Kenokauchi
Recreation, Games, Campfire - Ichi Sasaki, Frank Ma-
rucka, Fred Koba, George
Takeda, and Group Leaders
Devotional - To get one minister each week if
possible.
Women Leaders
Girls' program Director - Toshi Koba
Craft - Nulko Karamaki, Mary Kato
Program and Activities - Mary McMillan

SELECTION OF CAMP SITE

In order to select the camp site a part of ten including Messrs. Lamb, Nuttall, Johnson, Law, Inouye, Numajiri, Sekura, Higuchi, Yoshioka, and Fukuda made a trip to several canyons west of Topaz on Sunday, April 18th. Antelope Springs was selected because of the good drinking water and tall trees.

COOPERATION OF APPOINTED STAFF

The secure cooperation and advice on camping, the chairman of the committee, Reigo Inouye, held a meeting with the division heads on April 29, 1943. The following persons were present at the meeting:

James Hughes, Assistant Project Director
James Lamb, Head, Community Activities Section
Roy Potter, Head, Transportation
Brandon Watson, Chief Steward
Henry Watson, Head, Public Works
Larry Taylor, Head, Maintenance & Operations
Tats Nakamoto, Representing Community Activities
Section

On April 30th a party of four, Messrs. Lamb, Potter, Taylor, and Inouye, made a trip to the camp site to check all the equipment necessary for camping.

CAMPING PERIOD AND SCHEDULE

Eight weeks during the months of June, July, and August.

June 27 - July 4	Advance Work Crew (Senior Scouts)
July 4 - July 11	Boy Scout Troops #701, 702, 703
July 11 - July 18	Boy Scout Troop #704, Club of Little Giants, Buddhist Boys
July 18 - July 25	Topan Church, "Y"
July 25 - Aug. 1	Junior Jinx Club, Buddhist Girls
Aug. 1 - August 8	Older Girl Reserves
Aug. 8 - Aug. 15	Younger Girl Reserves
Aug. 15 - Aug. 22	-Clean up week

Senior Scouts and members of Lay Committee

CONSTRUCTION

Construction of the camp was by voluntary labor, mainly by the employees of the Education Department and Community Activities Section. On June 20th a crew of 32 and on June 27th a crew of 57 were taken to Antelope Springs to construct the necessary things for camping, with the Camp Director in charge.

Major constructions were:

1. Setting up of storeroom.
2. Setting up of kitchen (cement floor was already there)
3. Setting up of an extra latrine (one unit of latrine was already there)
4. Leveling of the dining area.
5. Setting up of the first aid station and the office (both big tents)
6. Setting up of washing area
7. Piping of kitchen, washing stand, shower, latrine, and drinking fountain
8. Digging of a garbage pit
9. Digging of trenches for drainage
10. Improvement of swimming pool
11. Construction of shelves for the kitchen
12. Scraping of road from the Project area to the State Highway.

OPERATION OF CAMP

The full responsibility of the operation of the camp was left to the Camp Director and his staff. The staff at any one week included Mess-Chief, two cooks, two nurses' aides, one maintenance man, one program and activity man, one lifeguard, one nature instructor, and one supply and procurement man who was at the center.

Most of these leaders were voluntary workers except a few who were on the payroll of the Education Department or Community Activities Section.

The camp was operated in a democratic way giving opportunity to all campers in discussing and planning the programs. However, the Camp Director had supreme charge on matter concerning health and sanitation within the camp.

Many leaders and older persons from the camping groups were assigned special duties to secure effectiveness and coordination in the camp. The campers were divided into units of eight with a counselor in each unit to secure a smoother and better camping program.

CAMPERS

Accommodations of the camp limited the number of campers at any one time to 75. The camp was primarily for junior and senior high school students between the ages of 13 and 14 with the exception of a few campers who belonged to the private agency organizations such as Boy Scouts and Girl Reserves. The period of camping for any person was one week except for the leaders and a few Senior Scouts who had gone to the camp as the advance work crew.

TRANSPORTATION

Three carrier trucks were allotted every Sunday for the exchange of campers. In addition, a commissary truck was sent to the camp with a supply of food every Sunday and Wednesday.

FACILITIES

1. Tents for sleeping
2. One unit of latrine for boys and another for girls
3. One shower room
4. Facility for washing
5. Swimming pool
6. Volleyball court, amphitheatre, softball diamond
7. Recreational equipment
8. Drinking fountain
9. Flag pole
10. Mail service between the camp and Center twice a week.

EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS AVAILABLE

1. Essential craft tools and materials
2. A cot, mattress, and three blankets to each camper
3. Dishes, knives, forks, and spoons
4. Cooking utensils

5. Dining tables
6. Lanterns (kerosene lamps)
7. Two stoves
8. Fuel
9. Food for 75 persons at one time
10. Tools for construction and cleaning

HEALTH AND SANITATION

1. Two nurses' aides were at camp for the full length of camping.
2. An emergency car was at the camp at all times
3. Complete emergency medical supply
4. All leaders were certified first aid men.
5. Every camper took a physical examination and was checked by a doctor. (those who wished to take Rocky Mountain Fever inoculation shots were treated at the hospital without charge)
6. Drinking water was tested prior to camping
7. Drainage of waste water was constructed
8. A garbage pit with board covering
9. A rubbish burning pit
10. Traps for catching flies
11. No mosquitoes were at the camp

OPERATION OF CANTEEN

The Lay Committee planned to operate a canteen for the campers but it was cancelled due to the difficulty of obtaining supplies.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

The camp shall be operated in a democratic way, however, the campers are requested to obey the following rules and regulations.

1. No fire can be built without permission of leaders.
2. Campers will be allowed to swim only at the designated swimming period.
3. No one can leave the immediate camp area without a leader or without special permission of the camp director.
4. No trees or shrubberies are to be destroyed or removed from the camp grounds.
5. Each camper is required to arise, eat his meals and retire at regular times.
6. Each camper is required to attend the daily health check-up.
7. All campers are required to serve as K.P.s.
8. All campers are required to cooperate to keep the camp site clean.
9. All campers are required to cooperate in case of fire within or adjacent to the camp.
10. In order to secure working units, campers may be divided into groups of eight persons, with a counselor or captain in each of these groups.
11. The counselor will be completely responsible for his unit, and each camper must respect his counselor's request.
12. Tools and equipment taken out of the office, must be checked in promptly after they had been used.

UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN LEADERS

1. The emphasis on the objectives of camping should vary in accordance with age, interest, need, and capacity of the children.
2. The program should be well balanced, satisfying the major objectives.
3. Care should be taken that the children are not placed in activities beyond their physical capacity.
4. The leaders and children of each organization may choose the activities which interest them most. However, their program should parallel with the general program set by the camping committee.
5. The tentative program of each organization must be submitted to the camping committee together with camping applications. The program must be fully discussed between the group leaders and the camp director's staff prior the departure to the camp.

6. The menu is planned by the mess chief and cooks.
7. Camp leaders must be well-trained in first aid.
8. All accidents must be reported immediately to the Camp director's office.
9. Full responsibility of operation of camp is left to the camp director and his staff. The camp director has the supreme charge on the matters concerning the health and sanitation within the camp.
9. The life-guard will take the complete charge of swimming.
10. Pertaining to any question, confusion or disagreement must be clarified with the camp director.
11. Each organization is required to appoint or select a fire-marshal who will take charge of fire drills and fire prevention.
12. The group leaders should be responsible for assignment of K.P.'s and to see that they are working in satisfactory ways.

SUMMER CAMPING REPORT

OVERNIGHT CAMPING

1. June 27 - July 4 Advance Work Crew (Senior Scouts)
Age: 15 - 17 years No. 21
- July 4 - July 11 Boy Scout Troups #701, 702, 703
Age: 12 - 15 No. 71
- July 11 - July 18 Boy Scout Troop #704, Little Giants
Club (Buddhist Boys)
Age: 12 - 15 No. 72
- July 18 - July 25 Topaz Y.M.C.A.
Age: 12 - 15 No. 63
- July 25 - Aug. 1 Junior Jinx Club (Buddhist Girls)
Age: 12 - 17 No. 72
- Aug. 1 - Aug. 8 Older Girl Reserves
Age: 14 - 17 No. 49
- Aug. 8 - Aug. 15 Younger Girls Reserves
Age: 12 - 15 No. 72
- Aug. 15 - Aug. 22 Clean-up week. Senior Scouts and
Members of Lay Committee No. 23

2. The camp was primarily for girls and boys between the ages of 12 and 16 with the exception of those who were members of private agencies such as Boy Scouts, Y.M.C.A. Girl Reserves.
3. A committee of 10 selected the camping site at Antelope Springs which was formerly a CCC Camp and is located at the foot of Mt. Swasey, 40 miles west of Topaz. An agreement was made with the Grazing Department of the U.S. Department of Interior for the usage of the grounds. This selection was made because of good running mountain water, well laid grounds for sleeping, cooking and recreational

purposes. With an elevation of 7,300 feet above sea level, the 3 sides are well protected by cliffs and hills, tall trees, and also has a small amphitheatre for campfires.

4. General program planned by the Lay Committee of Summer Camping was as follows:

7:00 a.m.	Reveille
7:30 - 8:30 a.m.	Breakfast
8:30 - 9:00 a.m.	Flag Raising Ceremony, Health check up.
10:30 - 11:30 a.m.	Swimming, hikes
12:00 - 1:00 p.m.	Lunch
2:00 - 4:00 p.m.	Swimming
5:45	Flag Retreat
6:00 - 7:30 p.m.	Supper
9:45	Taps

Other activities: Volleyball, story-telling, astronomy, sketching, trilobite hunt, costume parties, stunt nights, treasure hunts, scavenger hunts, singspiration.

The Junior Girl Reserves held daily morning worship.

Devotional Services were held every Wednesday and Sunday.

5. None
6. With all volunteer labor, 2 work crews consisting of 89 men prepared the camp. Pipes for the kitchen, drinking fountain, washing stand, shower and latrine were installed. Trenches were dug for drainage, and the ground leveled for dining space. An extra latrine was also set up.
- Every camper before leaving was required to take a physical examination and was given an opportunity to be inoculated for Rocky Mountain Fever.
 - Two nurse's aide were assigned with complete emergency medical supplies.
 - The leaders were all trained in first aid.
 - An emergency car present at all times.

- e. Sanitary precautions taken such as the testing of drinking water, construction of drainage for wasted water, fly traps, etc.
 - f. The swimming pool was always attended by a life guard, who also served as a swimming instructor.
 - g. Fire marshalls were appointed to take charge of fire drills.
8. Each camper at the time of registration paid a small fee of 10¢ to cover incidental expenses such as craft material, penny postcards which were distributed to each camper.
9. Movies and pictures of campers at work, rest and play were taken by a member of the appointive staff.

SUMMARY

The Summer Camping Program which was planned a part of the summer activities program for school age children fulfilled its purposes.

- a. Improvement of Physical and Mental Health.
- b. Opportunity For Self-Expression. The campers were all given an opportunity in planning of the program.
- c. Opportunity In Group Experience. In Program of Civic Betterment. Although the camp was conducted in a very democratic way, each camper was required to follow camp rules and regulation. Everyone cooperated in helping with K.P. duties, cleanup, and joined in all group activities.
- d. Stimulation of Nature Interest.

The administration members on the camp committee, director, leaders and those departments which assisted in the operation of the camp are to be highly commended for their participation and contribution in making our first camp venture a truly successful one.

DAY CAMPING

July 15th, "Guest Day" was honored with members of the Appointed Staff and resident officials in attendance.

July 16th, "Cub Day"

August 11th, "Brownie Day"

Because of their young age these two groups were only able to spend one day at Antelope Springs. The 87 Cubs were accompanied by 7 den-chief, and 3 leaders. The Brownies 93 in number was the largest group to visit the camp. They were accompanied by 5 leaders.

During the entire camping period, many residents were invited to visit Camp Antelope especially on weekends. These day campers were provided transportation by the 3 trucks which were scheduled to leave every Sunday to take the new campers.

"GUEST DAY"
July 15, 1943

17 members of the Appointed Staff and resident officials were present.

"CUB DAY"
July 16, 1943

87 cubs, 7 den-chiefs, and 3 leaders visited the camp for a day.

"BROWNIE DAY"
August 11, 1943

93 Brownies and 5 leaders visited the camp for a day. On the same day Mr. Niesse with two other assistants drove up to the camp to take motion pictures of the camp and its activities.

VISITORS

During the entire period of camping quite a number of visitors came up to Swasey, especially on weekends. Some of them came for mere recreational purposes and others came for investigational purposes for future references.

M E N U

(Sample of one week)

Monday, August 9, 1943

<u>Breakfast</u>	<u>Lunch</u>	<u>Supper</u>
½ Grapefruit Puff Rice Pancakes Cocoa	Cabbage Salad Fried Rice Corn Bread Jello	Lettuce Salad Fried Bologna Rice Corn Orange

Tuesday, August 10, 1943

Stewed Prunes Fried Egg Oatmeal Cereal Toast & Butter Cocoa	Lettuce Salad Pork & Beans Beets Bread & Butter Orange	Pickled Cabbage Meat Pie Rice Canned Peas Snail
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Wednesday, August 11, 1943

½ Grapefruit Corn Flakes Hard Boiled Egg Toast & Butter Cocoa	Lettuce Salad Roast Beef Mashed Potatoes Orange	Pork Sausages Rice Boiled Cabbage Coke
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Thursday, August 12, 1943

Tomato Juice Oatmeal Cereal Scrambled Egg Toast & Butter Cocoa	Macaroni Salad Hot Dogs Milk	Pickled Cucumber Nishime Rice Pie (apple)
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Friday, August 13, 1943

Stewed Prunes Corn Flakes Fried Egg Toast & Butter Cocoa	Frankfurters Boiled Cabbage Rice Pickled Turnips Orange	Pickled Turnips Boiled Beef Rice Swiss Chard Jello
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Saturday, August 14, 1943

½ Grapefruit
Puff Rice
Toast & Butter
Cocca

Celery
Spanish Spagetti
Rice
Biscuits & Butter

Pickled Cucumber
Pot Roast
Rice
Pea
Cake

Sunday, August 15, 1943

Grapefruit
Hot Cake
Oatmeal Cereal
Cocca

Chop Suey
Rice
Jello
Milk

Roast Beef
Rice
Baked Potato
String Beans
Peach

SICKNESS AND FIRST AID TREATMENT

July 4, 1943

2 Treatment on sunburn
1 Headache
1 Toenail treatment
1 Cut on hand

July 5, 1943

1 Cut on hand
1 Redressing on sunburn
1 Cut on leg
2 Skinning on leg
1 Blister

July 6, 1943

1 Earache
1 Stomach ache
1 Skinning on elbow
1 Toenail treatment

July 7, 1943

2 Skinning on hand
1 Cut on hand

July 8, 1943

2 Sunburn
1 Redressing on sunburn
1 Skinning on knee

July 9, 1943

1 Skinning on chest
1 Sunburn
2 Cut on hand

July 10, 1943

2 Stomach ache
2 cases of cold
1 Skinning on knee
1 Cut on leg

July 11, 1943

3 Skinning on leg
1 Skinning on elbow
1 Cut on hand
1 Treatment on finger nail

July 12, 1943

1 Cut on leg

July 13, 1943

2 Skinning on hand
1 Skinning on leg
1 Redressing on finger nail
1 Appendicitis Case (Sam Nakashige brought back to Topaz)

July 14, 1943

1 Cut on hand
1 Cut on leg
2 Skinning on leg

July 15, 1943

1 Burn treatment on hand
2 Sunburn treatment
1 Cut on leg
1 Skinning on leg

July 16, 1943

3 Sunburn
2 Cuts on leg (one Cub Scout)
2 Skinning on knee (both Cub Scouts)
1 Cut on hand
1 Eye treatment

July 17, 1943

None

July 18, 1943

1 Headache
1 Cold
1 Cut on hand

July 19, 1943

1 Twisting of hand
2 Skinning on knee
1 Skinning on elbow
1 Case of bumping of head

July 20, 1943

1 Cut on hand
1 Cut on leg

July 21, 1943

None

July 22, 1943

1 Sunburn
3 Cut on leg
1 Eye Treatment
1 Earache
2 Bite

July 23, 1943

1 Eye treatment
1 Skinning on elbow

July 24, 1943

2 Sunburn
1 Cut on leg
1 Skinning on leg

July 25, 1943

1 Cut & bruise

July 26, 1943

3 Scratch on leg
3 Cut on finger
1 Infected wart
3 Insect bite
1 Burn treatment

July 27, 1943

1 Stomach Ache
2 Broken blister
7 Sunburn
3 Skinning on leg
2 Cut on leg
1 Cut on hand
1 Redressing

July 28, 1943

3 Scratch on leg
3 Cut on leg
2 Cut on hand
3 Bandage change
1 Chapped lips
1 Sunburn
1 Sprained feet
2 Headache

July 29, 1943

2 Cut on finger
2 Blisters
1 Sunburn
1 Cut on toe
3 Redressing

July 30, 1943

3 Chapped lip
1 Cut on finger
3 Scratches
5 Sunburn

July 31, 1943

3 Sunburn
1 Rash
3 Scratches
2 Cut on toe
3 Sprained ankle
1 Redressing

August 1, 1943

1 Cut on toe
1 Rash
3 Skinned hand
1 Headache
2 Sunburn

August 2, 1943

1 Headache
1 Wart
L Sore foot
1 Skinning
1 Sunburn

August 3, 1943

7 Sunburn
4 Headache
1 Heat exhaustion
1 Sore muscle

August 4, 1943

1 Headache
2 Blister

August 5, 1943

4 Cuts and scratches
2 Blisters

August 6, 1943

1 Burn on hand
1 Headache
1 Cut on toe
1 Blister
1 Appendicitis Case (Rosie Uyeda
brought back to Topaz)

August 7, 1943

1 Cut on leg
L Blister
1 Headache

August 8, 1943

2 Scratches
1 Cold

August 9, 1943

1 Bleeding nose
1 Stomach Ache
1 Changing of bandage
1 Scratch

August 10, 1943

1 Stomach Ache
1 Headache

August 11, 1943

3 Eye washing
1 Headache
1 Cut on finger
1 Strained ankle

August 12, 1943

2 Headache
1 Pain in stomach
2 Scratches

August 15, 1943

1 Toothache
1 Headache
1 Scratch

August 18, 1943

2 Washing of eyes
1 Cut on hand
1 Toe treatment

August 19, 1943

1 Redressing
1 Washing of eyes
1 Stomach Ache

August 20, 1943

2 Cuts on leg
3 Bruises

EXTRACTS FROM DAIRY BY CAMP DIRECTOR KRIGO INOUE

Sunday, July 4, 1943

The campers arrived here at 10:45 a.m. in an orderly way. It was a great pleasure to hear from Messrs. Numajiri and Kawaguchi that everyone of the advance work crew had worked hard and respected the orders of their leaders.

Upon arrival the boys were welcomed to the camp and the rules, regulations, and general instructions were given at a short assembly.

The campers started to set up the tents promptly with Patrol leaders taking the full charge of their units. The Junior Officers were busily improving the kitchen area. The Commissary truck arrived here at noon with plenty of food supply.

After lunch the campers continued setting up tents and cleaning around their tent areas. At two o'clock the boys rushed down to the swimming pool. Water was rather cold but it was pleasant to swim.

Mr. Lorne W. Bell drove up to the camp with a few others and he gave the campers a short talk. If high officials of the Project like Mr. Bell continuously visit the camp, I am sure the camping staff members will work with plenty of confidence.

After the supper the older scouts worked on construction and the younger ones went trilobite hunting.

Later in the evening, there was plenty of singing especially among the younger groups.

Had a leaders' meeting in the afternoon and a staff meeting in the evening. Mits Inoue was slightly ill, but two nurses took care of him in a cautious way.

Monday, July 5, 1943

Enjoyment, excitement, and curiosity woke up the Scouts rather early, about 6:00 a.m.

Gave a talk at the flag raising ceremony with special emphasis regarding health and safety at the camp. Assigned special work to each group and all the Scouts worked hard for one hour and a half fairly completing the clean-up work. After completing the assigned work, many boys started to do additional work

to improve the camp. Congratulations to them!

The campers surely liked the Chef, Mr. Naoye and said that he is the best cook in Topaz. On the other hand, Mr. Naoye said that he liked youngsters and would do everything he could to satisfy the boys. I am very grateful to Mr. Nakahiro for sending such a man as Mr. Naoye as the camp cook.

Since the boys looked so tired and sleepy I made it compulsory that everyone should take a nap for an hour in the afternoon.

Most of the boys, especially the young ones, were eager to pass the Scout tests so they spent a few hours for that purpose.

Tuesday, July 6, 1943

General cleaning followed the flag raising ceremony after which campers were divided into two groups, one group working for the improvement of the kitchen and the other group constructing the storeroom.

All Scouts wrote letters to their parents and friends as the Commissary truck is expected to be in camp tomorrow morning. I wrote three letters; one to Mr. Yasuda concerning the schedule of camping, one of my wife, and the other to June advising her to help out mother, little brother, and sister.

The campfire program was interesting but with nine older Scouts on a hike, something was lacking. Several Scouts wanted to continue the star study again tonight.

Shizu Takeda had an earache but cooking it off with an ice-bag healed it within a short time. Nurses were rather busy treating several minor cuts and bruises.

Wednesday, July 7, 1943 (by Koji Kawaguchi in absence of Camp Director)

Mr. Johnson has all the kids interested in insects, etc.; he's really good for out here I think we couldn't have done better. I had George Ohye and Ichiro Sadaki take group #1 and #2 by the "two trees" for an overnight hike, for it's far enough for them to enjoy it and close enough to take care of emergencies that may arise. They are flashing light signals saying "We're having lots of fun."

Sunday, July 11, 1943

On my arrival at camp this morning Mr. Johnson reported the

activities and general behavior of the campers during my absence from camp. I was very proud to hear that the Scouts carried out their programs in a well organized and satisfactory way.

It was a beautiful and solemn scene from the distance to see the flag flying high on the pole. After breakfast Scouts were busy packing their baggage and getting ready to go home. As soon as campers of the preceding week cleared out their tents, the new campers moved in and started to clean up the sleeping quarters.

Monday, July 12, 1943

Had swimming in the morning and afternoon. As the truck is coming from Topaz tomorrow, boys wrote letters to their parents and friends.

Night program for today was snipe-hunting and a nature study hike. Some boys insisted on wearing shorts and by night they had quite a sunburn.

Several older boys helped put up the wind-breakers in the kitchen area. Took inventory in the afternoon.

Wednesday, July 14, 1943

Quite sleepy in the morning. Left Topaz at 8:00 a.m. and drove back to camp at 9:30 a.m. Everyone who went to Topaz with the patient last night looked quite tired due to the lack of sleep.

As soon as we reached camp, we started for an all day hike to Mt. Swasey. Boys who did not go on the hike worked on the swimming pool with Mr. Hashiguchi, the lifeguard, taking charge.

Had a thunder storm after supper. No set program could be performed due to the storm. However, much story telling went on in the various tents. No serious illnesses today.

Friday, July 16, 1943

Today was "Cub Day" at Camp. Eighty-five Cubs and Den-chiefs led by Mr. Nuttall, Mr. Boyce, and Ken Okauchi arrived here at 10:00 a.m. We met them at the Trilobite grounds and immediately they ran down the slope to look for Trilobites. Some of them found large well-shaped fossils.

Before lunch the Cubs were sent out on an egg hunt which was part of the program for today. Oh boy, how they did enjoy it! Although they brought their lunches, punch and oranges were served to them. In the afternoon swimming and games were performed. Some of the Cubs were greatly interested in insect collecting.

Saturday, July 17, 1943

Most of the boys spent the last day swimming, however, one group went hiking and the Scout Troup went on a nature study.

Just before supper the Scouts had an exhibition of their nature collection; tree leaves, plants, stones, and insects. Most of them did not know the names of their collection and some were worthless. But I was greatly pleased that the Boy Scouts were interested in the study of nature as this may help their future like to a great extent.

Monday, July 19, 1943

After the morning assembly and inspection, boys were taken Trilobite hunting. Although we have more able leaders this week than any previous week, the boys are rather too young for camping and the short distant hike to the ravine of Trilobites seemed a little too much work for them. However, the leaders kindly helped the youngsters out.

Wednesday, July 21, 1943

At 7:00 a.m., the campers stirred noisily in their tents; at the sound of Reveille, by 7:20 a.m. they were all ready for the raising of the flag, which was followed by the morning exercises, which woke the fellows up and gave them a better appetite for their morning meal. After their morning meal it started to rain, so the flag was taken down, and the campers were confined to their quarters for most part of the morning except for a brief period in which the campers completed a small football field.

Just at supper time the rain started to come down in torrents so the campers all ran into the kitchen where they ate standing up which is an experience they will never forget. The weather cleared up sufficiently to hold a campfire which the campers enjoyed immensely. One of the highlights of the program was a ghost story by Dave Tatsuno, in fact the campers were so scared that most of them could not go right to sleep but by 10:00 p.m.

when taps were blown the camp had settled quietly to bed.

Saturday, July 24, 1943

This morning eleven campers went on a hike to the Caves in which they spent much time exploring...the trip was enjoyed by all. The others spent their time cleaning up the camp area and then proceeded to take advantage of the weather by going swimming.

Sunday, July 25, 1943

Came back from Topaz with an eager group of girls, reaching the camp at 10:30 a.m. The girls were rather disappointed to see the boy campers of the previous week still swimming in the pool and not having cleared out their tents as yet. Had rather a hard time rushing the boys to clear out their tents so that the girls could rearrange the tents to their liking and rest as soon as possible.

The majority of the girl campers have never been camping before and asked the staff members to do most of the things for them. Girls seem to obey orders a little better than boys but surely lack initiative on outdoor life. However, their program was well planned in advance. I was glad to see that in discussing the program, young group representatives were invited and offered their frank opinions and ideas.

Tuesday, July 27, 1943

Just before supper the sky suddenly became dark and it poured heavily. Consequently supper was delayed about forty-five minutes. As soon as supper was over it rained once more but stopped after about ten or fifteen minutes. At evening volleyball, treasure hunt, and group singing were the major activities.

The girls especially enjoyed the treasure hunt but one of the girls was mad at me because she could not find me to get my signature as a part of the treasure hunt. It became quite cool after the heavy rain.

I was greatly worried today as two of the girls had stomach aches but after two hours or so they were all right. Probably it was a little too much swimming.

Wednesday, July 28, 1943

A hike was scheduled before breakfast this morning. The

majority of the campers including the leaders left the camp at 6:30 a.m. and hiked to the cliff located at about a mile west of the camp site. Some of the girls were rather surprised to see so many different kinds of birds, trees, and flowers in this district. The beautiful sunrise, cool breeze, and the the clear echo--everything was ideal for hiking.

All the girls enjoyed a nice breakfast which we had at 8:30 a.m. Except for taps the whole program for the day was shifted one hour later due to the morning hike.

Friday, July 30, 1943

I was back in Topaz late last night after ten days at the summer camp. On the way back to Topaz I heard from Mr. Lamb who drove up to camp late yesterday with his wife and Mrs. Rescoe Bell that the valley area had a cloud burst. The road was quite wet and it was rather hard to drive. I was quite sleepy all day today due to the lack of sleep of the last few nights, however, got up by 6:30 a.m. as I was supposed to have a conference with Mr. Lamb and several others to get supplies. Due to the inventory of all warehouses, it was rather difficult to get the supplies for the camp.

Sunday, August 1, 1943

Due to the late retiring of last night, the girls didn't get up in time for breakfast making the cooks somewhat angry.

With the trucks arriving a little before 10:00 a.m. this morning, the camp noisily went about its business with the new campers and the old campers alike going for their morning dip. The new campers raved about the camp, its climate, food, and water.

Had an emergency at about three this afternoon. A pick-up (not supposed to be up here) blew a tire and overturned, injuring the driver two miles from camp. Was going to rush him back on the emergency car but the car had a flat which we couldn't fix immediately and so we had one of the trucks put up with a cot and mattress and brought him back to Topaz. (he had a nurse, two nurse's aides, three orderlies to take care of him.)

Wednesday, August 4, 1943

In last night's Topaz Times I found an article on the auto

an accident that happened last Sunday which was written contrary to facts and gave the wrong idea and impression to the people. Before leaving Topaz this morning, I talked the matter over with Mr. Lamb and asked Mr. Tats Nakamoto to send in a written note to the Times to revise the writing on that accident.

Thursday, August 5, 1943

There was great excitement in camp after supper when we found a rattlesnake right in the sleeping area. After a short struggle, we finally caught her alive. She was one of the largest rattlers I have ever seen.

After the excitement was over we went up the hill to collect stones and some of the campers started to polish them as soon as they got back.

Saturday, August 7, 1943

Today I saw two distinct types of girls. A couple of girls were washing clothes and when I saw them, they said that today is the last day at camp for them and therefore they wanted to wash all their clothes roughly so that they could go back to Topaz with everything clean. When I heard this, I was very glad and my eyes were filled with tears. So far as we have girls like them in Topaz, the morality of young people is not entirely corrupted. With good leadership they can be brought up to become real ladies and gentlemen. I never realized before the importance of our responsibility until today. On the other hand I saw a girl of the opposite character.

She was passing by the wash stand and I asked if she had any dirty clothes to wash. Her answer was, "Waste time! Today is my last day of camping." What kind of a woman will she grow up to be?

Since it was a fine day I approved of the after supper plunge of forty-five minutes. However, advised Mr. Kawaguchi to build a fire by the pool so that no one would catch a cold afterwards.

After the sun set we started the night program at the campfire grounds. Also gave another star study 'till 11:00 p.m. tonight.

Sunday, August 8, 1943

Last night was noisy until 11:00 p.m. and most of the girls had a hard time getting up for breakfast. Although they were told to clear out their tents by 10:00 a.m. they went swimming and did not finish packing their baggage until 3:00 p.m. just before they started back to Topaz.

Soon after the old campers had left, the new campers were assigned to their quarters. Since there were more campers this week, we had to bring out more beds, mattresses, and blankets and put up half a dozen additional pup tents. After everyone had settled into their quarters the mess gong rang.

Wednesday, August 11, 1943

Although I was in Topaz, yesterday was the busiest day. When I left Camp Antelope last Sunday night, I understood that everything was planned and ready for "Brownie Day." However, everything was to be the contrary. I was disappointed to see nothing had been done so far. Early in the afternoon I got in touch with the Brownie leaders and asked the secretary to type out the list of Brownies in a hurry to secure their passes to the camp. Trucks that were supposed to take the Brownies were not obtained as yet. So, in the absence of Mr. James Lamb, I had a conference with Mr. Lorne Bell in order to secure the trucks for today's Brownie Day.

Thursday, August 12, 1943

Today was probably the hottest day in the last two weeks. The girl leaders who had been in camp over two weeks looked tired. There was a short impressive devotional service in the morning after which the campers went down to the pool for a morning swim.

By 5:30 p.m. all fire was distinguished. Many thanks and congratulations to all the campers. The girls and cooks worked as hard as the men. A fortunate thing was that not a single tree was burnt though the fire destroyed almost two acres. For a time being, I worried about the campers for fear they might burn or injure themselves but thanks to God, not a single injury occurred during the fire. After supper five men went down to the spot and stayed there until 12:00 p.m. extinguishing the hot ashes.

Monday, August 16, 1943

Since most of the leaders had left for Topaz yesterday, today's activities were rather quiet except for the swimming periods in the morning and afternoon. At night a campfire program was scheduled and the girls performed excellently in singing, stunts, and story telling.

Tuesday, August 17, 1943

When I made an announcement last Sunday morning that the campers this week may stay here for two more days due to the change of the schedule, the younger girls were very happy. However, by today, most of them became homesick and were glad to go home. I was rather surprised to see how quickly the minds of young people change. Probably the camping of over one week was too long for the girls who never had such experiences before.

The girls of this week were rather young, but were very polite and obedient. They cleaned their tents early in the morning. Miss Koba thanked them for their splendid cooperation. I also had a short talk emphasizing, "Learning of things by doing."

Wednesday, August 18, 1943

I watched more closely than ever the activities and topic of conversation of the older and younger groups. Although I expected some difference in their interests, I never thought the gap between them was so great. I thought those members of the Recreation Lay Committee could understand the younger people, but contrary to my expectation, it seemed as if the younger and older people could not understand each other. I, therefore, felt it is the duty of the middle-aged people to make a harmonious community in Topaz.

Saturday, August 21, 1943

There weren't many program this week for pleasure and entertainment, only the schedule of cleaning. At the beginning of the week, I was afraid the lack of cooperation as the ages of the campers varied from 13 to 65. But by today, everybody was well acquainted with each other, and worked together as a unit. Cooperation and thinking of other persons was greatly improved.

If we can measure the accomplishment of the objectives of the camping each week, this week was the best, as far as accomplishment is concerned.

Sunday, August 22, 1943

Today was the last day at the camp. The work was started as early as six o'clock. After cleaning the sleeping area, all water pipes were removed and fenced around the swimming pool.

The trucks, one semi-trailer and three stakes, arrived here at 10:00 a.m. When we finished the loading of trucks, we were surprised with the amount of things to be taken back.

Messrs. Lamb, Johnson and Cowton came up here to check the camp site. Also the mechanics from the Motor Pool were here to check the emergency car which had troubles for some time.

By 2 p.m., all campers and visitors left the place. At this moment I was very glad to go home, relieve of all the responsibilities. On the other hand, I felt so sorry to leave this place where I put my heart and soul during the entire period of camping. I looked back on the camp site to find no more tents and flages, I could not stop the tears from running out of my eyes. Probably all the staff members who had been working so hard and well, felt the same way.

We were quite fortunate to go through the entire period of camping without a single serious accident or incident. I am very thankful to Mr. James Lamb, Chief of Community Activities Section, who had started the plan, guided and supervised it to fulfill our great responsibilities. I also express my gratitude to all leaders, campers and many other people who had cooperation in this camping.