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OPTOMETRY

Resignation Closes Service

Because the selfish actions of a few forced the center's only optometrist into resignation, the hospital is unable to offer optometry service to the community residents, announced Dr. Jack C.Sloath, acting chief medical officer.

Dr. Sloath declared, "The chief reason for the resignation of the optometrist has been the lack of foresight of some residents who have attempted to take advantage of the optometry service by requesting special favors, disturbing the optometrist at her home, and not being willing to follow the regular prescribed appointment schedule for examination."

Should it be possible to again establish eye examination services, continues Sloath, it is imperative that the project residents abide by the schedule which may be worked out. If and when such services are restored, schedules will be announced.

BUTTE

NEW COUNCIL BEGINS WORK

Yesterday at the first meeting of the new term the Butte Council chose a nominating committee of five to submit names of candidates for the Council offices and the Executive Board.

The Nominating Committee, is composed of Harry Miyako, John Fukushima, George Nishimura, Shig Aratani, and Dr. David Takahashi. They will submit the names of nominees at the next meeting Monday.

The Council also decided that the present standing committees should be active until the new ones are selected.

DIRECTOR BENNETT INDUCTS COUNCILMEN FOR NEW TERM

Project Director Bennett, James H. Terry and Hugo Wolter gave congratulatory messages to the new Butte community council as 32 councilmen took the oath of office yesterday afternoon. Bennett and Wolter gave similar messages at the induction of Canal's 17 Councilmen this afternoon.

Bennett stated that the administration will back up practically every measure the council passes if it will benefit the community. In order that the Judicial Commission functions properly, the council must back up the Internal Security, he said he has all confidence that the council will act in the best interests of the people.

Wolter stressed the responsibility of each councilman to his block and to the community. In organization work, the opinion of a single person will mean less than the conceneus of the many, he pointed out. Since the administration wishes to turn over policy-making to residents, he hopes the council will accept its obligation. Otherwise, the administration would be forced to make its own decisions and have them carried out.

Touching on the legal side, Attorney Terry stated that the Code of Offenses has been adopted, but there are other matters such as regulations for fire, traffic, and private enterprise which have not been acted upon.

RULING ON VISITORS' CARS

Cars of all visitors to this project must be parked at designated places and left parked until the visitors leave, Project Director Bennett announced in a memorandum issued last week.

Internal Security Chief Fred J. Graves, who was designated to carry out the terms of the memorandum, listed the following places where visiting cars must be parked:

The lot next to the police station in block 64 in Butte, block 16 in Canal, and (for Caucasian visitors' cars) in the lot near the administration building in Butte and adjacent to the staff quarter in Canal.

Upon the arrival of the visitors, their cars will be parked in the proper areas, and the police cars will deliver them and their baggage to their destination. Their cars will be parked there for

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SUSHI SALE SUCCESSFUL

The "sushi" sale sponsored by the Butte Senior Girl Scouts on Dec. 30 and New Year's Eve was a huge success, the 500 dozen made for the sale not meeting the demand, according to Mrs. W.C. Sawyer, Scout leader.

Instead of going to the movie, the Girl Scouts took 25 dozen as gifts to each patient in the TB wards.

Part of the proceeds will go for the girls' uniforms, and the major part to community service, especially the hospital.

The Senior Girl Scouts wish to express thanks to the mess 66 crew, whose generous cooperation made the sale possible.

EDITORIAL

COUNCILS SWORN IN

Rivers' first community councils became only a memory with the close of the year. Yesterday and today, forty-nine councilmen were sworn into office to become members of the second community councils of the two communities.

The first councils, sent to office by what was actually an apathetic electorate and given little chance for vigorous growth, proved themselves to be organizations which won the confidence of the residents and the respect of the administration. Composed of enough intelligent men who were eager to make of the community a better place to live, they established an excellent precedent for the new groups.

The new councils then are taking over with the groundwork already laid. Being substantially the same in personnel as the old one, that groundwork should be a familiar one. The record of an 80% reelection in the two communities is both a vote of confidence in the old council and the residents' orders that continued progress be made.

EVACUEES BUY THREE JEEPS

Attorney Ben Bull forwards a clipping which is a strong argument on the side of fair play for Japanese Americans. It is taken from the Rohwer Outpost, the mimeographed publication from one of the Japanese relocation camps in Rohwer, Ark., and it tells how three jeeps costing $3,505.95 were contributed to the United States armed forces by the center's schools this month.

Sponsored by the National Honor Society of Rohwer high school, the three-week war bond and stamp sales campaign opened Nov. 16 with the goal set at one jeep costing $1,165. By Nov. 29, the goal was passed with sales recorded at $2,507.95. Exceeding the goal by more than 200%, the campaign closed with the grand total of $3,505.95. Student leaders in the campaign were Shinya Honda, Satoshi Oishi, Ruth Kambara, and Grace Ogata.

Those are young people taken from their homes, deprived of their normal funds and fun, held behind barbed wire, yet doing this because America is their country. Are we, with all the freedom we still have, doing as much?

Wisconsin State Journal
Madison, Wisconsin

NISEI, CHINESE WORK IN N.Y.

A California nisei girl evacuated after Pearl Harbor and a Chinese girl bombed out of Lingnang University are pictured together in the New York World Telegram under the caption, "Japanese and Chinese Girls Work Side By Side Here."

The picture is accompanied by a 30 inch story by World Telegram staff writer Irving Johnson of how the two "work together beautifully" at a national religious headquarters on Fifth Ave.

The nisei is Miwako Oana, who was evacuated to the Heart Mountain center and relocated to New York last September. The other is Margaret Young, daughter of a Chinese preacher, who left China and attended Dubuque U. in Iowa.

"I always wanted to come to New York," Miss Oana is quoted as saying. "That's one of the dreams I had. I always wanted to see my own country first."

There are 350 evacuees living in New York's five boroughs, and 500 in the metropolitan area. The evacuees buy bonds, donate to blood banks and are wonderful workers, the article continues. In New York they find strikingly little public reaction to their presence.

GREETINGS

Tell Nisei Xmas Story

For its Christmas greetings, the Common Ground Council for American Unity sent out a folder this year, telling the story of the ravaged victory garden in Larchmont, New York. It is a story of the cruelty of a few, and the kindness of many, a Christmas story in its own right. The story follows:

"Teddy Matsumoto lived in Larchmont, N.Y. He was only four years old last summer, but plenty big enough, he knew, to help his mother plant their victory garden. With his small shovel and spade, he dug and hoed until the warm brown earth was neatly lined with tiny plants, row by row.

"Every morning early, Teddy Matsumoto would run to the garden to see if the vegetables were ready to eat and each morning he could see that the little plants had still a long way to grow. But one morning Teddy stood in the middle of his garden and wept. In the dark of the night his garden had been trampled and uprooted, even the tomato plants slashed. "It's because we are Japanese," his mother said later. "We have to expect some things like this when we are living in a strange country, but we did not think that here in Larchmont---" and her eyes filled with tears.

"But before long the people of Larchmont learned about Teddy Matsumoto's garden--that it had been trampled and destroyed. A wave of indignation swept through the town. "It's an outrage!" said one official. "Whoever did this has a poor idea of what we are fighting for." "No one would have done this senseless and cruel thing," said another, "if he had known that Mr. Matsumoto had risked his life when he opposed the military government in Japan."

"Let's replant the garden," suggested one angered neighbor. Offers of

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Gila Faculty Well Staffed

For the first time, the faculty staff of the project schools are completely staffed as never before. All appointed personnel positions are filled in the elementary schools. There are two vacancies in the high schools, stated W.C. "Tom" Sawyer, supt. of education.

The two vacancies are for an auto mechanic teacher and a man to teach boys' P.E. and science in Canal. Two elementary school teachers assigned to Canal are expected within the next ten days. They are Mrs. Fred W. Schaefer, music, and Edith Peterson.

New teachers who have reported for duty during the past week are Fred W. Schaefer, director of guidance and testing from Wisconsin; Dorothy S. Hilliard, for Butte Jr. high school from Texas; Bessie Augutyn, Butte elementary school from Wisconsin; and Ella Evanson, Canal elementary school from Minnesota.

New Warehouse Now Underway

Construction work on the new refrigerated warehouse in Butte has now started, announced John C. Doucha, ass't. project director of operations.

The structure will be 20x100 feet, with 8-inch insulating walls. At present, there are two warehouses in Butte, and one in Canal, but these will have to be rebuilt to suit Gila's climate. The type of machinery in those warehouses are not heavy enough to ward off all the outside heat, so the walls will be made thicker.

Completion of the work is expected within three to four months.

MEETING POSTPONED

The regular meeting of the Ex-Servicemen's Club is postponed from Jan. 4 to the following Tuesday, Jan. 11. The meeting will start 8 p.m. at 42-3-E.

MATSUOKA CROWNED KING AT NEW YEAR'S DANCE

—Thank You—

We wish to thank everyone for his part in making the Christmas and New Year holiday program the success that it was.

May this new year be a happy one for all.

BUTTE CAS

"I crown thee, George Matsuoka, king of the year 1944."

With these words, Mrs. Hugo Wolter placed a crown on the head of George Matsuoka before a crowd of five hundred who gathered at Club 41 to greet the New Year.

Flanking the 'king' were his knights, George Kanagaki and Minoru Kinoshita.

Said Mrs. Wolter, "I declare this year to be an open season on eligible males for girls on the hunt."

Matsuoka received a traveling kit, and the knights, wallets, as gifts from the Butte CAS, sponsors of the contest.

For his prize-winning theme, "As Time Goes By," selected for the New Years Eve dance, Jimmy Nishioka received a handsome gold statuette from the CAS.

Canal Class Presents Cotton Fashion Show

The home economics department of Canal high school will sponsor a cotton dress style show 8:30 tonight at mess hall 13 to show what can be done with cotton cloth material. Admission price of 5¢ will be charged to defray the expense of having the dresses shipped from and back to The Cotton Textile Institute of New York.

About 15 models, each making several changes, will show garments for all hours-of-the-day wear.

A stage is being built in the mess hall so that the models can be seen clearly. Spectators are asked to bring their own chairs.

Motor Pool Moves To Camouflage

To centralize motor repair and storage, the entire motor pool will be moved to a section of the camouflage factory, stated John C. Doucha, ass't. project director of operations.

Rebuilding and enclosing the camouflage structure has begun, and is expected to be finished within two months.

The repair shop in Canal will be used for small repairs, but the one in Butte will be converted to other uses.

Work will start immediately on the rebuilding of the burned farm warehouse, added Doucha.

It will be completed in two to three weeks.

CANTEEN 4 NETS $68.38 ON 1ST DAY

The first day of business for the Co-op store #4, which opened for the appointed staff members on Dec. 30, amounted to $68.34, stated Bunji Ikenoue, general manager of the Co-op.

On Dec. 31, $67.74 worth of goods was sold at the store, bringing the total sales of the appointed staff store for 1943 to $136.08.

Any person who has ration points is welcome to come to the new store, located on the north end of 69-5, to purchase rationed goods, the manager declared.

BOOKS PURCHASED FOR HIGH SCHOOL

Approximately 1,230 books have been purchased from 25 publishers throughout the country for the Rivers high school libraries, announced Dr. George P. Young, ass't. supt. of education.

The books are being catalogued in Butte, and will be divided on the basis of school population.

MINN. YWCA Entertains Camp Savage Men

Japanese American soldiers at Camp Savage, Minnesota are less lonely because the YWCA opens its doors to them every Saturday night, says Elizabeth MacKaye in the Minneapolis SHOPPING NEWS.

In the evenings, club girls come in to dance with the nisei. A goodly number of nisei girls also come in to share hostess duties. Says MacKaye of the latter, "they looked like flowers, they were so lovely."

Talking to a soldier from Hawaii, she elicited this reply, "Everybody's friendly here. We go to parties and we dance with everybody--Chinese, Japanese, white people. We're all friends."

MacKaye's conclusion was: "Rarely do we trouble to reach across the barriers of race or class, forgetting that we all are in this human adventure together. More power to the YWCA for remembering."

Ruling On Visitors' Cars

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the duration of their visit. Permission will be given to drive their own cars in the center for justified reasons.

According to the memorandum no person will be admitted to the center without a pass at the gate of entry. If necessary a messenger will convey the pass to that point, but all persons expecting visitors should notify H.C. Freeland in advance so that passes may be waiting the visitor at the gate. It will be a condition for the issuance of a pass to any visitor that his vehicle is subject to search while within the project area.

This memorandum does not apply to project vehicles nor to vehicles owned by members of the staff or their families. In the latter case, a special tag will be issued to designate such vehicles.

NISEI IN CANADA PIONEER FOR PLACE UNDER THE SUN

The nisei in America have been pretty much preoccupied by the treatment accorded them in this country, but it is infinitely less harsh than that given the Canadian nisei.

Most of Canada's 25,000 persons of Japanese ancestry were situated on the West Coast when war came. In the spring of 1942, like the evacuees here, they were evacuated into the interior. The Canadian nisei living in British Columbia have never had suffrage, they have less protection for their civil rights than nisei here.

With small compensation for loyalty, they have yet maintained faith in democracy. And as the younger generation, they feel like the nisei in this country that "the day of the second generation" is here at last.

Lifted out of the "New Canadian" is the following:

"The much-heralded 'day of the second generation' has finally become a reality....

"East of the Rockies, where the flower of our young manhood and a growing proportion of our second generation womanhood is mightily engaged in a unique kind of modern pioneering, the day of the Nisei has become a living reality. It is their leadership, trained in Canadian schools, alert to the Canadian mood, and conscious of the Canadian spirit, which will determine whether this new day is to be a happier one than that which crumbled with Pearl Harbor.

"Thus far, in their pioneering, they had proved their worth as leaders--as the progress attained in the passing year so vividly reveals. They have laid the sound foundations upon which a new way of life is to be built. But throughout 1944 and years to come they will need to bring to their work all the tools, the skill and devotion, their character and courageous spirit can supply, for the future which their vision has illumined is a structure of enduring beauty, not a 14 by 28-foot Commission shack."

Reverend Sends Message To Nisei

With the hope that the evacuees will "rejoin us outside," the Rt. Rev. Henry St. George Tucker, president of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America in New York, through its "Resettlement Bulletin" sent the following message:

"Throughout the year, you have been held in our minds and hearts through our share in the activities of the Committee on Resettlement of Japanese Americans and through the preaching missions of our Department of Evangelism. We rejoice that for many of you, the way has opened during the year for a return to normal American life. We hope that many of you will, during the coming year, find your way back to rejoin us 'outside.'

"We are sure that, wherever you are, all of you have come to a keener appreciation of the world-wide need of the spirit and power of Him whose birth we celebrate. So at this Christmas time, I greet you, with the prayer that for you, now and forever, the day may break and 'the shadows flee away'."

Expatriation Of Disloyal Urged

Washington - A bill to expatriate all American-born Japanese who refuse to swear allegiance to the United States was introduced into the Senate on Dec. 17.

The bill was proposed by Senator McFarland (D), Ariz., and Stewart (D), Tenn. The bill is aimed at the nisei whose answers on the so-called loyalty questions No. 27 and 28 in the military questionnaire are in the negative.

TRADE WINDS

HEART MOUNTAIN

Gordon Hirabayashi who has just finished serving a three month sentence in a federal prison in Arizona had to hitch hike his way to the prison from Spokane, Washington...In answer to a letter written by the nearby Powell town council asking to "discontinue the present housing of Japanese within the city limits, and to curtail passes and leaves to a minimum," project director Robertson quoted US Attorney General Biddle's statement that evacuees have the legal right to go anywhere in the continental United States, except defense zones...

PACIFIC CITIZEN

New Yorkers are puzzled over a tiny park on Riverside Drive which is named "Sakura." Park officials, however, deny that the park was ever officially named after the cherry blossom...

ROHWER

A pictorial booklet reviewing the one year in the relocation center is published by the OUTPOST...

DENSON

Canteens are facing a soda bottle shortage... Present high school reallment is 1,023, and attendance for November was 96.8 percent...Co-op begins distribution of patronage dividends...

AMACHE

Farm division purchases 900 sacks of potato seeds, enough to supply the residents for nine months... Woodwork and art class students adorn entrance of the high school with a 17-foot "Merry Christmas" sign...

MANZANAR

A department of the community Activities section delivered 150 Christmas trees to mess halls, nurseries, elementary schools, domitories, teachers' dormetories, hospital, children's village, libraries, canteen and the general store, recreation halls and churches...Burglars break into canteen, taking only a few cookies as the cash register was empty...

NEW HOURS FOR HOSPITAL

New visiting hours for the Rivers community hospital were released by Dr. Jack C. Sleath, acting chief medical officer, as follows:

General, A and B wards: 2-3 p.m., 7-8 p.m. TB wards: 3-5 p.m. (Wednesday and Sundays only.)

New hours are also now in effect for the out-patient clinic. Hours will be 8-11 a.m. daily, except on Wednesdays, Sundays, and holidays.

BUTTE CAS Sponsors Bridge Tourney

Welcome news for Butte bridge fans is the announcement of a contract bridge tournament Sunday, Jan. 9, sponsored by the Butte CAS.

Sign-ups for the tournament will be taken at the CAS office, 51 rec. hall, until Friday, 12 noon.

Prizes will be awarded to the winners.

The location and additional information of the tourney will be released later.

Vital Statistics

BIRTHS

Dec. 30-To Mr. and Mrs. Hideyoshi Iwanaga, 5-11-D, a girl.

Dec. 31-To Mr. and Mrs. Minky Kanemoto, 7-12-D, a boy.

Dec. 31-To Mr. and Mrs. Tsugio Haraga, 63-13-C, a girl.

OUTSIDERS: PAIR ARRESTED WITHIN AREA

A negro and a Mexican were caught by resident police on New Year's Eve, after they had driven into the project area past an M.P. post.

The two, apparently drunk, drove past an M.P., who tried to halt them and shot two bullets into the back of their car.

They were charged with drunk and disorderly conduct and operating a vehicle while intoxicated. They were taken to Florence.

TO AND FRO

TO CO, Jan. 5

ILLINOIS, Chicago. Charles Fullert.

TO CO, Jan. 6

OHIO, Cleveland. Harry Kamimura.

VISITORS, Dec. 30

MISSISSIPPI, Camp Shelby. Sgt. George T. Suzuki.

MISSOURI, Camp Crowder. Sgt. Muramoto.

NEW BOOKS IN CANAL

No matter what your New Year's resolution may be, why not give yourself a renewed personality to show the year 1944? On the rental shelf at the Canal library, you can find "Release from Nervous Tension" by Dr. David Harold Fink and "How to be Attractive," by Joan Bennett. Surely after reading these two books, you will not be called an "Unidentified Woman" as Mrs. Eberhart calls one of the characters in her new mystery.

Greetings TELL NISEI XMAS STORY

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help quickly followed and before night had fallen, the citizens of Larchmont had replanted the Matsumoto garden with seedings and plants from their own.

"On the following day, Larchmont's Daily Times printed a letter to Teddy in its pages. When Teddy is old enough, he will read it for himself."

The letter urges Teddy to have courage, because good things are worth fighting for. The best part of it is a quote from Teddy's mother, "I can't hate anybody. I just feel so sorry for them because they don't know what they are doing."

COUCH JOINS PERSONNEL STAFF

Sterling Couch of Denver, Colorado reported for work in the cost accounting sectio yesterday.

Couch formerly worked as a cost accountant for the Federal Food Administration.

3rd Of Series

'Hui Makules' Have Height

(EDITOR's note: The following is the third of a series on respective teams of the coming Butte cage leagues.)

Two of the several better teams to keep an eye on this season will be the Block 28 cage group who have named themselves "Helanis", (Hi-Lan-nis, meaning young people in Hawaiian) and the Block 52 cage group named "Hui Makules", which has something to do in Hawaiian with oldstars, implying the age of the 52 club. "Helanis" lost a 52-24 practice game to a scrappy, fast-moving young Card Jr. quintet of Canal last Sunday.

We shall discuss the 52 quintet first.

Boasting of some veterans, and more or less led by Center-forward Dick Kamon, the "Hui Makules" are what you may possibly call a "potent" club.

Tutored by Coach Sueo Saito, ex-L.A. Spartan, it has the height and "potentials," although lacking practice at present as their practice first game, a 52-36 loss to Butte Phalanx last Sunday showed.

In this game, which was arranged when the Canal Scouts 65 failed to show up, the squad was simply caught unprepaired ing from an early 18-4 margin. Two members of the squad however, Butch Hozaki, potting six field goals (12 points), and Richie Hirotao, putting in 20 points, played for the winning Phalanx five, which'll probably not enter the league, just playing as a get-together.

Dick Kamon at center and Brother Tak as forward will be in the starting five. At the guard posts will be Tots Murata, ex-Guadalupe YMBA's, and Kim Nageno, on last year's "B" champion Butte High.

At the other starting forward position will be either Butch Hozaki, from Fillmore High also of last season's prep squad, or Richie Hiroto, on last year's champion runner-up Bulldogs quintet in the Ayo League.

Managed by Roy Tateichi, ex-Kalakaka' guard in Hawaii, other members of the squad are: Kiyo Nagai, center; and Moses Hagiya; guard formerly of the Gas House Five in Santa Maria.

Still others are: Hideki Yamanaka, forward of the Sentinels last season; Tom Takemoto, guard; Manabu Hozaki, center formerly of the Fillmore High; and Toki Yonada, from Santa Barbara State College and on last year's Outlaws.

Kamon when asked who has the best team said "We have about the best,...I think, or at least will give any team competition. He considers, however, Coach Nob Oki's "Helanis" and possibly the 'Five Aces', as teams to reckon with."

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George Kaya

An error in the Dec. 30th issue failed to include George Kaya, center of the Ramblers, on the All-Southwestern selections.

NORTHWESTERN

Huskies Are Round Champs Beat Cubs 13-0

Scoring in the second and final periods, Huskies took Northwestern Grid Circuit's second-round title last Sunday afternoon, defeating Cubs 13-0 in the second and final game of a play-off.

Righthalf Ben Hammoto on a reverse galloping 72 yards, and fullback Bob Yoshimoto on an off-tackle line plung, scored the touchdowns. End Yosh Himoto added a conversion.

The clubs, which are now the winners of the league's two rounds, will meet again at an announced date for championship.

RAJAHS WIN

Iwanaga And Noguchi Score

Boasting in their favor for victory, Coach Tom Ishii and the Crimson Tides shoved heavier Butte Warehouse eleven into oblivion as they trounced them 13-0, in a New Year Classic.

Making good their prediction, the Tides ran up their initial score in the second quarter when a blocked kick found the Tide on the Warehouse five. Trump Noguchi carried the ball over guard position for the score. The kick for the extra point went wide and low.

The second score of the game was made in the third quarter when a long 30-yard pass from Ishii settled into Russ Iwanaga's waiting arms for the score. Freezer Furuya kicked the extra point.

The Tides had a very easy time of it with the invading Butte eleven, as they threatened to score three times, once from a completed long fade away pass, and twice from an interception. For three consecutive times, Nob Yoshida, intercepted spectacular passes, and broke into the clear, but tripped due to a soft turf.

The Butte gridders displayed driving power, but failed to make their passing offensive click.

PRACTICE TILT

Cards In Inter Camp Triumph

For the cage program of the weekend, the Card Jrs. easily downed the Block 28 quintet to a convincing 34-33 score, and the Canal High Bears also took the Butte Outcasts to a convincing 43-23. The Bears had a relatively easy time of it, as they rambled over the Outcasts in veteran style.

For the final battle of the day, the Jeeps annexed the High School Bruins to a 30-17 score to finally break the win column.

Leading the fray at the half time by 7 points, the Jeeps swelled the lead into a 13 marker before the final game whistle blew.

延良時報 184

流行性感冒比良を襲ふ

金米に延蔓の徴ある流行性感冒が愈〻比良を訪れたと見える。此の度の風邪は少し注意すれば大した危險はない。若し風邪の氣味で熱があり、體が痛む時は直ちに温くして寢るに限る。一晝夜經過しても氣分がよくならぬ場合は病院に通知して看護婦の出張を乞ふがよい。

尚左の注意を守られたい。

一、患者は成るべく外に出ないこと。

二、多數人の集合して居る所に立ち入らぬ事

三、病院に協力する事

川の町衣裳展覽会

川の町高校家庭經濟部主催の下に木綿衣裳展覽会が四日火曜日夜十三食堂に於て開催せられる。新工夫を擬らせる凡そ十五種の平常着のモデルが陳列される。之れはニューヨーク市の綿糸研究所より送られた物である。

入場料五仙はニューヨークへの往復運送費に充てられる。尚觀覽者は各自に椅子を持參の事

訂正

新年文藝短歌の中「幾十万の兵の命おもへば」は「幾十万の兵の命をおもほへば」に又俳句の中「大扇」は「大扉」に何れも訂正す。

新年文藝詩の當選者田山俊子氏は至急住所を御通知下さるか本社にお出下さい。

土木部便り

○山の市新冷藏庫は二十呎に百呎厚さ八吋の防熱壁を有す完全なものである。

現在山の市二棟川の町一棟の冷藏庫も比良の氣候に適する樣に改造される筈である。其建築完成までには三四ヶ月を要する。

司法委員會店開き

既報の通り從來ベネット所長により取扱はれし一切の事件も一月匆々より両舘府共夫々憲法の條章に從ひ着々と執行される筈なり。

司法委員山の市三名川の町三名は年末の公判廷を參觀せるがベネット所長の判決左の如し。

一、住民は鎚札無しで自動車を操縱せる廉で五日間軍人記念塔工事服役。

二、名は無断境界外に出て五日間死軍人記念塔工事服役

一、名は酒で挙げられ十日間服役若くは十弗の罰金

一、人は自動車乱用の罪で後日判決。

比良相撲協会々計報告

	收入	支出
一月	六五四一	八二三三
二月	……	一二八四四
三月	一〇一〇〇	七八四八
四月	三〇五〇	九七一九
五月	……	五五三七
六月	一〇二五〇	六四八六
七月	五五九六	二七六八
八月	……	一〇〇〇一
九月	三一五二〇	六三九五
十月	……	九八五
十一月	……	四三六八
十二月	一〇〇〇	……
合計	六七八五七	七五一七四
前年度繰越	一七九一七	……
総計	八五七七四	七五一七四
殘金	一〇六〇〇	……

會計 前田 柳原

監査 木村 川上

感謝

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一月四日

山の市CAS

PTAより御礼

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在郷軍人会集会は

十一日火夜八時於四十二ー二ーB

外部就職口

◎デトロイト市

自動車修繕士七名

時給一弗廿五仙ー五十仙

◎ミシガン州

オーチヤードレイキ

カンツリークラブ

庭園師一名

同助手三名

コック一名

雜役一名

三月中旬より入用住宅あり給料未定

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父音松儀去る三日死去致候間此段生前厚知諸氏に御通知申上候

追而通夜は六日午後七時半葬儀は七日午前十時何れも第二仏教会堂(四十二區)に於て執行

一月四日

喪主長男楠本正一

五十鈴富太郎畑田唯平

外友人一同

新年懸賞文藝 一等入選 詩

はゞたき

吉川 弘

頭痛に眼が覺めた――
右脚が折れてるらしい
左腕がいふ事をきかない
人事不省……
さうだ
俺は此處に
蹴り轉ばされた儘になつて居たんだ
あゝ熱い！ 喉が乾く……
からだが火のやうに熱い！
そんなに俺は
悪い事をしたのかしら……

あゝ頭が痛い 肩がうづく
野次馬が……おゝ奴等の聲が聞える
なぜ俺を
こんな部屋にぶち込んだのか
なぜ？ なぜ？…… なぜ?!
死ぬまで俺を叩きのめさうとするのか
おゝ何も無い……
何も彼も俺は失くして仕舞つたんだ

小さな窓から星が見える
さうだ俺は落付かなくてはならぬ
野次馬の罵聲に
心を乱してはならない
落付くんだ 落付くんだ
星が俺を見てゐる……
窓の外には 春も往き夏も去り
秋の冷さが 冬の寒さに変る頃
野次馬の聲も
遠くかすかになつた
骨の痛みも忘れ出した
腕も足も動くやうになつて來た
口笛さえ吹けさうになつて來た

窓から差し込む太陽に
自由な鳥の囀りに
とり〴〵の花の色に
おゝ俺は
柔い温みをさへ覺える

籠の鳥――
小さな部屋に
人生をみつめて
幸福さへも感じ始めた
さうだ！春が……
籠の鳥にも春が來るんだ！

無理矢理に
押込められた
籠だつたが
何となく懐かしい……
だが……

あゝ飛び出し度い！
長い事使はなかつた
此の羽……
此の羽で
大空を
思ふ存分
自由に飛んで見たい

春風の
やんわりと頬を撫る日
アネモネの芽が
ぐん〳〵延びる日
若かりし頃と同じ氣持を
無理に自分に押込んで
おゝ さうだ！
俺は
此の籠から飛び出すんだ
ブラッセルは歌つたではないか
――山の彼方に幸棲む――と

我を遮るアルプスあらんや

ナポレオン軍の前には、アルプスの峻山が千古の雪を頂いて恰も彼の雄志を拒むが如く屹立してゐた。

「駄目です。此の嶮、然もこの大雪……かのハンニバル將軍でさへ……」

幕僚は口を極めて諫めた。併し彼にはこの諫言が耳に入らぬが如く、突如！劍を拔くや、彼の口元を迸り出づる熱血の叫び、

「……我を遮るアルプスあらんや……全軍進め！」

雪と氷に閉されたアルプスの山々の靜寂を破る時ならぬ砲軍の轟きと人馬の聲、紫色を帶びた高山の陽に映ゆる劍戟の光……

かくして彼の壯圖は遂げられた。

愚かなる父親

鈴師永十郎

初日　二日は彼等のブラックの人達の手で、そして遂に一週間の後には全センターの人々が総動で捜索に取かかったのだったが、遂として彼の足跡の片鱗すらも突き止め得なかった。二週間の大がかりな捜索もとうとう水泡に帰した家族の為に此の上の悲歎、焦燥を続けさせるのは偖の丸る目にも可哀想だというので、近親、友人の者が数名彼の城鎮鼻子の居宅に寄り集って相談した挙句、新しい場合の故郷の習慣にならって、お寺へ御ねがいして読経をあげて貰い、火がいりな此の捜索を一時うち切ろうということにした。自分が其の家を出たのは、四日ばかりの晩春の月が淡く西の空に懸ってゐる夜の九時頃でいもあったらう。水飲みに立寄った○○ブラックの食堂の水呑場を離れやうとすると、私の右を呼ぶ女の声がする。薄明りにはかして見ると、それは里見未七人であった。

「いま頃どうしましたの？……お散歩？」

「い、え……ちょっと和田さんの用で……」

「さう！……、さう言へば和田さんは未だ見つからないの？」

私はかむりを振って、ジッと私を見つめる其のまぶしい視線を避けた。そして、「おやすみなさい」の一言を残して、逃げるやうに其の場を去ったのだった。

それは和田さんが行衛不明になる日の前日だった。私は新たに種を下したローンに水を撒いてゐた。

「つさん！」

此の声に振り向くと、其君に細君が立ってゐる。

「あ！……吃驚した。妻などいつから来たの？……其から伴って来たの？それとも地から湧いて其たの？」

「……あっちから。」笑いながら後の方を指して見せるのであった。

「さう〳〵、あんた昨日出て行く人を見送りに行ってさしたね。」

「え、子供が昨日出たものですから……」

「いんえ……私は仕事に行く途すがらに見かけたの！」

「その子はまだ子供なんですけど……」

「子供だって何んだってかまやせんです。働かうといふ意志のある者はどし〳〵働かすんですわ。そしてうんと苦労さすんです。外部へ出た二世の品行問題を見や聞いふ情い人達もあるが……サアそんな人は大抵此のキャンプの安易な生活に慣りついてゐて、碌び出す勇気もなし、臭剤な惰情者に堕落してしまうんがやないかと思ふわ。食は偏からんでも可い。偏けた食を貰ってしまっても可いんです。そんなことは人間を造り上げるには教養の問題です。困難の道に放り出してやるんです。鍛ばれ、鍛はまつがなの洗礼を受けて初めて其の深価を発揮するんです。只、大事な事は、最も大事なことは親は各が子を信じてやることです。世界中の人がみんな、あいつは駄目だ、あんなのを外に出したらそれこそ錦計就目にしてしまう、と言っても、親だけは、せめて親だけは吾が子を信じてやらなきあ……」

「私もう居ふんですから……」

さう言った彼女の顔を見ると、唇を噛みしめて其の美しい瞳には偖のしづくを湛へしめるのであった。

あゝ、其の涙、私は其君に、此の世に於ける最も美なるものを感ぜずには居られなかった。この美なるものへの憧れは私をして自己を忘却せしめた。私のない清浄な彼女への同情に過ぎなかったが、若れや道心未熟なる凡愚の身には、いつしかそれが止めども停まらぬ煩悩の濁流となり、やがては自分を聞え失せしめたのである。

社会の普通の常識から観れば、賢に熟いな、そして其の係累者には実に迷惑な、しかし自分の修練生活にとっては、こうなくも貴い苦悩の一日々々が繰り返されつゝ春は往き夏は来たのである。

人生の悲哀に泣く者は自然のかなづる悲曲に誘はれて、やるせない己が心の憂愁を無限に満たされてゐるのである。私は彼の蒼白い顔を眺めながら、「ふびんな奴」、と心の中でつぶやいた。

蛙の鳴く音に耳を傾けながら、月のある夜も月の無い夜も、深更まで遠い憧みうった夏の夜空に親しむようになった。

その夜も、さうした心境の私が、淡い月光の迷路をさまよいながら自分たち親子の体験へと戻ったのである。

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友達の誰れも彼れも皆は遊学を目的として来び勇んで外出して行った。人並以上に学問好きな彼ではあるが、此の愚かな父の身を案じ、現在の境遇に甘んじて不馴れなアスの仕事を不平も言はずに続けてゐるのである。

「良一」私は彼立つ自分の感情を抑へながら呼んでみた。彼は本を閉いたまゝ身体も動さずに顔だけ私の方へ向けた。

「お前もキャンプを出た方が可えやろ！。俺はもう、さうしてお前が伸びやうとする若い生命を毎日もて餘してゐるのを見てゐるに忍びん。そりやァ二十年の間片時も離れたことのない親とだ。別離はつらいさ。併し……考へてみろ。いつ死ぬか分らん覚悟で守りしてゐたってつまらん。それに此の戦争だっていつまで續くか解らんしな。俺のことは心配せんでもいゝよ。俺には俺でどうにかやって行く途がある。凋落の冬の並木の静寂の路だ。それあ、この日暖、お前達には解るまいが、俺の心境には波瀾がある。しかし男れば初冬の夜半の木枯だ。朝が来て木枯が静まった後の落葉をかき集めて焚いてしまへば、それからが本物さ。静かな人生の日暮だよ。……何も考へんで飛び出せ。分別心なんて……弱虫の理屈用には役立つかも知れんが、こんから世に独り立ちしやうとする大丈夫には微塵もそんなものはありはせん……」

耿忠としてゐた良一は、私の言葉を抑へつけるやうにバタンと本を閉ぢたかと思ふと、呼び覚された希望に輝く一瞥を私に残して、無言のまゝ着物を脱いで床の中にもぐり込んだ。

その夜から二週間たった。彼はM大学附属の夏季学校の社事口を得てキャンプを出て行った。

ハロー パ、

とう〳〵目的地に着きました。あたりの景色はまるで繪のやうです。木は大きく、生々としげってゐます。野には、見たこともないやうな〳〵の草花が咲きみだれてゐます。今、私の居るバラックの前はレーキで、澄みきった水に雲も水も丘も建物も、みんな青葉にうつってゐるのです。

パ、!! パ、や藤枝が一緒に此處に居て、あの水の下でパ、が本でも讀んでゐたら可いのになあ、と思ったら涙が出てしまひました。パ、ゆるして下さい。我まゝな私をゆるして下さい。自分一人の勉強のために、暮いパ、や可愛い、妹をほっとらかして……すまん、ほんとにすまんと思ってゐます。だけど、私はどうしても学校を思ひ切れません。その代り一生けんめい勉強します。パ、私が学校を卒業して、仕事にありついたら迎へに行きます。それまで辛抱でゐて下さい。

良一

私は仲からの此の手紙を讀んで涙が止めどもなく流れた。そして今はたゞ喜の往牒の前に供えざるを得なかった。可哀相な奴だった。

斬うした可愛い、吾が子の真情、肉親に對する本當の氣持に親としての幸福感を味はふ暇もなく、此の世での苦勞のありったけを嘗め盡して死んで行った母親……私は堪えられなくなって戸外へ出た。月のない夜であった。

行衛不明になったあの和田先人の最後の面影が思ひ出された。いとし子の跡を慕ふ彼の眼ざし……消えなんとする燈火の最後にパッと燃え上るやうな。何だか自分の未來を暗示してゐるやうに、彼のあの月の姿が眼前にチラつくのであった。私は自分を見た。今の自分を省みた。

私は其の場から逃れるやうに外の道へ出た。サボランやアイオンツリーの蔭に立つ石ころ路を辿って小山に登って行った。星明りをたどりながら其處の見晴し岩に腰を下した。四圍は静寂その者のやうにひっそりとしてゐる。たゞ其處に一人の蛆虫みたいな人間が居るばかりである。周縁假和合の一存在があるばかりである。

「俺は今何をしてゐるのか、五場に駆られた三男に流轉して、これでよいのか。逆ケ難い人界を愛げ遠い離き法の み教に値へる此の身、と祖師も宮ふて居られる。ほんは、祖師は真の教ひ、真の解脱の為にだけ可愛い、妻も子も捨てゝまで精進なさったではないか。今までの俺は何といふ卑逸漢だ。

内心にさゝやく聲であった。私は面を上げて星空を仰いだ。窮りのない星の世界に揺ち溢れて、同じやうな無言の怒鳴が私に迫って来るのを感じた。

「喜怒哀楽の末だ發せざる是れを中といふ」

私は自分を忘れた。小さな己を忘れ去った。

生命に触れ、神秘に滲み沈みする自分ではなかった。見知らない一個の人間であった。母わ入る深山の奥のさとでもと

勤行前れし部屋に戻ると、ベッドに横になってゐた孫枝は私の顔を見ると起き上って、興奮した面持でこふのであった。

「パ、！ パ、はいつ此のキャンプを出るの？……」

以下次回