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NISEI SUBJECT TO DRAFT CALL

Local Boards to Notify Registrants Here

Japanese-Americans (nisei) who have relocated in the Omaha area Saturday became subject to selective service.

The Omaha office of the war relocation authority was notified by its Washington headquarters that the war department has completed plans for "reinstitution of selective service procedures for American citizens of Japanese descent."

I. B. Zimman, publicity director for the Omaha draft boards, said the new regulation has been received here, and that the boards are now notifying the nisei registrants of the change. Under the new regulation, he said, selective service boards will send information forms to the Japanese-Americans, and after return of the forms the war department will make individual investigations on the acceptability of each registrant.

Only after the war department has approved the individual, Zimman said, will a selective service board act, and "thereafter the individuals will be processed just as any other citizen."

Mrs. Adah L. Eier, counsellor in the Omaha WRA office said the order will affect a majority of the male Japanese-Americans who have been resettled here. Those who have learned of the change, she said, expressed eagerness to get into service.

Previously, Japanese-Americans could volunteer for service if found acceptable by the war department and Zimman said Saturday that "those we have processed in Omaha are making good."

Taken from The Omaha World Herald - January 25, 1944



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL

Subject: [Illegible]

Reference is made to [Illegible]

It is requested that [Illegible]

Very truly yours, [Illegible]

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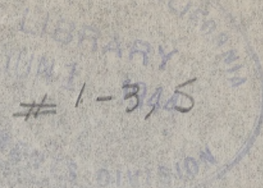
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U.S. War Relocation Auth

Omaha

W.R.A. NEWS and HIGHLIGHTS
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TO: The Japanese Evacuees of Omaha and Vicinity

RECENT ARRIVALS - The following persons have recently come to Omaha to relocate. Let's all make them welcome!

Mr. and Mrs. Sen Fujii with their two daughters are living temporarily at 2025 Howard Street. Mr. Fujii is employed at the Nebraska University Hospital as a technician in the mortuary.

Bruce Kimura caught his breath in surprise the other morning when his brother George walked into the Y.M.C.A. Bruce immediately brought George over to the WRA office to inquire about job openings. Before noon George was employed by the Harding Bottling Works. He's right good-looking girls.

Mr. and Mrs. Haruo Taketa and child arrived last week in Omaha to take up residence. The Haruo Taketa's are making their home with Harry Taketa and family, and is employed at the Gland-o-lac Company. Harry's "little brother" says he sure likes what he has seen of Omaha. I don't know just where Harry gets that "little brother" stuff, for--well, just wait until you see him.

Mr. Kataro Saimoto arrived last Saturday morning to work for Father F. A. Flanagan. Mr. Saimoto hardly landed from his long trip from Tule before he found himself on the job.

Mr. Takao Misaki from Tule Lake arrived on September 7 to go to work for the Brodkey Jewelry Company. Mr. Misaki's family will arrive later. He said he didn't realize how nice it was to be working outside again.

Mr. Satoshi Tomita has been in town the past week looking around for jobs for his family. His father and two brothers have jobs waiting for them when they arrive. We understand Mr. Tomita has found a suitable house that he is buying for the family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ida from Central Utah arrived Monday, and have accepted employment with the Clarence Landen family. The Ida's have two sons in Lincoln, Nebraska.

PARTY We all had an excellent time at the party which Harry and Mary Ikebasu had recently. About 50 persons accepted the invitation and we all thank Harry and Mary as well as the Monsky family for opening their lovely home to us.

TAKE PART! LET'S BE A LEADING GROUP - The Omaha WRA office plans to be doing various work with the Japanese people in Omaha this fall and winter. We are anxious to know what religious organizations you are interested in, and we will be glad to help you become acquainted in any of the churches you wish to affiliate with.

Mr. Robert Iki of the area office in Kansas City is writing a news letter every two weeks which is sent to the Relocation Centers. He would like to have news and information from the Omaha area. Let's not let him down. Send us a small snap shot of yourself, or your family, and a very short story on any phase of Omaha you think would be of interest to those still in the Centers; such items as, What do you think about Omaha as a place to relocate? What did you find in Omaha? What were your first impressions, and what are your impressions now after being here for a few months? How do you like your work, your employer, your fellow employees? If you have a snap of yourself or any member of your family at work on the job, which would be of interest to people in the Centers, send it to us at the office and we will see that it reaches Bob for his news letter.

COMING EVENTS - The Y.W.C.A. is organizing study groups and various kinds of winter activities for young women in Omaha. These clubs are of particular interest to business girls and girls working as domestics. The meetings will be on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Why not join and get acquainted with other young women doing the same thing you are. This is an excellent opportunity to make some new friends, get a new hobby or ride an old one.

The American Legion National Convention is to be held in Omaha on September 21 to 23 inclusive. This will be an exceedingly busy time for the cafes, hotels, and stores. Streets, busses, and street cars will be overflowing with convention people. Why not take care of your social obligations and shopping either before or after the convention, and help out the waitresses and shop girls.

Cadet Nursing and WAC Enlistment - We have received assurance from the U. S. Public Health Service that American citizens of Japanese ancestry accepted by schools of nursing which are participating in this program will be eligible for the U. S. Cadet Nurse Corps. You can now train with pay to be a nurse. If you are interested get in touch with us.

Young women of Japanese ancestry who are interested in enlisting in the WAC, contact the local recruiting station in the Post Office building.

Would you like to have more highlights from time to time?

WRA NEWS AND HIGHLIGHTS

(Second Edition)

TO: The Japanese Evacuees of Omaha and vicinity.

RECENT ARRIVALS: - Our group is growing. Remember your first days in Omaha and let's help the newcomers to get acquainted.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Akahoshi, son John, and daughter Alice arrived from Poston. They may be reached at the Leo Bozell residence, 90th & Dodge.

Paul Asano from Topaz is taking vocational training at Tech Hi and working at Hinky Dinkys. Roy Fujita, Min Nomura, and Art Uyeda, three boys from Poston are also taking vocational training work.

George Hashimoto from Topaz is working at the Peter Pan Bakery Company.

Flora Kakehashi from Minidoka is working at the Paxton Hotel as a typist.

Mrs. Art Mihara and baby from Minidoka have now joined Art who is employed at the Blackstone Hotel.

Mrs. Theresa Takayoshi and two little boys from Minidoka arrived a few days ago to be with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Shizuko Takayoshi. Shizuko is making her home in Omaha and working at the Yellow Cab Company while her husband is in the service.

Paul Tosaya, also from Minidoka, has been here for quite a spell. He is attending Central High.

Miss Rose Kimoto, a young lady from Gila River, is employed at the Tip-Top Products Company.

Joe and Masako Matsunami, brother and sister, from Topaz arrived about two weeks ago. Masako is working in the fur department at Aquila Courts and Joe is working for the Knowles Storage and Moving Company.

Mrs. Misaki and baby from Tule Lake have joined "Daddy". Daddy repairs watches for the Brodkey Jewelry Company you know.

Roy Nakata and Amile Okasaki from Granada are in our midst. Roy is at the Blackstone Hotel and Amile is working for the Paxton Hotel.

"Sharky" Yoshiaki Sugita from Granada is working at the University of Nebraska as technician in the mortuary. "Wimpy" Yoshifumi Sugita, Sharky's brother, arrived this week with a couple of friends, Sam Tsuji and Ryozo Muto, and they are now working with the Hulac Chevrolet Company.

Joe Takatsuno from Topaz has joined his sister Terry. Their mother arrived Saturday and is employed at Carmans Clothing Store.

Mr. and Mrs. Tokimura and daughters, Verna and Ruth, arrived from Gila River on the wing of a beautiful snow storm. It was the first "real" snow the girls had seen in action, and they report it was quite a thrill. Verna and Ruth are working out at Boys Town for Father Flanagan.

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Mr. and Mrs. Fred Doi from Gila River are employed on the W. J. Coad farm near Elkhorn. The Dois are delighted with their new home.

Dr. Charles Usui, formerly from Rohwer is working at the Lutheran Hospital. From all we hear they are keeping him pretty busy.

Mrs. Katayama and Ruth arrived from Gila River to join Mr. Katayama who is working at the Brodkey Jewelry Store. Ruth plans to go to college the second semester.

Tom Okano from Rohwer is happy with his work at the Murray Studio, and also busy with the Xmas rush.

Mr. Kataro Saimoto is almost a native of Omaha. He came from Gila and is working at the Holy Angels Church for Father C. P. Flanagan.

TID BITS AND SIDE LIGHTS

Kats Okida who has been wandering about his home town--San Francisco--during the past week, is now on his way to Camp Shelby for induction. Kats was working at Boys Town during the past year, and couldn't wait till he was called for duty.

Bill Imoto was called back into the service and is now at Camp Savage. Michi, his wife who has been keeping books at the Yellow Cab left yesterday to join him.

Tak Kato has been called and is awaiting induction. Tak is a most impatient young man you know. I heard him mumbling something about the war being over before he got there, red tape, etc. Florence (Mrs. Kato) is about to become a WAC.

Mary Ikebasu underwent an operation at the Lutheran Hospital this week. The latest report is that she is doing nicely. Mary will be having callers in a few days and would enjoy seeing her friends.

W. N. Parmeter, our Relocation Officer, has been traveling in a big way this fall. During the past two months he has spent considerable time in Rohwer, Jerome, and Granada Relocation Centers giving the people there information about relocation possibilities in this area.

The boys who are taking vocational training out to Tech Hi are really making a "hit" not only with their fellow students, but the teachers are saying some mighty nice things about them. There is still room for students in the Wood Pattern Making and Wood Tool Making Shop and also in the power sewing machine classes.

Approximately 80 evacuees are enrolled in the university and colleges in Lincoln. Many of these students are finding places for their families and friends. The Lincoln Relocation Committee is doing a very effective job.

A group from Granada has been looking over a large ranch near Hamburg, Iowa, and tentative arrangements to purchase the farm and equipment have been made. Several families will live on the place and will have need for additional workers during the growing season.

Poston Kawahara, the first baby to arrive in the Poston Center, now has a brother, Hastings. He made his appearance soon after the family arrived in Hastings, Nebraska. Daddy Frank and his brother Tats are working in the Topp's Greenhouse.

Fruit and vegetable firms in Grand Island are attracting evacuees. Several are now working at the Nash-Finch Company and the Brown Fruit and Vegetable Company. A group of six farmers are also negotiating for a 400 acre farm for a permanent leasing arrangements near Grand Island.

A number of the boys and girls have been requesting us to find particular jobs in Omaha for their friends and relatives. We are always glad to do this. People in the Centers that plan to relocate should remember the top-paying jobs are usually not available at the Center. Take some job you are interested in now and work up to the permanent position you plan to attain while labor is scarce.

!!! NOW IS THE TIME !!!

If you have friends or relatives who are interested in relocation, give us their names, address, and the kinds of jobs in which they are interested. Why not have them join you? There are jobs for all.

SOME OF THE INTERESTING JOBS IN OMAHA

Watchmakers - \$300 to \$400 per month
Auto Mechanics - 90¢ to \$1.00 per hour
Body and Fender men - 90¢ to \$1.00 per hour
Mechanic helpers - 60¢ per hour and learn trade
Carpet layers - \$1.00 per hour.
Assistant carpet layers 75¢ per hour
Retoucher for a photographic studio - \$100 per month and
up. Opportunity for advancement
Truck drivers - 65¢ to 85¢ per hour
Accountant - \$125 to \$175 per month
Packing-house work 70¢ per hour
Upholster to work on fine fabrics - 70¢ per hour

SOCIAL EVENTS

The welcome party which the Y.W.C.A. gave was a howling success. The Isseis enjoyed the entertainment put on by the Niseis and the "Hakujins". Outside of the main program there were games, dancing, visiting, and refreshments.

The cooperation of the evacuees in returning the questionnaire blanks which were recently sent out by the WRA office was highly satisfactory as to completeness, but some of the blanks have failed to return. Please check your "catch-all" and if you are one of the guilty ones, send us the completed form.

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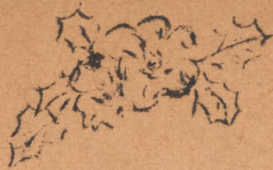
It is evident from the information on the questionnaire that the evacuees of Omaha recognize the need of a committee to assist us in various problems that confront Japanese people relocating in Omaha. A temporary committee was appointed and has made plans to complete the organization of a permanent committee at a party which is to be given by the Y.W.C.A.

WHERE: The Y.W.C.A. - 506 South 17th Street
WHEN: Sunday, November 28 - 7:30 p.m.

E V E R Y B O D Y C O M E

Bring 15¢ for refreshments. There is no charge for the kiddies.

P.S. A special treat is being planned for the party.



Merry Christmas



NEWS & HIGHLIGHTS 3

NEWS AND RECENT ARRIVALS

Mr. and Mrs. Keisuke Fujimori arrived last week to take a position with Mr. A. H. Allwine. They are living at the Carpathia Apartments at 834 South 24th Street. They reported the weather was fine in Jerome when they left.

Elmer Tanasi, who had been previously working at Scottsbluff, seems to be enjoying his work in Omaha very much.

Kay Nitta, recent arrival from the Jerome Relocation Center, is working at Central Market.

Hiroshi Haruto from the Jerome Center arrived last week to take employment with the Murray Studio.

Miuki Fujii from Wessington Springs, South Dakota, has added his name to the list in Omaha.

And from Minneapolis, we have Minako Kawauchi who arrived to make her home with her brother and sister, Joe and Masako Matsunami.

Mr. and Mrs. Takeshi Minagawa recently arrived from Idaho. They are staying at the Irwin Hotel while they are looking over various job offers.

Mr. Frank Kuwahara who is employed at the Topps Greenhouse in Hastings stopped in the office the other day to brag about his new son.

The Y.W.C.A. party which occurred the Sunday after Thanksgiving was another big success. Everyone entered into the spirit of the party and had a good time. Between 70 and 80 persons were there.

Mr. Myrle L. White who has been stationed at Lincoln, Nebraska, has resigned to become actively interested in a farm management company. We will miss having Mr. White around the office.

Reverend Takayu Shirakawa from the Granada Relocation Center has been visiting Omaha this week.



IMPORTANT

Mr. Dillon S. Myer, Director of WRA has requested in a recent wire to this office that all civilians refrain from traveling by train or bus through the period December 17 to January 10. We hope it will not be necessary for you to make trips during this period as no doubt trains and busses will be taxed to the utmost with people that are obliged to travel at this time.

ATTENTION - BOYS OF DRAFT AGE

In a recent notice from Washington, we learned that a number of the boys on indefinite leave are failing to keep in touch with their local draft boards. If you have changed your address and have not notified your local draft board of the change, please do this at once without fail.

OPPORTUNITIES

Now that you have been here for a period of time and accomplished part of the adjustments that are necessary when you leave the Center, and are a producer and not a consumer, how about encouraging some of your friends or relatives to come out and join you? Job opportunities are still plentiful. We have openings in many fields. Let us know whom you would like to help and if possible what kind of work they are interested in.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

With the light snowfall last night, we are again reminded of the fact that another year has rolled around and Christmas time is almost here. We believe that those who left the Center to relocate since last Christmas have made a big step in the right direction, and as the years roll by you will always be glad that you had the courage of your convictions to do those things that were vital in directing your future destiny.

We wish you a Merry Christmas, a happy and successful New Year.

W. N. Parmeter
Relocation Officer



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Omaha, 2, Nebraska

Adah L. Eier
Acting Relocation Officer

NEWS AND HIGHLIGHTS

With spring around the corner -- Oh, oh, it was snowed under this morning -- the Omaha WRA staff decided it was high time to greet our friends again through our most promising and scholarly publication--NEWS AND HIGHLIGHTS.

SOCIAL EVENTS

Everybody mark February 19 on your calendar as a Red Letter Day. The Y.W.C.A. is having another one of their popular parties. The place is the "Y.W." The time is 7:30 p.m. Put 20 cents in your pocket to help defray the expenses. The folks in Lincoln, Nebraska, have been invited, and we are hoping some of them will be able to come to the party so we can meet them.

IMPORTANT DIRECTIVES FROM WASHINGTON

Director Dillon S. Myer has asked us to notify all Nisei men of military age who are not certain that they listed complete information concerning local selective service boards at the time of registration early in 1943 to send their name, number and address of their boards to the relocation planning division, Washington, D. C. The address is Barr Building, 910 -17th Street, N. W., Washington 25, D. C. While induction will be a gradual process, it is essential that the records of each individual be brought up to date at once.

Nisei men of military age are reminded also of the importance of keeping selective service boards notified of all changes of address. Responsibility for such notification rests with the individual. A man who cannot be located and notified to appear for pre-induction physical examination when his order number appears will be reported as delinquent and is liable to severe penalties provided under the selective training and service act.

We have also been asked to notify aliens on leave that they may not travel without first having secured a travel permit from the United States District Attorney. This includes return travel to the project.

After an alien has secured a travel permit from the U. S. District Attorney and reached his new destination a notice of the change of address must be sent to the Federal Bureau of Investigation and to the Immigration and Naturalization Service. Special post cards for this purpose may be obtained at any Post Office.

Failure to comply with Department of Justice alien travel registrations will cause troublesome complications and may result in serious penalties.

CHITTY CHATS

Since exactly a month ago, a great many of the evacuees in Omaha have found a haven of fellowship at the home of Mrs. Dana T. Warren, 1508 North 54 Street. It is the desire of Mr. and Mrs. Warren to make the evacuees in Omaha feel that the Warren home is a place where they are welcome to go at any time. Mr. Warren's parents were missionaries in Japan for over forty years and the same kindness and sympathy is possessed by the Warrens here in Omaha who have opened their hearts and home. Mrs. Warren has designated every second Sunday and every fourth Saturday of the month as a day of open house for the evacuees to consider themselves as guests in their home. The next meeting day will be February 26, and it is hoped that many of you will be able to be there. Don't wait for an invitation. Call Mrs. Warren by phone. Her number is Gl. 4772.

The boss, Mr. Walter N. Parmeter, our Relocation Officer, has left us again. For the past month he has been working in the Jerome and Heart Mountain Relocation Centers. We expect him back about February 19--in time for the party.

The Powers-That-Be saw fit to transfer to the Chicago Area, our highly esteemed and popular supervisor, Mr. Vernon R. Kennedy. Hate to lose you, Mr. Kennedy, but good luck in your new location. Mr. Frank E. Gibbs, Relocation Officer at Des Moines, is pinch hitting and has temporarily assumed the duties of Acting Supervisor.

CHITTY CHATS Cont'd.

While Reverend Daisuke Kitagawa, Secretary for the Committee on Resettlement of Japanese Americans in New York, was in Omaha last month, he found many old acquaintances from Tule Lake and Seattle, Washington. After spending several busy days in Omaha, he was on his way to the Heart Mountain and Minidoka Centers to extend our combined salutations from the relocatees to the campers.

RECENT ARRIVALS

We are glad to welcome the following arrivals to Omaha since the last newsletter was published:

Frank Obayashi from Tule Lake has been with us for quite some time, and we now take a moment to officially acknowledge his presence. Frank thought that he might like the larger cities of the East, so he left us to go take a look, but before a week had passed, Frank was back in Omaha.

Tom Nakanishi from the Gila Center is getting along nicely at Elkhorn where he is working with his brother-in-law, Fred Doi. Mr. Nakanishi was employed in Kansas City, Missouri, for a short period.

When we recounted the Matsunami family and their relatives recently, we found that two new members had joined the group. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kaya arrived the day before Christmas and since have made their home with the Matsunamis. The couple are from the Jerome Center.

Resettled in Council Bluffs, Iowa, is the Takagi family from Heart Mountain, who think the Mid-West is a pretty good place to be. The family--Mr. and Mrs. George Takagi and year-old son Brian were former residents of Pomona, California.

Welcome from Lincoln, Nebraska, is May Hoshizaki who has joined us again in Omaha. We hope she really enjoys it here. May's home town is Los Angeles, Calif.

Jerome Center is contributing to our Omaha population. Mr. Ichiro Tashiro and Raymond Adachi arrived a few days ago to take employment with the King Fong Cafe. Another ex-Jerome man is Frank Mukai who walked into his sister's apartment the other day and announced that he planned to stay in Omaha.

Mrs. Theresa Takayoshi and her two sons were delighted to have their family reunited last month. Mr. Takayoshi recently received a medical discharge from Camp Shelby. They were formerly from the Minidoka Center.

Two very charming young ladies from Minidoka arrived last week to attend the Van Sant Business College here. May we present the Yamamoto sisters, Auzella and Marie, who hail from Yakima, Washington.

We also welcome from Texas, Mrs. Bessie Natsue, who since last month has been residing with her sister, Mrs. Fred Doi, at Elkhorn. Mr. Natsue is in the Service.

Terry and Joe Takatsuno were glad to have their mother join them from Topaz. Mrs. Takatsuno is employed at Carman's, and her employers are saying some mighty nice things about her and her work.

Tom Shimizu surprised us by walking into the office last week. Tom set out from Minidoka about a year ago to seek a good place to resettle. His first stop was Omaha, and at that time Tom was about the only Nisci here. Naturally he became lonely and decided to move on to greener pastures. Salt Lake, Denver, Minneapolis, and Chicago were on his route. BUT, he tells us he's back in Omaha to stay. There is something about this town!!

Yesterday, Mr. Harold Takahashi was ushered into the office by one of his friends. Harold is from Granada. Present address, Boys Town. Hope the snow isn't too much for him.

Don't forget the party!

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WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
202 City Natl. Bank Bldg.
Omaha, 2, Nebraska

Fourth Edition

W. N. Parmeter
Relocation Officer

April 20, 1944

NEWS AND HIGHLIGHTS

We have two new members on the staff whom all of you have not met. Our Relocation Officer, Mr. Parmeter, is leaving Sunday for a vacation and will be away for some time--therefore; we think it is an opportune time for us all to get together for a jubilee.

The Place is - The Y.W.C.A.
The Time is - From 8:00 P.M. to 11:00 p.m.
The Date is - Saturday, April 22, 1944

Program starts promptly at 8:15 P.M. Be on Time!
There is no charge - This is on the Office.

PROGRAM

Don't miss the first number. It's good! Must start promptly at 8:15. Mr. Riki Matsufuji is our tenor "Superb". You'll like it. Remember; Riki was X leader of Downbeats Orchestra in Tule Lake Center.

Introduction of new members on staff.

Short remarks on Relocation and Integration - Speaker to be selected

Violin solo by Theodore Kanamine accompanied by Mrs. W. N. Parmeter
Ted is a fourteen-year old Rubinoff. He is now appearing for many Omaha organizations.

Dramatic Production by Omaha WRA Staff entitled

"WILD NELL, THE PET OF THE PLAINS" or "Her Final Sacrifice."

SUPERB! COLOSSAL! GIGANTIC! SIDE SPLITTING!

Synopsis

In the Indian summer of 1846 on the grassy plains of Nebraska, by chance, a wealthy heiress was captured by a bold and brutal Indian known as Sitting Bull. Her narrow escape was possible only by the daring feats of Handsome Harry, the King of the Cow Boys. His mastery of the lariat and accurate use of the six shooter is just another chapter in the Indian folk lore in these here Nebraska parts.

CAST

Lady Vere De Vere	English Heiress	Lucie M. Kawafune, Secretary
Handsome Harry	King of the Cow Boys	Wm. K. Holland, Asst. Reloc. Supervisor
Sitting Bull	Indian Chief	W. N. Parmeter, Relocation Officer
Bull Durham	His Accomplice	Hal F. Eier - U. S. Army Engineers
Hula Hula	Medicine Woman	Alice Fujino - Evacuee
Wild Nell	Pet of the Plains	Adah L. Eier - Acting Relocation Officer
Reader		Jay H. Sheldon - Assoc. Reloc. Officer
Pianist		Mrs. W. N. Parmeter

DANCING AND REFRESHMENTS

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DID YOU KNOW THAT - We received the following wire from Director Dillon S. Myer: "This headquarter is selecting physically and linguistically qualified Americans of Japanese ancestry for additional classes Camp Savage. Desire immediate contact by mail with all possible candidates in your area. Request all prospective men of draft age write Captain Paul Rusch, Director of Personnel Camp Savage, Minnesota at once. Fullest cooperation your staff will be of great value to war effort."

DID YOU KNOW THAT - Now you can get all your household effects from the Center on Government expense--not just 500 pounds. Also, now you can get not only your household effects from your former home on the west coast, but also 5,000 pounds of tools of trade which would include tractors, plows and other farming implements in case you are a farmer. All this at government expense!

Leaves from the Center for your Friends and Relatives - We still have the indefinite and the short term leaves. The seasonal leave has been changed to strictly agricultural occupations and may be of seven months' duration. The County Agent in the county in which the work is to be done must determine there is a need for such labor, and the War Foods Administration will take charge of transporting workers in furtherance of the War Food Production Program.

If you are interested in obtaining your personal property from California or are considering leasing or selling any property, our office, 202 City National Bank Building, will be glad to help you. It is still necessary to get a military permit to go into the Restricted Area.

NEW ARRIVALS IN OUR DISTRICT - GET IN TOUCH WITH THEM

<u>Name</u>	<u>Center</u>	<u>Address</u>
David Matsushita	Jerome	Room 426 - Y.M.C.A. - Omaha
Mr. and Mrs. Tom Kanamine Son, Theodore, and daughter, Joyce.	Jerome	c/o Henry Monsky 90th and Dodge Streets
Mrs. Ryozo Muto	Granada	c/o Mrs. Lilly Lundquist 6033 Binney St.
Herb Endo	Ht. Mt.	Room 406 - Y.M.C.A.
Henry Kasahara	Ht. Mt.	Room 406 - Y.M.C.A.
Tokio Otsuki	Ht. Mt.	Room 406 - Y.M.C.A.
Charles Mizoguchi	Mini.	c/o Mrs. Perry Bartlow 3516 Charles St.
Joc Shinyoda	Mini.	c/o Mrs. Perry Bartlow 3516 Charles St.
Mr. and Mrs. Hi Korimatsu	Topaz	c/o C. E. Metzger, Plattsmouth, Nebr.
Nancy Tomita	Mini.	4404 South 21st Street
Tsugio Ikeda	Poston	c/o Leo Bozell, S 96 RFD 7
Tatsu Kai	Jerome	2025 Howard Street
George Otsuki	Poston	Room 420 - Y.M.C.A.
Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hotta (one child)	Granada	Boys Town, Nebraska
Tokiuchi Takagi	Ht. Mt.	c/o Arthur C. Bock, Council Bluffs, Ia
Helen Murakami	Tule	c/o Mrs. F. Ulrich, 412 Sweetwood
Mr. and Mrs. Harley Nakamura (2 children)	Jerome	c/o Halscy Noyes, Waterloo, Nebr.
Alice Fujino	Manzanar	c/o Perry Bartlow, 3516 Charles St.
Mr. and Mrs. George Kotsubo (one child)	Ht. Mt.	1621 N. Eddy St., Grand Island, Nebr.
Tsuyoshi Yamaguchi	Jerome	c/o Stout Hall, Dakota Wesleyan Univ. Mitchell, South Dakota
James H. Tsutsui	Jerome	1104 West Division, Grand Island, Nebr
John Todoroki	Ht. Mt.	Y.M.C.A. - Lincoln, Nebraska
Molly Mitsuhashi	Ht. Mt.	c/o Jim Uchida, Schuyler, Nebraska
Mrs. Mariko Morizono and son	Granada	c/o Dr. T. Peterson, Box 76, Holdrege, Nebraska
Mr. and Mrs. Kay Inagaki (three children)		c/o Carl Hanson, Grand Island, Nebr.
Mr. and Mrs. George Kanemasu George Imai	Gila	c/o Carl Hanson, Grand Island, Nebr. 110 $\frac{1}{2}$ West Third Street, Grand Island, Nebraska
Oscar Ryoji Ura	Minidoka	Lincoln, Nebraska
Tomoko Hamamura	Minidoka	Lincoln, Nebraska
Sadao Uyeno	Ht. Mt.	Huron, South Dakota
Harley Ito	Ht. Mt.	c/o Union College, Lincoln, Nebraska
Willey Kai	Ht. Mt.	c/o Union College, Lincoln, Nebraska
Kazuma Kido	Ht. Mt.	c/o Union College, Lincoln, Nebraska
Walter Show Tsutsui	Jerome	1104 West Division, Grand Island, Nebr
Florence Akahoshi	Poston	3701 Prescott Street, Lincoln, Nebraska
Minoru Shintaku	Jerome	2164 West State St., Grand Island, Nebr
Lillian Tamura	Gila	Lincoln, Nebraska

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NEWS AND HIGHLIGHTS

CITY OF CALIFORNIA
MAY 30, 1944
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A few days ago the Omaha District office celebrated its first birthday. On May 4, 1943, on the twelfth floor of the City National Bank Building, our relocation office was opened, with two persons on the staff--Mr. W. N. Parmeter and Mrs. Adah L. Eier. In August, Miss Lucie Kawafune of the Minidoka Relocation Center reported for duty. Recently Mr. William K. Holland and Mr. Jay H. Sheldon joined the staff. Business began to pick up and we soon found larger quarters were needed, so we picked up our files and typewriters and moved to more spacious and comfortable quarters on the second floor of the same building. During the year we found hundreds of positions in all kinds of work. From a handful of people who had evacuated voluntarily to Omaha, we have grown to a family of 355 in the District. Sixty-one families are represented in this number. These people are working on all kinds of jobs from professional, through semi-skilled to unskilled labor. Many are finding success on farms and all are experiencing a real satisfaction in knowing that their efforts are contributing to the winning of the war.

We are sorry to state that Mr. Walter N. Parmeter who has been in charge of the Omaha office since its inception finds it necessary to resign June 1, 1944, from relocation work because of the need for his full attention to other essential war work. Mr. Parmeter states that with the present efficient staff and the well organized office that relocation should make a rapid growth in the coming months. He takes this opportunity to thank all of you for your splendid cooperation with the relocation program. He congratulates you on your courage, your perservance, and your ambition to make relocation successful. He wishes you good luck in all of your future endeavors.

SOCIAL EVENTS

The Omaha office has in its possession, for the next few days, the sound-movie film "Go For Broke" which shows the activities of the Japanese-American soldiers in Camp Shelby. Since this is an excellent picture, we believe that you will enjoy seeing it. Therefore, while the picture is available, you are all invited to attend an open house at the Parmeter residence, 118 North 38th Street, between the hours of 5 o'clock p.m. and 10 o'clock p.m. on Thursday, June 1. The picture will be shown at 5:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.

DIRECTIVES FROM WASHINGTON

A new kind of leave has been made available to the Omaha District. It is called Trial Indefinite. This leave provides that evacuees can leave the Centers on Trial Indefinite Leave and work six months at any one job, after which time they may return to the Center if they feel they cannot successfully relocate on indefinite leave.

HOUSING

In finding desirable housing in Omaha, we believe that the people already relocated here can be of tremendous help to us and to other evacuees coming into Omaha. In studying the immediate housing situation we find that there are a number of families who are interested in changing from apartments to houses. If you are considering a change, please let us know of your plans in order that we may place another family in the quarters you are vacating. Also as you go about town, if you notice houses or apartments for rent, please call the office and let us know, for we find there are a number of apartments and houses for rent that are not being advertized in the newspapers; therefore, we do not know of them unless someone tells us. Many people who are living in Council Bluffs work in Omaha. If you are interested in such an arrangement, we will be glad to help you find living quarters in the Bluffs. Car fare from the Bluffs is only 2¢ more.

BE SURE TO WRITE TO YOUR FRIENDS IN THE CENTERS

Tell them about relocation opportunities in the area in which you live. Let them know that we have on file in our office right now 300 active offers in all kinds of work. Inform them that the Omaha office has forty farm offers, many of which have excellent housing facilities and good salaries. In Dawson County, near Lexington there is a splendid opportunity for group relocation in that there are many good farm offers in the same neighborhood where there is pump irrigation, and the tenant houses are above average, having electricity and water either in or close to the house.

Mr. Bill Holland, who is new to this office and whom you met at the last YWCA social left this morning for Rohwer and Jerome Relocation Centers to discuss group relocation in Nebraska, as well as other relocation opportunities in the Omaha District. If you have friends in these Centers, tell them to look him up at the Relocation Building.

Arrivals since the last edition of NEWS AND HIGHLIGHTS:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Center</u>
Shinmoto, Tsuneo Tony	Box 176	Gila River
Shinmoto, Kiyota	Elkhorn, Nebraska	" "
Shinmoto, Mitsuko	" "	" "
Shinmoto, Minoru	" "	" "
Shinmoto, Tsunetaro Mr. & Mrs.	" "	" "
Noda, Tadao	c/o Halsey Noyes Waterloo, Nebraska	Topaz
Utsuki, Izumi	3701 Prescott St. Lincoln, Nebraska	Poston
Kawamoto, Toshio Mr. & Mrs.	c/o Harry J. Peters Lexington, Nebraska	
Kanemoto, Masaru	Elm Creek, Nebraska	
Kanemoto, Toyoko	Elm Creek, Nebraska	
Masunaga, Eric	c/o General Delivery Alda, Nebraska	Ht. Mt.
Masunaga, Shig	" "	" "
Masunaga, Hiroko	" "	" "
Masunaga, Patricia	" "	" "
Masunaga, Takamatsu	" "	" "
Kato, Sadao	c/o Oriental Trading Co; 1115 Farnam Street	Rohwer
Masunaga, Shiro	c/o Platte Valley Const. Co. Grand Island, Nebr.	Ht. Mt.
Morita, Jiro Mr. & Mrs.	c/o J. E. Davidson 8330 Loveland Drive	Gila River
† Morita, Helen	" " "	Gila River
Kono, Sam Isamu	c/o Kay Inagaki Rural Route 4 Grand Island, Nebraska	Jerome
Yano, Roy Y.	c/o Tom Nishimura 1621 N. Eddy Grand Island, Nebraska	
Yasuhara, Rickey	Cozad, Nebraska	Ht. Mt.
Yasuhara, Kinji	Cozad, Nebraska	Ht. Mt.
Chikami, Jack Yoshio	Cozad, Nebraska	Ht. Mt.
Sada, Tomiji	c/o Kay Inagaki Rural Route 4 Grand Island, Nebraska	Jerome
Saisho, Taro	c/o Dr. T. Peterson Post Office Box 76 Holdrege, Nebraska	Granada
Shiokari, Tom	Lincoln, Nebraska	Poston
Fukuhara, Harry	Lincoln, Nebraska	Poston

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August 7, 1944

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DIRECTIVES FROM WASHINGTON

To assist evacuees in relocating, the WRA will transport the household and personal effects belonging to an evacuee and his immediate family from a Center to the destination designated by the evacuee. The WRA will also transport household goods or personal effects which are in private or government storage. Transportation will be at government expense and shall include packing and crating but shall not include unpacking and uncrating or delivery at destination. Such transportation shall be via the most economic means. Tools and equipment or fixtures of an evacuee's trade, business, or profession including farm machinery and equipment sufficient only for a family-sized venture and not more than 5,000 pounds in weight, also may be shipped at the expense of the government to the point of the evacuee owner's relocation. If you are interested in having any of your household goods or personal effects shipped to you, let us know and we will send you the necessary forms.

Radios and cameras are not considered contraband for American citizens of Japanese extraction living outside of the Western Defense Command, but possession of them by Japanese aliens is prohibited by Presidential Proclamation.

When you write to your friends who are interested in relocation, tell them about Trial Indefinite Leave which now applies to the Omaha district. Anyone taking this leave may work six months at any one job, after which time they may return to the Center if they cannot successfully relocate on an indefinite leave.

JOB OFFERS

Will you help us secure employees for the following positions:

Secretarial position for an experienced young lady as secretary to the Treasurer of Doane College, Crete, Nebraska. Salary \$100 per month. Board and room on the campus. Must be filled by September 1.

Six young ladies wanted by the Great Western Fur Cleaning Company. Employee should know how to operate a sewing machine. This company is working on a AA-1 priority government contract cleaning, repairing, and refinishing fur-lined leather jackets and trousers used by the air forces. Starting wages 60 cents per hour. Time and a half over 48 hours.

Paxton-Vierling Company working on contract which supplies vitally needed war materials to our boys at the front. Need welders, machinists, machinist helpers, mechanics, and laborers. Call the WRA office for further detail.

SOCIAL EVENTS

GET TOGETHER PICNIC, Sunday, August 20, 3:00 p.m. Henry Monsky's Residence, 90th and Dodge

Everyone in Omaha and vicinity is cordially invited to attend. Bring the family and kids. Lemonade will be provided. Each family should bring their own lunch and dishes. Transportation will be furnished from end of bus line at 72nd and Dodge. Let's all get together and have some fun. All Issei families are especially invited. An interesting program will be in store for all--

CHIT CHATS

Miss Masako Matsunami, age twenty-seven, and Mr. Robert Y. Nakadoi, age thirty, were married in Chicago, Illinois, on July 5, 1944. The bride has been employed in the fur department of the Aquila Court ever since she relocated to Omaha, Nebraska. After being married, she returned to Omaha to finish her work and instruct her sister, Miss Doris Matsunami, who is taking Masako's place at the store. Mr. Nakadoi is employed by the Shotwell Manufacturing Company in Chicago. The bride and groom will be at home at 2616 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois, after August 7. Our best wishes go with you, Masako.

Folks, do you know we have a Japanese cafe in Omaha! Mr. Kazuo Takechi and his cousin, Takeshi, Ozima, have recently purchased the Uptown Cafe at 205 South 13th Street. They report that business is good and they need help. From the looks of the menu, they have some mighty good things to eat. How about giving it a trial.

Pfc. Kenneth Kawami has been visiting his wife and new son who are living with the Doi family on the Omar Farm. This was the first time Soldier Kawami had seen his son and heir. It didn't take them long to form a mutual admiration society.

Another soldier who has been visiting in Omaha is Pfc. Kawauchi. His wife, Pat, and daughter, Lois, are making their home with the Matsunami family.

Miss Deanna Taketa, small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Taketa has just had her tonsils removed and is getting along fine, thank you.

ARRIVALS SINCE THE LAST EDITION OF NEWS AND HIGHLIGHTS:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Center</u>
Adachi, Mrs. Raymond and daughter	c/o Mrs. Schwartz 1811 California Street	Jerome
Matsunami, Rose	1505 South 26th Street	Topaz
Matsunami, Doris	1505 South 26th Street	Topaz
Okura, Momota Mr. & Mrs.	3703 North 39th Street	Jerome
Okada, Harry	1505 South 26th Street	Topaz
Hanamoto, Ben	1815 Chicago Street	
Matsumoto, Helen	c/o Louis Pentzien 3839 Seward Street	Poston
Okura, Mae	3703 North 39th Street	Jerome
Okura, Frances	3703 North 39th Street	Jerome
Ozima, Takeshi	c/o Oriental Trading Co. 1115 Farnam Street	Minidoka
Kimura, Douglas	YMCA - Room 412	Rohwer
Muramoto, Jiro Dr. & Mrs. (1 child)	c/o Orthepeidic Hospital Lincoln, Nebraska	Manzanar
Saisho, Kiyo Mrs. (2 children)	Box 76, Holdrege, Nebraska	Granada
Munekiyo, Terry	c/o T. H. Miller 5305 IZARD STREET	Ht. Mt.
Tomisaka, Alice	c/o Joe Cornish 120 North 39th Street	Gila
Yenari, Hajime	YMCA	Rohwer
Konishi, Mikio	YMCA	Rohwer
Manabe, Tsuneyoshi Mr.	Empire Hotel 320 South 19th Street	Ht. Mt.
Futa, Sunao Tom	c/o Fred Akahoshi 3701 Prescott St. Lincoln, Nebraska	Poston
Nakamura, Sam Isamu	c/o Kay Inagaki RR. 4, Grand Island, Nebr.	Gila
Omachi, Peter Mr. & Mrs. (6 children)	c/o H. R. Lippincott Shelton, Nebraska	Topaz
Kuwatani, Torazo Mr.	c/o H. W. Kendall Kearney Hatchery Kearney, Nebraska	Granada
Muranaka, Esamu	c/o Carl Bacon Lexington, Nebraska	Gila
Suzuki, Yoshinichi Jafe	YMCA	Rohwer
Nakamura, Masao	c/o Halsey Noyes Waterloo, Nebraska	Rohwer
Suzuki, Ray	YMCA	Rohwer
Kuroishi, Yukio	YMCA	Rohwer
Takagi, Tokuichi Mrs.	c/o Arthur C. Bozk Council Bluffs, Iowa	Ht. Mt.
Takagi, Ayako	c/o Foster May 1535 Ridgewood Avenue	Ht. Mt.
Ueki, Masukichi	c/o Noel Cover Cozad, Nebraska	Poston
Fukuyama, Jack	YMCA	Rohwer
Yabumoto, Jimma		Gila

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September 19, 1944

NEWS AND HIGHLIGHTS

DIRECTIVES FROM WASHINGTON

The following instruction recently was received from our Washington office which will be of interest to resettlers attending school and their parents who may be living in the Centers:

"No charge shall be made for either meals or quarters in the case of students who come to visit their families during official vacation periods of their educational institutions, provided that they have not graduated from school, and they intend to return to school when classes are resumed.

"If the student does not intend to return to school, and does not intend to use his leave to relocate, his case shall be handled like any other case of termination of leave and return to the center."

A few days ago, we received official information that the Military Intelligence Service Language School at Camp Savage has been closed and moved to Fort Snelling, Minnesota. We are also advised that the school is seeking one more class of American men of Japanese ancestry who are linguistically qualified as candidates. Basic training of eight weeks will begin on December 1, 1944. In addition to seeking one more class of men of Japanese ancestry, they are also wishing to secure some women of Japanese ancestry who are likewise linguistically qualified to serve in the WAC's. We have been asked to advise interested persons to write for further information directly to Paul Rusch, Major AUS, Director of Personnel, Fort Snelling 11, Minnesota.

JOB OFFERS

When you next write to your friends, please tell them of the following job offers:

The Branson Jewelry Company, located at 429 Barker Building, would like to have at once a manufacturing jeweler. The duties would include the repairing of all kinds of jewelry, sizing and setting of rings, etc. The beginning salary is \$40 per week. A capable person will be paid more according to his ability.

Two good positions are open at Boys Town, Nebraska--a barber, salary \$100 per month. If the applicant is single, room and board will be included. Bus drive to make two round trips each day from Boys Town to Omaha and one round trip in a truck. Salary \$150 per month with room and board if single.

If any of your friends are interested in going into the greenhouse and nursery business, please have them contact the office for further information relative to a business which is for sale.

SOCIAL EVENTS

FAREWELL SOCIAL. Mrs. Adah L. Eier, who has been with the WRA in Omaha since it opened in May 1943, has accepted a position with the Seventh Service Command. A committee of the resettlers are planning a farewell party for her on Friday evening, September 29, 7:30 p.m., at the YWCA. Be on time. The highlight of the evening will be the performance of Mr. John Kato who is an accomplished magician. Come and see him pull rabbits out of a hat. There will be dancing and refreshments. Issei who wish to compare notes, get acquainted, and visit will have a comfortable room to themselves. Bring the youngsters. This is also the first of a series of socials which is being planned for this winter's entertainment. Tentative arrangements have been made with the YWCA for a party once a month. There will be a committee composed of YW personnel as well as Nisei and Issei to plan for each event. There will be a variety of games, food, dancing, and entertainment for old and young alike. If you have any suggestions for these parties, please be on hand and give the committee your ideas. Watch for the dates and keep your calendar open for these monthly socials.

Mr. and Mrs. Dana T. Warren have just returned from Colorado where they spent their summer vacation. The Warrens plan to continue their semi-monthly open house for the resettlers in Omaha. The second Sunday and fourth Saturday of each month

have been designated as open-house night at this friendly home. Those of you who enjoyed the Warrens' hospitality last year need no second invitation to take advantage of the same opportunity this winter. If you want to spend a delightful evening, don't fail to attend at least one of these social events. You will be hearing from the Warrens.

CHIT CHATS

Miss Takako Saito, one of the popular Nisei who has been attending Omaha University for the past two years, left a few days ago to attend school in New York City. Our best wishes go with Takako. We will all miss her.

The smiling faces of Tokio Otsuka, Roy Nakata, Herb Fudo, Amile Okasaki, Jimma Yabumoto, Shig Jofuku, Raymond Uchiyamada, Frank Yamamoto, and many other boys will not be seen in Omaha this winter. These boys have answered the call of Uncle Sam and are doing their bit to preserve the principles of their country. Good luck boys! We all hope to be seeing you again soon.

Mrs. W. N. Parmeter, the charming wife of our former Relocation Officer, is back in Omaha for the winter. She will be glad to have any of the relocatees drop in and see her.

Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Okura are away on their vacation. They plan to stop in Des Moines, Chicago, Cleveland, and Minneapolis. Both of the Okuras have been working hard and deserve this needed recreation.

There are six persons attending various high schools in Omaha this winter, and five children are going to grade schools. The superintendents and teachers of the various schools in which the children have enrolled tell us they are getting along fine and they are all glad to have these new students with them.

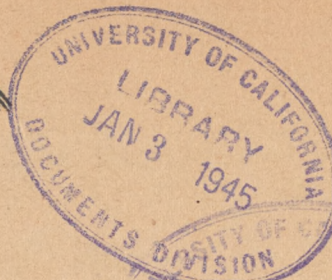
NEW ARRIVALS IN THE OMAHA DISTRICT SINCE THE LAST ISSUE OF THE NEWS AND HIGHLIGHTS:

Take time to call and get acquainted with these newcomers.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Center</u>
Kotsubo, George Mr. & Mrs.	c/o Mrs. Perry Bartlow 3516 Charles Street	Ht. Mt.
Fujita, George	YMCA	Ht. Mt.
Uchima, Kameichi	YMCA	Topaz
Nakano, Bob	4404 South 21st St.	Minidoka
Kato, John	c/o Mrs. Lucy Hayes	Topaz
Fujita, Masaichi	YMCA 2 South 18th St.	Gila
Shingu, Lloyd	YMCA	Rohwer
Tsugui, Kingo	YMCA	Rohwer
Abe, May	Lincoln, Nebr.	Minidoka
Iwashika, Takara	YMCA	Gila
Kato, Kay	Carlton Hotel	Rohwer
Kataoka, Tsutomu	Carlton Hotel	Rohwer
Jinbo, Lloyd Iwao	1314 North 35th	Topaz
Niina, Hokusa	c/o Noel Cover Cozad, Nebraska	Manzanar
Ogino, Susumu	Lincoln, Nebraska	Granada
Oshita, Takuji	YMCA	Poston
Ozaki, Jane	Lincoln, Nebraska	Rohwer
Ikebasu, Kazuo	YMCA	Rohwer
Kanemoto, Howard Mr. & Mrs.	c/o M. L. Rosenberg 5209 Burt Street	Gila
Togashi, Ike	YMCA	Topaz
Kumagai, Alice	524 Park Avenue	Manzanar
Kumagai, Tom	Lincoln, Nebraska	Granada
Kamikihara, Jack	Empire Hotel	Ht. Mt.
Matsumura, Ben	Lincoln, Nebraska	Ht. Mt.
Toyama, Tetsuo	Lincoln, Nebraska	Granada

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December 12, 1944

NEWS AND HIGHLIGHTS

DIRECTIVES FROM WASHINGTON

We have again been called upon to ask any potential travelers that they refrain from making trips between the dates of December 15 and January 8 of the new year. As you are all well aware, the holiday season always presents a large rush at the bus and railway stations. While travelling is congested at all times, it is requested that unless a trip is vitally necessary the space be left for service men and women who try to visit their families for the Christmas season and to other persons whose travelling is absolutely essential.

One of the government agencies handling important and interesting war work is anxious to employ additional Issei and Nisei to serve as Japanese language translators; writers and type-setters in Japanese; and Japanese-style artists and illustrators. Applicants for translator positions must have a very good command of the English language as well as the Japanese. Persons applying for the positions as artists are not required to know the Japanese language. For the writer positions, it is preferable that applicants have some college education in Japan and Japanese journalist experience. At the present time, these are not civil service positions but may in some cases be converted to civil service at a later date. Beginning salary for all of these positions is approximately \$2300. The locale is Washington, D. C., and all expense of travelling to Washington will be paid by the hiring agency. In addition, board and room will be furnished to all employees. Physically fit and well-qualified men and women, preferably between the ages of twenty and forty, will be considered for these positions. If anyone is further interested, we would be glad to have them come to the WRA office where we shall explain the proposition in detail.

JOB OFFERS

There are many openings available for skilled and semi-skilled workers, laborers, restaurant workers, gardeners, watch repairmen, and many others. When you write to your friends in the Centers, please tell them that we have many opportunities here which should be to their liking and that the sentiment in Omaha

is very good, making it an excellent place in which to relocate. We encourage the single persons who are here to write to their parents relative to the possibilities for relocating here, the object being family unit relocation.

CHIT CHATS

Two blessed events have been called to our attention. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Onike of Omaha are the parents of a boy born recently, and Mr. and Mrs. Kay Inagaki of Grand Island, Nebraska, are the parents of a boy born in October.

Several persons of Omaha went to Lincoln Friday evening, December 8, to attend a social function sponsored by the Lincoln group. There was a bond raffle, Mr. Tom Shiokari of Lincoln being the lucky winner of a \$25 Defense Bond. Dancing was enjoyed and refreshments served. A most enjoyable evening was reported by everyone.

We have several newcomers to our city whom we are pleased to welcome. We trust everyone who can will arrange to come to the next monthly meeting and "get-together", which the Omaha Reception Committee is planning for Sunday, December 17, at 7:00 p.m. at the YMCA (located at Seventeenth and Harney Streets), and become better acquainted. At that time, we expect to discuss plans for a Minstrel Show to be given in the very near future in which many of the relocatees will have part. We always have enjoyable times at these sessions and we hope everyone, both young and old, will plan to attend.

Those who have ordered prints of the Omaha "Good-Will" banquet pictures may now call for them at the WRA office. Further orders for these pictures may be placed directly with the John F. Murray Studio in Omaha--address, 318 So. 19th Street. The price is fifty cents per print. The deadline date for these orders is December 20.

We are always pleased to have you call at the War Relocation Office, and we take this occasion to wish all and everyone:

A M E R R Y C H R I S T M A S and A H A P P Y N E W Y E A R

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NEWS LETTER FROM OMAHA, NEBRASKA, DISTRICT

Omaha - Things moved fast when Kazuo Teramura, formerly of TULE LAKE and Salinas, California, arrived in Omaha July 11. He immediately secured a private room at the YMCA, 17th and Harney Streets, where he still lives. That night he attended a meeting in honor of Reverend Senshow Sasaki, visiting Tulean Buddhist minister. Every Issei and Nisei at the meeting was asked to introduce himself and describe his work and living conditions for the benefit of Reverend Sasaki, and Kazuo responded saying that he had just arrived but he "hoped to get a job and become a good citizen". The next day Kazuo obtained a job as shipping clerk in the Oriental Trading Company, a long-established Japanese business in Omaha. Kazuo is now looking around to determine which college to enter this fall and continue his studies in engineering. He was a guest at a recent party sponsored by Nisei for Issei resettlers in Omaha.

Peter Omachi, formerly of TOPAZ and Loomis, California, is now managing a cattle ranch and grain farm with his wife and six children at Bellwood, Nebraska. Peter has written WRA asking about the possibility of obtaining a loan to buy equipment and livestock, so that he can operate the 300-acre farm on a 50-50 basis with the owner. In his letter to Claude C. Cornwall, Omaha Relocation Officer, Mr. Omachi writes, "We like this place very much and wish that we could get financial aid so that we may live here for a long time. The neighbors are very kind and helpful".

When Paul Takahashi, middle-aged Issei, returned to MANZANAR recently to bring his wife and two younger children here, his son, Tommy, pinch-hitted for him as barber at Boys Town, near Omaha. Tommy, who is studying for the priesthood in the Maryknoll seminary at Scranton, Pennsylvania, will return there shortly. The Takahashi's married daughter, Mrs. Joe Okita, her husband, and two children, also live at Boys Town. Relatives of theirs are the Satoru Noda family, formerly of HEART MOUNTAIN and Los Angeles who also live and work at Boys Town. Mr. and Mrs. Noda lost one of their six children, a daughter, recently.

Akira Sugihara, formerly of GRANADA and Los Angeles, found an apartment for his wife and son at 3527 Charles Street, Omaha, through the joint efforts of WRA and a friend's daughter, Mrs. Margaret Muto, 2218 North 56th Street. Mr. Sugihara is the first Issei employed at the Omaha Bedding Company. The manager is so pleased with Mr. Sugihara's two months in the mattress department that he has asked USES to send him another Issei worker.

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Pvt. Sam Tsuji visited his family, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Tsuji, sister, Grace, and married sister, Mrs. Margaret Muto, on his recent furlough from Fort Bragg, North Carolina, at their home adjoining the Smith estate, 2218 North 56th Street, Omaha. The Tsuji family, whose home was Los Angeles, relocated from GRANADA. Mr. Tsuji, a former produce worker, is employed as landscape gardener while Mrs. Tsuji keeps house for her family in the four-room bungalow furnished by her husband's employer.

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Two lively little girls, Rosemary and Shirley Ann Kawata, who had been living in the Children's Village at MANZANAR, are glad to be with their father Harry Kawata again. Mr. Kawata, formerly of San Jose, California, now lives at Cozad, Nebraska. He was able to find a roomy house for his wife, new baby, and Rosemary and Shirley Ann. The two girls were driven to their father's new home by a former school teacher at Manzanar returning to her home near Cozad. Mrs. Kawata's sister, Miss Ruth Toyama, a student at the Teachers College in Kearney, Nebraska, is spending her summer vacation with the Kawata family helping care for the three children.

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Approximately 48 Issei and Nisei workers are on the pay-roll of the huge sheep ranch at Cozad, Nebraska. Fifty Issei families are needed as soon as housing can be provided.

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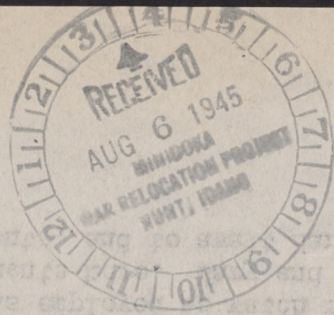
NEWS LETTER FROM OMAHA, NEBRASKA, DISTRICT

When the Omaha WRA office received word that Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kondo and 9-year old daughter of TULE LAKE and San Francisco, California, would stop in Omaha over night on August 2 enroute to their new home near Hartford, Connecticut, the Omaha staff promptly secured a hotel reservation for the family and arranged to meet them at the train. Due to delay in bus and train schedules, the Kondo family did not arrive at the appointed early evening time. However, upon their arrival about 10:00 p.m., they made contact by telephone and were directed to the hotel which was fortunately still able to take care of them. The next morning they reported a good rest and felt refreshed to continue their journey. Mr. Kondo advised that they had had seats all the way to Omaha, and that the conductor on their train was especially solicitous in seeing that they had comfortable accommodations.

Sue Ikebasu, formerly of ROHWER and Inglewood, California, has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. Ikebasu, and her two brothers, Harry and Kaz, and their families at 3516 Charles Street, Omaha. Sue has returned to New York City, where she is employed in a dressmaking establishment and taking a course in tailoring in her spare time. After the completion of her training, she expects to return to Omaha and enter the field of designing and dressmaking.

OMAHA - Looking trim and neat in her Cadet Nurse uniform, Miss Edith Otaka stopped in Omaha enroute to MINIDOKA where she will discuss relocation plans with her parents. Edith, formerly of Seattle, Washington, relocated from Minidoka to Aberdeen, South Dakota, where she took a six-months preparatory course in nurse's training. She is now in training at St. Joseph Hospital, Mitchell, South Dakota. Her sister, Grace, is also a Cadet Nurse in training at St. Luke's Hospital in Aberdeen, South Dakota.

Another very popular young man, Harold Hirose, left Omaha this week for the Army. He is at present at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, awaiting assignment. Harold and his wife, Mary, together with Mary's sister, Hifumi, relocated to Omaha from ROHWER. Their former home was Stockton, California. In Omaha Harold was employed as watch repairman for one of the largest jewelry establishments here. Mary and Hifumi will soon go to Stockton to join their parents, and to await Harold's return.



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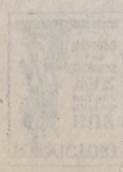
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Lincoln, Nebraska, has welcomed Mr. and Mrs. Hirosaburo Oita who arrived there July 27 from POSTON to join their daughters, Mrs. George Hirozawa and family and Miss Aileen Oita at 3140 Calvert Street. The Oita family formerly resided in Watsonville, California, where for many years Mr. Oita managed and operated a berry farm.

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Mr. Setsuji Kodama relocated to Cozad, Nebraska, from ROHWER on April 27. He was joined during the latter part of July by his wife and small daughter. The Kodamas, formerly of Redondo Beach, California, will make their new home in Cozad where Mr. Kodama is employed on the Noel Cover ranch. Approximately 50 other Nisei and Issei are employed there as farm workers.

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Members of the Kenroku Nakagawa family, formerly of ROHWER and Selma, California, are glad to be together again. Mr. Nakagawa has been employed on the Noel Cover ranch since April. He was recently joined by his wife and daughter, Ruby, age 9. Mrs. Nakagawa and Ruby made the trip from Rohwer to Cozad in company with Mrs. Kodama and daughter.

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Kinto (Larry) Onitsuka is working and enjoying a vacation at the same time. Larry came to Omaha from POSTON about June 7 to join his sister, Fumi, who relocated to Omaha several months ago. Larry expects to enter High School in Omaha this fall, but at present is employed by a prominent family at 302 North 54 Street. The family is vacationing in their summer home near Lake Okoboji, Iowa, and Larry who has gone along puts in a good share of his time at fishing and swimming. The Onitsukas are formerly of Salinas, California. Larry and Fumi are now making relocation plans for their family.



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