



FORMER PRISONERS OF WAR, now by coincidence working for the California Department of Fish and Game in Mount Shasta, are, from left, Vernon Stroschein, Chester O. Chase and John L. Andrews. Photo by J. O. McKinney.

Former Prisoners Can't Forget Years They Spent In Manchuria

Three men who are employed by California Fish and Game Department and are stationed at Mount Shasta Fish Hatchery have something in common aside from their vocations. All were Japanese prisoners of war for more than three years.

That they are at the same location is a coincidence.

The men are Vernon Stroschein,

Chester O. Chase, and John L. Andrews. They go about their duties showing no effects of their experiences. But all say they want to see no more wars during their lifetime and would bar it forever if they had that power.

While all came to their present locations alone, Stroschein and Chase knew each other in the Navy. They were each captured

with the fall of Corregidor May 5, 1942. They were each held in Mukden in Manchuria.

Andrews, with the medical department in the Army, was captured at Bataan April 19, 1949. He was held mostly in Japan proper, along with Canadians, English, other allies.

Their prison was the usual stockade surrounded by a high board fence, topped with barbed wire charged with electricity. Staying there was bad. Trying to escape would no doubt have been worse.

It couldn't have been much worse. Of the prisoners captured during the early days of the war, only about 20 per cent survived. That these men did, speaks for their ruggedness.

Stroschein and Chase in Manchuria were allowed some leisure from labor in a tannery. Baseball games were staged when teams could be formed by men physically able to run bases.

But for the most part, sedentary habits were the rule. Many prisoners studied the Chinese language from the many Chinese people there. Some learned both to speak and write the difficult tongue.

All three men said that it was easy to follow the course of the war by the treatment accorded. When Japanese forces were victorious, the prisoners were given some consideration. When the tide turned, brutality was the rule.

Even Red Cross supplies were taken away.

Liberation by commandos, and transportation away from the theater of war marked the end of their captivity. Chase became a commissioned officer after the war's end. The other two men soon were civilians.

Now all three are carving out a very respectable civilian life. All are skilled fish culturists. All are active in lines other than their work. Stroschein is on the board of directors of a fraternal group, the Scottish Rite Masons.

Chase, the retired naval officer, has a daughter, a talented girl and a student in high school, active in the social and school life of the town.

Andrews spends his spare time sculpturing. With a hammer, a wood chisel, and a bit of cedar wood, stately figures emerge with a few skillful passes with his hands and tools.

NOT ONLY CHILDREN

Leukemia, one of the foremost disease killers of children between the ages of 1 and 15, actually kills five times more adults than children.

Stamps In The News

By SYD KRONISH
AP Newsfeatures

Santa Lucia, one of the four Windward Islands in the Caribbean Sea, has commemorated the 100th anniversary of its first postage stamp with a set of three.

The design on each includes the Royal Cypher with the St. Edward's Crown and features the stamps of the first issue as follows: 5 cents—original rose red in a blue border, 16 cents—original 4 pence deep blue in a green border, 25 cents—original 6 pence deep green in a red border.

St. Lucia has a delightful history. Although little information of its early days is available, it is believed that the island was discovered by Columbus. The first recorded settlement attempt took place in 1605. The British and French fought for it several times until St. Lucia was finally ceded to Britain by the Treaty of Paris in 1814.

Minkus Publications has added four new albums to its "World Series" set. They are for Turkey, Poland, Europa and the New Independent Nations of Africa. The Turkey, Poland and Africa editions come in 2-post albums

while the Europa is in a 3-ring album.

Of interest to many collectors is the Africa book which contains the 19 new independent nations—including such countries as the Congo, Gabon, Nigeria and Somalia—and sells for \$4.95.

The new album entitled "Europa" covers NATO member countries, Ireland and the Saar.

Japan will change all of its current regular stamp issues in 1961. The first change will appear about April 1. It will be a 10 yen depicting cherry trees and will replace the present Kwannon 10 yen stamp. Also to be issued in 1961 by Japan will be a series of



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place. Sandine will know that new procedures must be worked out to protect bacterial cultures from virus infections. He also hopes to use the transduction process to develop new bacterial cultures that will be more stable during fermentation.

As part of the research project, Sandine will also study the characteristics used to identify a number of species of lactic acid bacteria, and try to develop a more satisfactory classification system. Will Brown and Lois Kendrick, OSC department of bacteriology research fellows, will assist him in the project.

The only national memorial in Missouri is a bust of George Washington Carver, west of Diamond, where he was born of slave parents.

12 Japanese flower stamps. The first will be the narcissus.

Pakistan has issued a new stamp to commemorate the centenary of the King Edward Medical College at Lahore. The 2 anna black, blue and yellow and the 14 anna black, carmine and green bear the same design—the College insignia, the dates "1860-1960" and word Pakistan in Urdu and Bengali. This college is the oldest medical institution in Pakistan and is honored because of its important role in the sphere of medical education in this sub-continent.

Brazil has honored its internationally famous tennis queen Maria Ester Bueno by issuing a special commemorative stamp depicting Miss Bueno on the tennis court. The 6 cruzeiros is brown. Miss Bueno, in addition to many women's court titles also holds the Wimbledon crown.

MUSICAL ROME

NEW YORK (AP)—Ancient Rome is getting musical and dramatic attention in two scheduled productions.

Casting is on for Upton Sinclair's "Cicero," a play about the declining days of the Empire. The planned musical is "Un-Roman Activities."

MYSTERY ANCHOR

STURGEON BAY, Wis. (AP)—Skindivers have recovered a 1,500-pound anchor found embedded in the sand of Lake Michigan off Baileys Harbor.

The anchor bore the name H. Duncan Poole. Salvagers have been unable to find any record of a ship with that name.

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