



SEARCHING FOR CLUES to manuscript theft, Detroit City Library Director Ralph Ulveling (left) shows Detective Sergeant Louis Van Buren empty stand which held rare and valuable Walt Whitman manuscript—a hand-written diary valued at \$25,000—which disappeared from locked display case. (International)

Camp White Manager Finds Japanese Folk Friendly, Cooperative

Camp White — The Japanese people seem to welcome the military occupation and show a friendly and cooperative spirit in their dealings with Americans. E. K. Ricker, domiciliary manager at Camp White, declared following his return from a month long visit in that country.

He spent most of his time at Yokohama, where his son, Cpt. J. K. Ricker, and family, are stationed with the Army.

Impressed With Contrast

Mr. and Mrs. Ricker were impressed with the contrast shown in the adherence to many of their native customs and the prevalence of manners and institutions which have been introduced in modern times.

"There is no sign of animosity, either among the business people or the inhabitants generally," he said. "It may be of interest to know that my son and I attended a Rotary meeting there, at which a delicious meal, including the best pastries I have ever eaten, were served. It cost 90 cents and was better than a \$1.50 meal here. Of course, a special price was made to the club members," Ricker added.

Asked if the Japanese "eat with chop sticks," he said that they do, and he noted that the Japanese make considerable noise in eating their food, as a mark of good breeding to show the host that they are enjoying it. "It was told that I should have indicated how much I enjoyed the soup in this way," he said.

Bargains in Shops

"We found the shops filled with wonderful bargains, and

Mrs. Ricker was busy most of the time shopping. Wonderful Chinaware and mink coats were available at the stores at reasonable prices. There were many strange ways that seemed quite difficult to understand, but the Japanese have a reason for all of their habits of behavior, which they retain in spite of the influence of culture from overseas."

The Rickers took numerous pictures while in Japan and as soon as the collection has been assembled, they will be shown to the members by means of slides.

Camp Personnel Man Will Take Training

Camp White—H. J. Heitkemper, personnel officer, has reported to central office in Washington as one of a group of VA personnel directors taking special training in the administration of the newly established wage board procedures for federal agencies.

He will spend three months studying the new system of paying government employees engaged in craft and custodial duties.

The new arrangement is intended to bring the government wage scale more in line with rates of pay elsewhere in jobs calling for skilled labor, it was explained.

The board will have no jurisdiction over regular classified civil service employees, it was stated.

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