

this life of ours

Regardless of the things

Everybody says,

This life of ours

Has its' sunny days.

-- Betty Natsuhara

living eternity each day

Use the lessons of the past
To face the present problems
For the future good.

soliloquy

Why?...Why did it have to be me?...What did I do to deserve this? Did I ask for it.....no! Then, why.... what rhyme or reason is there? I don't know why....I guess I'll never know all the reasons, all the causes. But what now? I can't allow myself to stop my thoughts, my hopes, my life! I got to live....I got to try...I got to get ahead. Sure, I got to....but how?

I'll do it the hard way...I'll study like Lincoln did before a fireplace, like Kagawa did in prison, like, well, like all those people who amounted to someone. But will it be worth it....will I have a chance after going through all the trouble of study and work? Maybe, yes, and maybe, no....I guess it'll depend on how I look at life. Well, what's worth living for? Myself? Yes, but that's not enough. I'm not going to live forever....I got to leave something behind... something I can be proud of....something worthwhile. I got to live for others, too. And the best way I can do that is by studying now. Yes, studying books, my friends, my enemies, nature...everything, in fact; so I can become more sensitive to beauty...goodness...love.... truth. Sure, I can do it and by so doing I can make myself a better person that can help others. I'll be able to appreciate people more. I'll be able to live more abundantly. That's the clue....live more abundantly! But study alone won't help me....I got to act, too. I got to develop my talents. I got to be able to help organize worthy groups. I got to get into the thick of the battle of life. I got to stand on my own two feet and take it as well as dish it out. Sure, that's the challenge....that's my purpose in life! Will I succeed? I don't know, but after all what does it matter, success or failure, it's trying that counts, isn't it? Sure! Well, I'm going to try and I'm going to start NOW!

--Kiyoshi Hamanaka

RECREATION

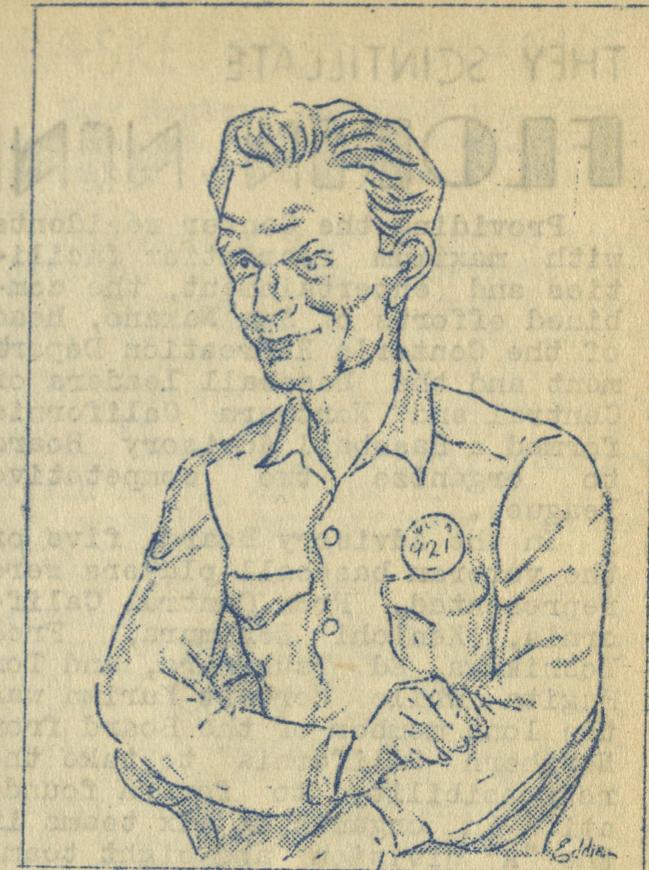
CARL BENGSTON

Owner of the broadest grin in Fresno Center, tall, slender Carl Bengston, youngest member of Administration Row first saw the light of day in Kingsburg, Calif., scarcely a quarter century ago.

The blue-eyed, square-jawed recreation supervisor possesses skin so fair and curly hair so golden, that his Scandinavian ancestors would be proud to claim him as their descendant.

Direct and to the point, this low voiced leader commands respect when there's work to be done.

Bengston likes to cut up--cut up semi-precious stones in his spare time for his hobby is mineralogy...Then too, the amiable one likes to sling the bull-on the end of a fork, his favorite food being beefsteak corraled in fried potatoes.



IN APPRECIATION

INCENTIVE FOR FUTURE ACTIVITIES

Since the departure from this center to a relocation area is drawing near, I wish to take this opportunity to extend my sincerest appreciation to all those who have helped to carry on the Adult Recreation program so successfully during the last four months. The cooperation which I have received from the leaders assigned to me was the contributing factor for a well-balanced program of adult activities. Our main goal was to line up current sports for the competitive spirit it affords the participants, and at the same time, to conduct these sports in such a manner so as to provide the greatest interest for the residents of the Center who daily witness these events.

I earnestly hope that this goal has been attained, and that it has aided in presenting to the Center the morale-building type of recreation which is so necessary during these trying days. This life is what we make it, and surely the athletic department has come through in a fine style. Such cooperation and interest as was given during our stay here will prove an incentive for a better and larger recreational program in our new location, wherever it may be.

As a farewell note in this message, may I also thank Mr. Walter Pollock, director of the Service Division, and his associate, Mr. Carl Bengston, director of recreation and education, for their close cooperation and harmony which was accorded this group. It is with regret that we will soon bid good-bye to such helpful members of the Administrative staff of the Fresno Assembly Center.

Sam Nakano
Director of Adult Recreation