

## Information head For Co-op chosen George Matsumura To fill new post

To inject a much needed stimulant into the Co-op Congress as well as to coordinate and disseminate information, the Educational Committee of the Manzanar Cooperative Enterprises, selected George Matsumura, director of information, at its regular meeting last Wednesday night.

Effort will be made to contact cooperative groups in other centers to determine their problems and exchange notes to mutual advantage. Assisting Matsumura in this work will be Mrs. George Shinno.

### CONGRESS MEETS AGAIN

To erase the dubious record set by last week's Cooperative Congress meeting which was postponed due to the lack of a quorum, the Congress will meet again this Monday night in mess hall 22 at 7 p.m. Agenda will remain the same as previously announced with the question of shoe repairing shop and new enterprises occupying an important spot on the slate.

All congress members are urgently requested to attend so that these vital questions may be decided this time, without further postponement.

### DIRECTORS ACTIVE

The Co-op Board of Directors gathered at the Town Hall last Friday night to discuss the coming Congress meeting as well as the financial problems of the Free Press.

### FINANCIAL FORUM

Scheduled also on the Co-op calendar was a special forum to be held some time next week to discuss the financial statement. This meeting will be conducted by the educational committee and all interested residents are invited.

## THREE LEAVE FOR JACL GATHERING

Planning to leave for the 10-day JACL National Convention to be held in Salt Lake City, Utah, were Joe Masaoka, Fred Tayama, and Kiyoshi Higashi, representatives from Manzanar. Highlight of the special convention this year will be the presence of Dillon Myer, National WRA director, who is scheduled to attend three days.

It was reported that each center would send two official delegates. With 110,000 Japanese now in relocation centers this year's convention will discuss problems more serious than the League has ever before encountered. Also attending will be Mike Masaoka, national president.

## OFFICERS VISIT

Gold braid literally glittered all over Manzanar as an imposing contingent of Western Defense Command officers flew into Manzanar yesterday morning to inspect adequacy of facilities.

Led by Provost Marshall Col. McGill, the group included: Col. Crall, Medical Corps; Major Sharp, Engineering Corps; Capt. Peterson, Quartermaster Corps; and First Lt. Knox, signal corps.

### FLOWER ARRANGEMENT

Flower arrangement, the ever popular course, will be taught by Mrs. Gasui Takata, who formerly conducted well known classes in Los Angeles.

Classes will meet on Tuesday and Thursday from 2 to 4 p.m. in mess hall 4 and the next group of classes will meet Wednesday and Saturday from 2 to 4 p.m. at the same location.

The course will be given in the Japanese language and all are invited to attend.

## Natural history lesson . . .

A skunk by any other name couldn't possibly smell sweeter, and two skunks smell that much worse — or so that was the consensus of teachers and pupils of 5-15 one day last week, when the afternoon session was temporarily disrupted

by the invasion of two skunks.

The Manzanar elementary schools have patiently endured the lack of benches, tables, linoleum floors and even plasterboard walls for many months, but the experience

with the skunks was just too much. The black and white spotted animals were reported to be living somewhere in the vicinity of Bair's creek.

P. S.—Classes were held out-of-doors while the barracks were being aired.

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## MORE BOYS HIT HOME

### Policeman injured By unknown gang

Injuries in the face and region of the kidneys were suffered by Detective Tom Imai of the police force when he was attacked by unknown assailants while returning home Tuesday night at 8 o'clock.

Attacked from behind, Detective Imai was unable to identify any of his assailants, who fled as soon as Imai was down. No reason for the attack could be advanced by the police heads, who declared that Imai was a conscientious, steady worker who was not the kind to incur special enmity.

"The cowardly attack on Tom Imai can be taken only as directed against the whole police force and we are going to do all we can to apprehend the hoodlums," declared Police Chief Willard E. Schmidt, in commenting on the incident.

### FROST DAMAGES LOCAL CROPS

When the temperature dropped to 31 degrees on Oct. 29, the frost damaged many center farm crops, among them cucumbers, okra and melons. Anticipating early frost, the farm crew saved the tomato crop by picking them green. Hubbard and banana squash were also saved because they were harvested prior to the frost.

Crops undamaged by the frost are carrots, turnips, nappa, green onions and white radishes, which are now being harvested for winter consumption by center residents.

The total amount of harvest in October was \$14,075.56, bringing the total crop production figures up to \$39,182.56, as of November 1.

### EADES ILL

One of the latest additions to the WRA staff here, Mrs. Alice M. Eades, was confined to her home following a serious case of food poisoning.

Following on the heels of the initial contingent, which arrived Tuesday, more and more furlough workers are homeward bound from the beet fields of Montana and Idaho.

The second group, composed of over 70 workers from Idaho Falls and vicinity, returned here on Wednesday with another group of 50 from Chinook, Mont., arriving yesterday.

The majority of the workers contacted on return expressed satisfaction on the general conditions prevalent outside. A few, placed in unfortunate locations, said that they were disappointed in the reception and working conditions of the places where they were.

Very favorable comments were given by the returned workers on the interest and the fair play evidenced by Edward Burman, field director in the Montana area, who helped the furlough workers considerably in improving relations of the local farmers and populace.

The furlough workers who returned Tuesday are as follows: K. Amino, T. Araishi, G. Fujino, J. Fukumoto, D. Fukushima, T. Goto, I. Hara, T. Hatanaka, Y. Hayashi, S. Higa, G. Higashi, P. Higashi, I. Hiraake, F. Hirashima, A. Hirata, W. Hirata, H. Hori, S. Hosaka, B. Idama, Y. Ige, Y. Ishida.

I. Isozaki, H. Hikida, K. Jeniye, G. Kato, S. Kawagoye, B. Kido, S. Kimura, Y. Kiyohiro, T. Komatsu, G. Kurata, Y. Kurakawa, B. Kasuda, K. Maruyama, S. Maruyama, T. Masaoka, M. Masuda, G. Matsuda, M. Matsumoto, S. Mayeda, I. Mikuriya, D. Mizukami.

K. Mizumoto, K. Mochida, H. Mochizuki, K. Murakami, T. Murakami, S. Murakami, S. Nakaji, N. Nakagawa, C. Nakamura, K. Nakano, I. Nakashima, Y. Nishikawa, L. Okamoto, K. Okamoto, H. Okinaga, K. Okuno, G. Ono, R. Ono, K. Ozono, T. Shindo, T. Sogabe, K. Takemura, H. Takechi, H. Tanaka, G. Tani, T. Toyama, M. Toyoda, H. Tsurutani, M. Uyemura, P. Uyemura, S. Wakahiro, S. Wakamoto, K. Watanabe, Y. Yamauchi, S. Yano, T. Yano, and S. Yoshikawa.

Buy U. S. War Stamps

### World 'Y' leader Visits Manzanar

A signal honor came to Manzanar with the visit of the General Secretary of the World Council of YWCA located at Geneva, Switzerland. She was Miss Ruth Woodsmall and with her was Edna Monroe from the New York branch of the National Interpretation and Support staff.

After visiting and conferring with the "Y" leaders here as well as with members of Margaret D'Ille's staff, they addressed an interested audience at the YWCA World Fellowship Week program yesterday.

Two programs were held, one in Japanese with Asa Ikeda acting as chairman and Mrs. Tatsu Kondo, interpreting.

Wielding the gavel for the English speaking program was Alice Asaka, general "Y" secretary. Others participating in the meeting were Kimiko Terama who rendered an organ solo; Eva Tamaki, recitation, Dorothy Ikeda and Jun Aramaki, who led salute to the flag. A recitation was offered by Yoshiye Yoshimura.

The guests were introduced by Mrs. Miya Kikuchi, popular lecturer and former head of the family welfare section.

### CALL IN SUGAR RATION BOOKS

All returned furlough workers are warned that sugar rationing books in their possession must be surrendered to the administrative heads upon entrance to the center to comply with the Food Rationing Division of the Office of Price Administration as detailed in Circular Letter No. 64.

Attempts to obtain sugar at outside stores through the use of ration books are discouraged and announcement has been made that such sugar will be confiscated by the authorities.

## Line forms to the right . . .

First come, first served! With this motto enforced, the sale of coffee just arrived at the canteen will begin promptly at 10 o'clock Monday morning.

In announcing the sale of what may probably be the last batch of coffee sold at the store, before rationing takes effect, George Nakatsuka, manager, said that each cus-

tomers will be limited to one pound. A shipment of 1200 pounds is on hand but the limit was made in fairness to everyone.

Although Nakatsuka was optimistic and hoped that another order already placed may be filled it was not absolutely certain that the wholesale houses can meet all the demands now on hand.

The sale of the coffee was held off until Monday to give everyone an even break, Nakatsuka said.

The new method of Sunday paper distribution now in effect was repeated for the returning furlough workers. They are asked to place their orders with their respective block managers.

## Clothing workers Begin cataloging

### Slight changes in New Allowances

The almost legendary clothing allowance came another step towards materializing as family workers began last Wednesday morning their tedious work of cataloging and clearing all family work records. This work was expected to be completed by next Wednesday.

### SLIGHT CHANGES

Slight changes in the clothing allowance previously announced in the first administrative instruction were made in the new schedule which allots \$3.75 per month for every worker or member of his family over 16 years of age, and \$3.25 for persons 8 to 16 years of age, and \$2.25 for children under 8 years of age.

### \$15.00 COMING

It was computed that most workers already have \$15.00 coming for the last four months since clothing allowances are retroactive to last July 1. This was one of the high spots in the entire clothing program which has been slow in getting started.

### NEW WORK CORPS COMMITTEE SET

The newly appointed members of the Off-Project Committee of the Manzanar Work Corps will assist in the study of relocation and furloughs for evacuees, it was announced. Making contacts with the outside for possibilities of permanent employment, the committee will carry out its other duties as provided in the framework of the Work Corps.

Appointed to the committee, on recommendation were Eimer Uchida, interviewer at the relocation registration office; Dr. Yoshio Nakaji, recent arrival from Santa Anita Assembly Center and dentist by profession; Justus Sato, head of the manufacturing division and Ken Ozeki assistant chief of police here.

### Why don't you try Cleaning the heater

Manzanites are requested by the maintenance department to rectify their methods of lighting oil heaters. The proper instrument to be used, according to Leo Murakami, superintendent in charge, is a bit of cloth secured to the end of a piece of wire or a handy length of stick. A dab of oil on the cloth and lighted makes the igniting of flowing oil in the chamber a simple task.

The general practice heretofore has been the use of papers of all sorts which tend to increase the inefficiency of the stoves with the accumulation of carbon and the clogging of the jets.

More frequently, the so-called "lemons" are purely victims of too much carbon and without a doubt a good Saturday afternoon spent in removal of all carbon and soot (up to the lid) by users of such "bum heaters" the energetic parties will be repaid with dividends of more comfortable quarters during the coming winter.

### INSULATION COMPLETED

Contrary to early fall skepticism the entire camp is duly prepared to fend off the coming wintry days as the final stove and wall plaster was put into place a few days ago, according to Superintendent of Building and Maintenance, Leo Murakami.

### ITEM

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Ichiro Kamada who went to Shelley, Ida., as beet workers have found employment in Salt Lake County, Utah, to do farm work. Although their stay is indefinite, the contract has been made for two years.