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The Mercedian

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MERCED ASSEMBLY CENTER

August 21, 1942

212 WORKERS TO LEAVE FOR

COLORADO

NOW IT CAN BE TOLD.

Today for the first time official announcements can be made respecting the relocation of the evacuees of Merced Assembly Center to the War Relocation Authority's Reception Center, where it is intended that the residents shall make their home for the duration of the war.

The relocation site chosen for Merced's 4500 residents is at Granada, Colorado, where for several weeks, construction contractors have been engaged in building the facilities required to house a total of from 6500 to 7000 evacuees. Approximately 2000 evacuees from another center will join the Mercedians after their arrival there.

The advance party, composed of approximately 212 persons, almost entirely classified workers, will leave Merced, Monday, August 24, for their new home. It will be their job to make advance preparations to receive the other contingents as they arrive. Only a sprinkling of family members will accompany the first group.

These families will compose the majority of the first regular train movement which is scheduled to leave for Colorado on Monday, August 31. Daily trainloads are scheduled for transfer during the period of August 31-September 3, by which time it is expected that all residents of Merced Assembly Center will be removed to Granada, with the exception of the hospitalized sick and women in an advanced stage of pregnancy. Each load will consist of about 500 people.

It is anticipated that the trip from Merced to Granada will take about 30 hours. No definite information has yet been received concerning the route of travel, but it is contemplated that it will be by the Santa Fe Railroad through Bakersfield, San Bernardino, Bartow, Needles, Williams, Flagstaff, Albuquerque, La Junta and Lama.

The responsibility to supervise and assist in the packing and crating of evacuees' property and belongings has been delegated to Mr. Markins' Works Division. All shipments are to be inspected by members of the Interior Police.

No government property of any description is to be taken by evacuees to Granada. This applies to blankets and dining room dishes and utensils, to tools used by the various work details, and to any other property which has been used by evacuees here. Similar equipment and supplies will be on hand at Granada for use there.

The Colorado Center, now being built for Mercedians, is located on high ground about one mile south and west of the fertile Arkansas Valley, which at that

point is about four miles wide. The district is agricultural and already there are about 6000 acres of land under irrigation, with about 2000 acres more which can be placed under irrigation. The main crops are alfalfa, corn, fruits of various kinds, cantaloupes and watermelons, garden vegetables and sugar beets. Beet sugar factories are located at Holly, eleven miles east, and at Lamar, 17 miles west.

The buildings and facilities now being constructed at Granada are considerably more substantial than those here. The apartment buildings are lined and sided. The floors are brick. The typical building is 120 feet in length instead of 100 feet as here, and each building contains six apartments of various sizes.

There are twelve residence apartment buildings, a recreation hall, a mess hall and kitchen, and laundry and lavatory facilities in each rectangular block. Four blocks form a square and compose a ward. Wards are separated by wide avenues which serve as recreation areas and fire-breaks. There will also be hospitals, schools, churches, warehouses and industrial buildings.

The principal work projects at Granada will, of course, be agricultural. In addition there will be a normal need for employees to do all sorts of community service such as we have had at Merced.

In leaving Merced, it is the ambition of all citizens to leave their temporary home in a state of immaculate cleanliness and good order. With this in mind, the Works Division has selected a "clean-up crew" which will be allocated to the last train load to leave for Granada. This picked crew will have the responsibility to do the clean-up work which ward residents are not able to finish before their departure. However, it is expected that every individual and every family will do everything possible to leave their own quarters and the adjoining grounds in good condition.

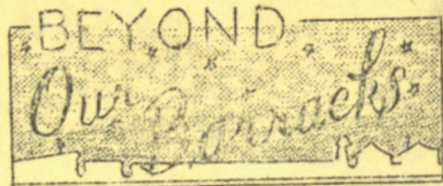
CHANGE IN MOVIE
"MILLION DOLLAR LEGS" IN PLACE OF "ROAD TO SINGAPORE" FOR TONIGHT.

The Mercedian Staff

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A "Copy-cat Capers" was held at Stockton Center with couples wearing matching clothes of some kind.... The most original pair was king and queen for the evening.....Centerites were treated to their first up-to-date movie--"Captain Fury"...

Thirteen nurses'aides received their American Red Cross nursing certificates at Santa Anita Center...Seven of the twenty-three barbers are women.....High chairs are being constructed to facilitate baby feeding...

Fresno Center residents still are waiting to see their first movie...Quoting from "Between the Barracks" column---"There were no females telling the men how to cut meat and prepare the vegetables, for skirts are taboo in this "No Woman's Land....it's still a Man's World...Amen." Girls, we'll take into consideration a man wrote that column.

A "Musiquiz" program was held at Tule Lake Relocation Center...Prizes were awarded for the questions missed by the experts...A \$4,000 damage was done by fire to Canteen #3...

Pomona Center began relocation Saturday to the Heart Mountain Center, Park County, Wyoming...The first group of workers had left the Sunday before...A Pomona Center News correspondent wrote of the train trip----"Food is served to you in the dining car, no carrying of dishes back and forth..Seats are kinda hard to sleep in, but managing okay..."

In the second all-center golf tournament held at North Portland, Oregon Center, Tom Aoki was first shooting a 66...A complete Japanese musical program was presented...Feature attraction was a selection of four kotos...

BABY BORN

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Yokoyama, formerly of Reedley, of H-1-12, became proud parents of a baby girl, Tues., August 18. She was the couple's 1st child and weighed 6 pounds 2 ounces.

The Managing Editor says:

THIS IS 30 TO MERCEDIAN.

This is our last regular issue of THE MERCEDIAN. With this we say "sayonara" (farewell) to everything which we came to regard as our home. Our stay here has been short. Our associations have been fleeting. To most of us this temporary camp life has brought many inconveniences.

But--in bidding "sayonara" to everything which represents Merced Assembly Center, we cannot push back the wee little tears gushing out of our dark brown eyes.

Our little prayer to you--our Caucasian friends is: Forgive us for our many errors and untutored omissions. The scenes of our life may change, but the background of humane and understanding treatment accorded us here will forever remain as a testament for fair dealing Americans.

Oski Taniwaki



MESS HALL CONTEST WINNERS

Under the capable direction of Ted Tanaka, chief cook, the B Mess Hall workers won the coveted "E" for excellence banner in the third contest. The flag will fly over the B hall for the next two weeks. The championship crew will enjoy a chicken dinner as their reward.

The winner of the final two week contest will be permanent possessors of the banner, according to Steve Schramm, Mess and Lodging Supervisor.

CHAMPIONSHIP CREW

Ted Tanaka, chief cook; Tets Morimoto, head waiter; Masaki Murakami, Takayo Yotsuya, Yoshio Fujimoto, Hisao Akiyama, Eddie Miura, George Nakagawa, Jimmie Kimura, Yoshio Baba, George Kimoto, second cooks; M. Ushijima, G. Hashioka, Ben Yenokida, first cooks; Hideo Fukagawa, Jiro Yotsuya, Hatsuo Miyako, Goro Kai, Hideo Noda, Henry Chinada, Jimmie Inouye, Suoyo Kimura, Tadao Abe, Manabu Kimura, T. Kawashima, Takohiko Ujita, Dishwashers.

Juno Atagi, Shizue Fukui, Sotsuko Furuno, Toruko Hashimoto, Kiyoko Kuwatani, Evelyn Miyashima, Tsuruko Morita, Haruko Murakami, Takako Nakagawa, Lily Suyonaga, Eiko Baba, Helen Handa, Yuri Ito, Lois Kawamura, Toshiko Matsuda, Helen Nakamura, Sumiko Nakano, Lily Noda, Matayo Saisho, Anna Udo, Namiko Udo, Ada Yamasaki, waitresses; Viola Shibusawa, clerk.

Edna Maeda, baby waitress; Dorothy Kawamoto, Isamu Iwanaga, Yoshiye Kimura, Shig Nakamura, Mitsuyo Yamaguchi, Kimiyo Maruyama, Hatsuko Tomita, Yukiyo Uyokubo, T. Shimozawa, Nisei Takasawa, kitchen help.

Minoru Matsuda, Ray Yonemura, flunkies; Mitsuo Tsujinara, Grove Yoshiwara, Timekeepers.

"GRAND FINALE" TO BE HELD SUNDAY NIGHT..

A colossal review of the Center's talents will be presented at the "Grand Finale" Sunday evening from 7:30-10 o'clock at the Grandstand. Following this, refreshments will be served to all residents by the Mess and Lodging Division.

Paul Higaki will act as Master of Ceremonies.

Opening number of the "Grand Finale" will be the "Star Spangled Banner," played by the orchestra.

Musical numbers for the evening's entertainment will be provided by the dance band, mixed chorus, the band, orchestra and the girls' glee club.

Added attractions will be vocal solos by Mayme Kishi and Sumi Kawamura, the Manuela Boys, and a number by the Pre-school Nursery children.

Dances will include a tap dance, group odori, ballet-fan dance, Spanish dance and a comical odori.

The mixed chorus, orchestra, Boy Scouts and Girl scouts will combine in the final number.

Acknowledgments to the departments who have contributed to the building of the Center will also be made at this time.

"BYE WORKERS" FLING SET!

Professor Paul "Waldo" Higaki and his Stardusters will provide the music for tomorrow night's dance.

Dancing will be from 8-11 p.m. at the Administration Building. The Recreation Department will be in full charge of the dance.

Stags and stagettes are welcome.

(Notice! The following Saturday will be an "ON TO COLORADO" dance.)

"Road to Singapore"

A comical and romantic picture is billed for tonight at the Grandstand from 8:45 p.m.

The picture is titled, "Road to Singapore," starring Bing Crosby, Bob Hope and Dorothy Lamour. Happy-go-lucky carnival men, barnstorming their way through Africa to raise passage money, join a safari of two girls.

Added attractions will be a short subject and a cartoon. Community singing will be from 8:15 p.m.

The ROVING Reporter by Suyco Sako

WHAT AN ENTHUSIAST!

An individual in preparation for the kite contest was seen flying a kite at 11:30 p. m. last week in Ward B.

Wonder who that night hawk could have been?

ALWAYS REMEMBER

Here are a few amusing phrases:

"No matter how thick or thin you slice it, it's still baloney!"

"No peace on earth with the women, no life anywhere without them."

"Even the woodpecker owes his success to the fact that he uses his head."

"Be careful what you say or you go out of the door and meet yourself coming."

"It's hard enough t' git somethin' fer somethin' t' say nothing' o' somethin' for nothin'."

WHAT'S WRONG

(Overheard at Grandstand) Jack Hoshizu of C-4-15 was lying on the seats with his shoes off.

Grace Yamaguchi of C-5-7, "Got your feet off, will you?"

Jack, "I changed my stockings this morning."

Grace, "I don't care, you didn't change your feet."

Your reporter is curious to know what's wrong with Jack's feet.

TO MY READERS:

I wish to take this opportunity to extend my sincerest wishes and thanks to the residents of this Center for their full cooperation in carrying on my duties on the news staff.

I sincerely hope that my publicity for talent nights, movies, and dances served to inform you properly where to go for the best in entertainment.

I tried to the best of my ability to serve this Center as a whole and not as various small communities.

This is my final column and I hope it has been amusing, entertaining and informative.

We, the news staff, will begin our souvenir issue. I sincerely hope to be able to serve you in Colorado.

Sincerely yours,
Suyco Sako.



GUEST

Fem-a-lites

By LILY SHOJI

"Step aside, you honory ole hombre." Let's have a little more respect for the foms. It seems as though the fairer sex are taking a sassing from the stronger sex. Don't know why? Just rudeness I guess.

OVERHEARD

HE: "Go away, you give me a headache."

SHE: "Well, you're no aspirin tablet to me."

Perfect lips are part of a lovely face. When you put on your make up you are actually creating a portrait. With the right cosmetics skillfully applied, you can bring out your face as you wish it were.

Of all your features, the

mouth most lends itself to make up. And of all make-up faults, a bad mouth is most disastrous to your appearance. Next to your eyes the mouth is the most revealing of personality and mood.

Perfect lips, whether smiling or not, must be a part of a lovely face; don't give the impression of an ornament applied at random.

Let's keep 'em smiling. In times of weariness or discouragement never let your mouth droop at the corners (or you'll be a drip droop, drop.) When things are worst find something to smile about. Keep your chin up and keep 'em smiling. What "cha" say?

Letters to the Editor....

TO THE EDITOR:

The Sanitation Department takes this opportunity to thank everyone for cooperating to take care of this center in such a splendid way. Ward H was particularly complimented by the Works Division.

We also wish to thank the people who have volunteered to clean the toilets, laundry and shower rooms. Among them are Mrs. Fumi Kawasaki of H Ward and Mr. K. Andow

of A Ward and several others.-----E. Kenno, Head of Sanitation Department

TO THE EDITOR:

We want to take this opportunity to thank the public for the cooperation given us at last Saturday's dance. Also thanks for the 173 packages of gum, 10 candy bars, 33 cigars and 46 packages of cigarettes which we presented to the Military Police stationed outside.-----The "Yogores"

Church NOTICES

Christian

A special farewell service will be presented at the Young People's Church in the Administration Building from 10-11 o'clock Sunday morning. Rev. Hirata will deliver the sermon.

The Choir, under the direction of Mayme Kishi, will render several sacred request numbers. Included will be a vocal selection, "O Lord, Most High," sung by Ben Kuraya.

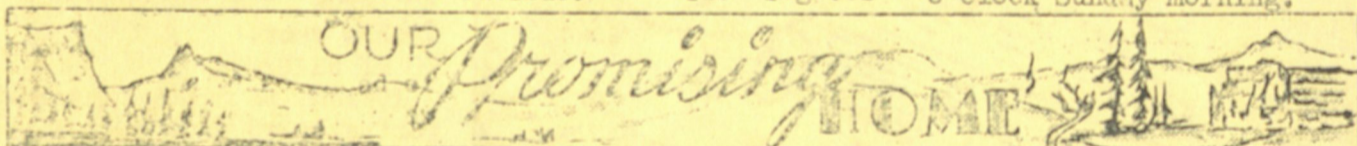
Isaac Matsushige is program chairman.

Buddhist

Today is the deadline for those who wish to attend the last gathering of Bussois which will be held Monday evening. Those interested are asked to register with their district leaders immediately. A nominal fee of 20¢ will be charged.

Devotional will be from 7:30-8 p.m. in the Administration Building. Games, entertainment, social singing and refreshments will follow. Jean Suooka is in charge.

Services will be conducted at the Grandstand from 9-11 o'clock Sunday morning.



by MIYE YAMASAKI

If some of us are bothered with the fear of being bored to death on the 60 hour train ride to Colorado,

the Recreation Department has trained a number of people in each ward in the art of entertainment. Some of the diversions planned are games, community singing, paper craft, calisthenics and nursery children entertainment, etc.

The library will prepare a bundle of magazines for each trainload. It seems as if they think of everything, don't they?

From reliable sources we have the following enlightenment on the layout of the WRA Center: "The camp site

is on a knoll about one mile South-west of the little town of Granada. It overlooks a beautiful irrigated valley about 4 miles wide.

"There are 30 blocks contemplated at present with about 275 persons to the block. Each block has 12 barracks. Each barrack will have to house about 23 persons. There are two rooms of each of the following dimensions: 16' X 20', 20' X 20', and 24' X 20' in each barrack.

"Each block has a mess hall, laundry, wash room and recreation hall. The construction is more substantial than anything I saw on the Coast. However, the floors are brick."

Now that we know the site of our new home, we will be

three miles from the river, but near a tiny intermittent stream called Wolf Creek. Being so far from the river may mean that we won't use river water for household use. And living on a hill will mean better drainage, opportunities for artistic landscaping, better wind movement (may be too good), better climate, and ideal for astronomy fiends.

Incidentally, the 2000

who'll join us there will be the Santa Clara groups from Santa Anita.

This will be the first experience a lot of us will have in turning back our watches on the train.

Sports Scramblings

By Walt Fuchigami

BASKETBALL TIDBITS--- WALNUT GROVE AND HOW!

Odd how the Delta Region produces casaba artists of superior caliber..Is it the weather or what?....The two Class A Delta quintets, the Deltans and the Laners, are nipping the heels of the hot Sepol Sakuras and may yet overtake them. The Deltan Babes are undefeated with only Yuba before the pennant, while the Coes live up to their big brothers by topping their class. The W. G. lassies show definite class and are now the undisputed queens. Even the retired Walnut Grove Poops are balanced a good third in their division.... Yours truly and the Mercedian Scoopers with their unmarred no-win record could certainly use some of that Delta talent.

GOING SOME

Talking about Hank Luissetti's basketearing, Ted Watanabe of the Yogores and Aki Yamazumi of Sepol scored 23 and 22 points respectively in one game!....Tosh Shimizu, is undoubtedly the best all around **basketeer** in M.A.C. With his clever ball handling, dead eye, and good teamwork an all around star in any league.

LET'S WATCH IT

Tho' there's only a few more games scheduled here, how about less beefing at the "refs" who deserve credit for sweltering in the dust and heat to keep the games on a sportsmanship level. Lately, team members have been unduly critical toward the refs.....A complaint to the Athletic Directors is to exercise greater care in selecting referees, especially in crucial tilts where prejudice and favoritism could easily rule.

BASEBALL

The second half has certainly proved a bang up affair with upsets, surprises and disappointments coming all at once. Both the American and National League are tied up and the outcome is still uncertain at this late hour...

SOMETHING

Yolo Phillies deserve bou-

MODESTO BROWNS SCORE UPSET OVER TURLOCK

YOLO COPS INITIAL WIN

The Yolo White Sox broke into the win column last Wednesday, when they rallied in the sixth inning, scoring 9 runs to down the Livingston Red Sox 18-16.

Red Sox went ahead in the 4th 11-7 when they put across 6 runs, but were nipped by the timely Yolo rally. The Yolo men used 3 chuckers, while the Livingston outfit went one better, using four.

Livingstonians collected 12 hits to the Yoloans 11. Red Sox second sacker Mits Tsujihara leading with 3 out of 4. L. Yoshino got 2 out of 3.

For the Yolo men, Nakamura got 2 out of 3, and S. Furukawa got 2 out of 4.



quiet for dumping two top notchers, Walnut Grove and the touted Livingston Dodgers----which goes to prove that anything happens in a ball game----Such sticking! Eddie Kawaka's five for five record plastered in the Sepol-Colusa fracas.... A tough one to lose----Dick Yamachi's three hitter for Colusa against Walnut Grove.....The other extreme is a unique performance hung up by Sepol's Jack Kawaka, last Sunday, when he tossed 18 straight balls without a single strike---and Sepol still won!....

BEEES

The Bees take the cup for "a thriller." Modesto met Sepol, went nine innings, featured two homers, (something in B competition) double plays, squeeze plays and unprecedentod baseball strategy. Modesto triumphed, snapping Sepols nine game streak.

SO LONG

With advance contingent leaving for Granada soon, Sportsdom will be minus many athletes, but only for a few days before we all join up again so "no worry."

The Modesto Browns, who in the previous week staged an upset win over Sepol B's staged another surprise last Wednesday when they dropped the undefeated Turlock Senators 9-6. This puts all three teams into a first place tie with 4 wins and 1 loss.

Turlock outhit the Modestan 10-7. Chucker Johnny Niizawa was the high man for the day with 3 singles in 4 tries. E. Wada and T. Fujimoto got 2 out of 4.

For the Browns, ace hurler M. Hashimoto got 2 out of 4 as did S. Uyekubo.

BATTERIES: Modesto, Geo. Matsuda, M. Hashimoto and M. Hamada; Turlock, J. Niizawa and J. Takata.

ODDS and ENDS

SCHOOL CLOSSES

Manager H. Black will deliver the closing address for Merced Center school students at the Center square, 10 a.m. Sunday. The public is cordially invited to attend.

LIBRARY NOTICE

All residents are asked to return books to the Center Library by Monday, August 24. Owners of these books who were so kind to lend them are asked to call for them by Monday.

For the convenience of workers, the library will be open on Sunday from 2-4 p.m. Tomorrow is the last day that the library is open to the public.

PRE-SCHOOL

Mothers of the Pro-School Nursery children are asked to bring their children near the Sumo pit before the "Grand Finale" program on Sunday night. (7:15 p.m.) They will participate in the school number.

FIRST CLOTHING DELIVERED

Tsurukichi Nagoshi, of I-2-10, received the first order of clothing which was delivered to him at 10:10 a.m. Thursday. Only one item, a dress, was not included and will come later.

TWO 'B' GAMES TODAY

In the fast American League baseball loop game today the strong Sebastopol nine, which was upset by a scrappy Modesto team the previous week, will meet the fast improving Livingston Rod Sox. Sam Muto's club has yet to get a win, but it hardly looks possible here.

In the nightcap, the first place Modesto Browns will tangle with another "no win" team in the Yolo White Sox. Modesto should take this one in stride.

On Saturday one of the top teams, the Turlock Senators, will meet the fiery Cortez Tigers, who are fresh from a win over the Merced Yankocs. With Sunday featuring all A games, the Monday's Turlock-Sebastopol and Modesto-Merced tilts seem highly improbable with evacuation close at hand.

DODGERS Downed!

The Colusa Reds played above their heads yesterday to down the mighty Livingston Dodgers, 10-7, in a surprise upset in the National League.

For the Reds, calm M. Ishigaki hurled and B. Takamatsu caught.

Speed ball artist, Gil Tanji and K. Ohki formed the Dodger's batteries.

Koe Hinoki of the Reds, and Ken Ohki of the Dodgers were tied for high willow wielding, both getting 2 out of 3.

YANKS WIN 3RD

Behind 8-7 in the last of the 7th canto, the Merced Yanks put up a supreme rally yesterday, scoring 4 runs to dump the favored Marin Athletics 11-8. Marin collected 10 hits to Merced's 9. A. Kato of the Athletics pounded out 3 safeties in 4 tries. Heavy stick work and high-class fielding was turned in by Peto Masuoka who got a double and a triple in 3 tries.

G. Yoshida of the Yanks got 2 out of 3.

Romco Kitagawa and Tom O-gino for the Yanks, and S. Hirano, F. Kinoshita and N. Kuwatani of the Athletics formed the batterics.

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by Mack and Walt

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CAGE RESULTS!

This week's basketball results were as follows:

A LEAGUE

34 MODESTO-----COURTLAND 29

11 J. Ivanaga J.Hoshizu 13

30 WAL.GROVE--K.K. LANE 29

14 J.Tsuruta M.Ishigaki 14

B LEAGUE

45 YOGORES-----YUBA CITY 14

13 T.Watanabe S.Nabeta 5

26 WAL.GROVE-----MODESTO 18

9 M.Hamada A. Yahiro 6

31 CORTEZ-----SEBASTOPOL 15

11 H.Kajioka J.Otsuki 4

H.Taniguchi 4

INDUSTRIAL

27 MODESTO-RAJBLING RECS 26

8 K.Miyoshi K. Sanui 9

21 W.G. POOPS MERCEDIAN 16

10 G.Kawamura J.Takeda 5

39 TIMEKEEPERS NIGHTHAWKS 34

14 K.Takahashi R.Kitagawa 14

C LEAGUE

21 LIVINGSTON--YUBA CITY 14

8 M.Enomoto T.Miura 6

29 WALNUT GROVE---CORTEZ 18

12 R.Kawamura Z.Wada 4

11 K.Yamaga R.Maeda 4

19 YOLO-----YUBA CITY 16

8 T.Miura G.Hinoki 7

18 LIVINGSTON MODESTO 13

8 K.Kimura J.Yamasaki 6

17 YUBA CITY CORTEZ 15

5 T.Miura R.Maeda 5

GIRLS' LEAGUE

28 WALNUT GROVE---SEPOL 18

7 C.Takeo E.Sugiyama 6

SEPOL INDIANS TRIUMPHS OVER MARIN ATHLETICS

Kasai Hurls

Three Hitter

Last Thursday in one American League game, the Sebastopol Indians bested the Marin Athletics 5-4. Scoring 3 in the initial canto, the Indians led until the 4th when Marin went ahead 4-3. The Indians then crossed 2 runs in the 5th, which culminated the scoring for the day.

Athletic hurler, T. Kasai pitched a superb ball game, allowing only 3 hits, while his teammates slammed out 7 off Hide Noda's delivery. Marin backstop N. Kuwatani banged out a triple and a double in 3 tries while J. Yatabe got a triple and 2 singles in 4 tries.

TIGERS WIN!

The Cortez Tigers went on a rampage for their 3rd win after 2 straight defeats, downing the Merced Yankocs 12-3.

Yuk Yotsuya went the route for the Tigers allowing only 7 hits, while his teammates collected 11 off 4 Yank hurlers.

G. Yoshida, Merced catcher banged out a circuit clout and a double in 3 tries to lead in the days' batting.

HOBBY SHOW

George Shizuru, formerly of Modesto, of B-2-10, was announced as the grand prize winner in the model airplane contest held recently. He received a gas model kit which was presented by Joe Heib of the Merced Cyclery.