

'43

Ramblings



To a swell fellow
with a good future
ahead of him
Goro Hayashida

Yama
Yamamoto

Dear Vincent,
Best of luck, always
Yama

Dear Vince
So far but
that you know
dis. your letter
sure.

To Vince lots of
good luck.
Tom Minawa

Daniel
Yamato

I am a real
paul
your future
one
may
be
of
freight
Yama

boards of luck
to a swell fellow
Kuyko S.
Best Wishes
Mas Takahashi
Aki Asakura
Best Wishes to a star
Sasagawa Jim
Best of Wishes
Fred Hayashi
4v.

Saburo Shimomura
Best of luck
Tak Doi

Dear Vince,
It's been swell
knowing you. Hope
our friendship will
never come to an
end.

just
yo Ikeda

Have a wonderful
time
Tak Doi

A. a love.
to a swell
Tak Doi
Tak Doi

Best of everything!
Tak Doi
June 25, 1943

Shijo

Best of luck Shijo
Be a good boy always
just sets

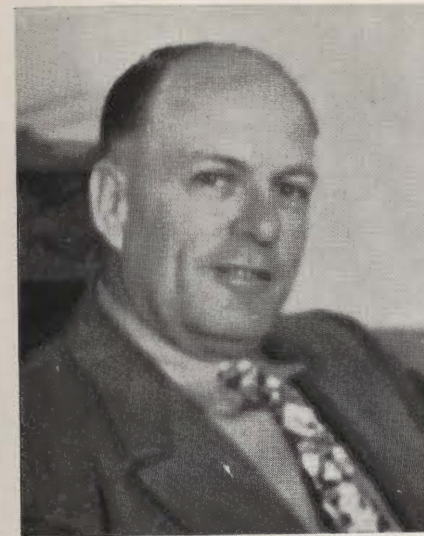
Is a swell guy,
lots of luck!
Gummy Eklara

Yama
Yama

Foreword

to a pick
a most frightening
most courageous of this
for we have solid friendship
we found at T.H.S.
D. J. J.

The Topaz High School Student Body Association is composed of students from almost all of the big and small towns and cities of California, and includes some from the Hawaiian Islands. In one Year's time these children of truck gardeners, grocery men, merchants, clerks, domestic workers, carpenters, ministers, laundrymen, teachers, and others have amalgamated into a well organized functioning student body. Sports and activities have taken place in which every student has participated with an effervescent spirit although there was dire need for equipment. The first graduating class had one hundred and ninety-six seniors and twenty summer session students, many graduating with honors. The challenge of establishing a new school under unprecedented conditions was met and the hardships overcome, and this book is a record of the extent to which the students of Topaz High School have succeeded.



Superintendent of Schools, Mr. LeGrande Noble, was our principal until December, 1942. At that time Dr. John C. Carlisle, Superintendent, returned to his former position in Utah State at Logan. Mr. Noble faithfully served the students of Topaz High School, and is now doing a bigger job for the city's schools.

HAIL ALMA MATER

Lyrics—William Oshima

Music—David Iino

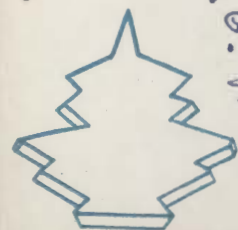
All Hail Topaz High School,
A torch that our paths will light,
Our colors the Green and Gold
Shall symbolize our might,
From far and wide we've gathered,
And made now into one,
We'll cherish this our Alma Mater
Which will not go unsung.

All Hail Topaz High School,
We'll leave thee with spirits fine,
And hope we will prove to be
Ever worthy sons of thine,
Our steps for long you've guided,
And now without a fear,
We're proud to leave as part of you,
Our Alma Mater dear.

THE RAMBLINGS' GREEN HAS GONE TO WAR.

The war has brought many hardships to this comfort loving land of America; Topaz High School, responding to the needs of the armed forces, has patriotically given up its green color that was formerly planned for the cover of the "43 Ramblings" and background of the drawings. The reason for this is that green is needed to camouflage and to paint guns, planes, ships, vehicles, and uniforms of men who are fighting to uphold the principles of democracy for which we, the Nisei, too, are fighting.

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Dedication

This year finds us vastly different from our naive selves of previous years; therefore, we are dedicating our annual to a different and more inspiring aspect of life—Courageous Education. We would look on Education as a life philosophy, whose purpose is boldly to oppose things which are destructive of the American ideal. Through Education we would seek to attain the ultimate end, which is to eliminate from ourselves the patterns of life which led us into this war. We, as molders of a better tomorrow, should strive indelibly to impress upon all young people a desire for truth and the inevitable enlightenment which accompanies it. To this ideal, we dedicate our annual.

*Good Luck Always
Charles F. Ernst*



G. L. Woolf

Our Principal

I extend my congratulations to the students of the Topaz High School upon the completion of '43 RAMBLINGS. As a pictorial presentation of the students and their unforgettable experiences during the first year of the school's life it will have great value. Reflected in its pages is the ability to plan well and to carry the plan through to completion. '43 RAMBLINGS is the result of faith and determination to attain something of beauty and quality even though many difficulties intervened. I am sure that joy and satisfaction have come to those who have participated in the actual preparation of the book and to all those who have supported it through contributions and good will.

Let me ask you students to look upon the creation of '43 RAMBLINGS as just one sample of the values you have gained and may still gain this year. As you face the future with its unusual problems and hazards, may you extract, from whatever experiences you may have, those elements which will strengthen and develop you. May you keep sweet and courageous. May your discontent be "the kind that works" rather than "the discontent that wrings its hands." Gordon Graham has said, "the first gets what it wants, the second loses what it has. There's no cure for the first but success; and there's no cure at all for the second."

May the '43 RAMBLINGS bring pleasant memories to you and inspire you to work, to persevere and to achieve worthwhile objectives throughout your lives.

Signed,

G. L. WOOLF



MR. GOERTZEL
Director of Placement and
Guidance



MISS GERARD
Vice-Principal



MR. TANI
Administrative Assistant

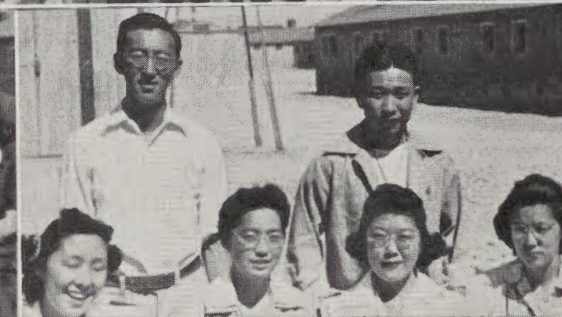
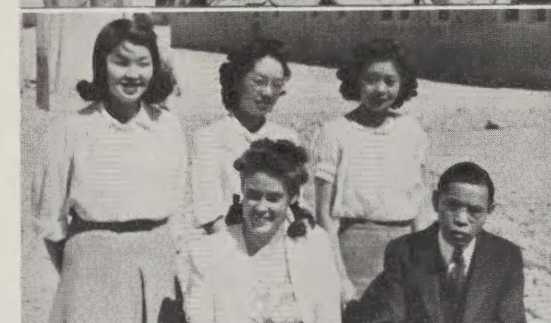
Topaz High School Faculty

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Nelson, R.
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Okawa, K.
Okubo, M.
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Yabuki, M.
Yamagata, S.
Yano, M.
Yoshida, M.



CORE INSTRUCTORS: Left to right, standing—Mr. Simmons, Mrs. Henderson, Miss Nakaso, Miss Lamb, Mrs. Black, Mrs. Deffebach, Mrs. Lisle, Mr. Cummins. Seated: Mrs. Boardman, Miss Gerard, Miss Sundquist, Mr. Harris.

LANGUAGE INSTRUCTORS: left to right, standing—Miss Sugihara, Mr. Lewis. Seated: Mrs. Deffebach, Mrs. Nail.

HOME ECONOMICS INSTRUCTORS: left to right, standing: Miss Okawa, Mrs. Goto, Miss Kataoka. Seated: Miss Winters, Mr. Kusunoki.

MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE INSTRUCTORS: left to right, back row: Mr. Johnson, Miss Watanabe, Mr. Westover, Mr. Bando, Dr. Goodman. Front row: Mr. Shinkai, Miss Hosoi, Miss Ishida, Mr. Muneno, Mr. Yoshida, Mr. Kawaguchi.

VOCATIONAL INSTRUCTORS: left to right, standing: Mr. Sakurai, Mr. Maggiora, Mr. Nishino, Mr. Roper, Mr. Yabuki, Mr. Nelson, Miss Date. Seated: Miss Fukuoka, Mr. Handa, Miss Tamura, Mr. Yamagata.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION INSTRUCTORS: left to right, standing: Mr. Isobe, Mr. Sakurai. Seated: Miss Fujii, Miss Kusumine, Miss Amemiya, Mrs. Abiko.

Yes sir!
after graduation
the one and only I see
ships will be in the base.
I wish you all the best in
the world.

your guess boy,
George S. J.

your queer boy.
George "Jax" Landa

Despite many hindering factors a successful student government was established by the tireless efforts of all the students. In doing our share, with the stress on participation in activities, we have developed leadership with which we hope to face the challenge confronting us—the challenge which can be overcome through Courageous Education.



Dear Mrs. (Father).

June 23, 1943

Dear Mrs. (Sally):

My sincerest wish for
your future happiness.

I have indeed been
a pleasant surprise, at meeting you
after so long a time. I enjoyed
your conversation and happy
reunion. I hope you
will play a part in my life. I
shall never forget this
day and your fine spirit at all.

Remain ever your friend
L. Wright

Success at all times always
to you, wherever you may be. I
hope we can meet again some time.



A. S. T. H. S. Executive Committee

The Executive Committee of the Associated Students of Topaz High School was organized after the completion of the constitution, which was ratified by the students during the latter part of the fall term.



MOSS ASHIZAWA
President

This committee was composed of President, Moss Ashizawa; Vice-President, Rhoda Nishimura; Secretary, Annabelle Uyeda; Treasurer, Juro Hayashida; Editor-in-chief, Shizu Nishino; Yell Leader, Sam Nakaso; President of the Girls' Association, Mary Matsumoto; President of the Associated Boy Students, Eichi Adachi; Senior President, George Yamamura; Junior President, Henry Hidekawa; and the Sophomore President, Peter Matsumoto.

Because they were the first Executive Committee, they had a very busy term in planning and setting standards and traditions for the school. They planned student body cards and determined the privileges entitled to their holders, and conducted an Executive

Committee meeting at an assembly to show the general procedure taken at the meetings.

The Executive Committee exercised all powers granted to the Associated Students of Topaz High School by the constitution.

The representative body of the association is the Student Representative Council. While the registry classes were in effect, the body was composed of two representatives from each registry class. The burden of the construction period of our student government was borne by this group. With the abolishment of the registry classes it was necessary to form a new representative group. This time the Core class was designated as the source. This council is an important part of the student activity clockwork.

RHODA
NISHIMURA
MARY
MATSUMOTO

JURO
HAYASHIDA
EICHI
ADACHI

ANNABELLE
UYEDA
GEORGE
YAMAMURA

SAM
NAKASO
HENRY
HIDEKAWA

SHIZU
NISHINO
PETER
MATSUMOTO



Left to right, standing: George Yamamura, Hank Hidekawa, Seiji Aizawa, Mitsuko Nakamizo, Machiko Nakamura, Mildred Starr, Yo Kishii, Kitty Yamauchi, Tick Matsuzaki, Moss Ashizawa, Koji Ozawa, Dwight Nishimura. Seated: Miye Shinoda, Michiko Nishikawa, Frances Kusumine, Sadame Hara, Sachi Kawahara Mary Matsumoto, Rhoda Nishimura, Sumako Aihara. Kneeling: Hiroshi Nakano, Noboru Kobayashi, Harry Kitano, Ryoza Kumekawa, Frank Kami, Himeo Tsumori, and Sakae Yoshida.

Student Representative Council

As a representative group the Student Representative Council ratified all executive appointments. They were responsible for the choice of a school mascot and colors. As a connecting link between the student and the executives, their responsibility is a heavy one.

The judiciary body of the Associated Students of Topaz High School is the Student Affairs Committee which is composed of five boys and five girls. It has jurisdiction over all measures ratified by the Executive Committee and the Student Representative Council.

All cases involving students are referred to this committee. Under the chairmanship of Mich Hayashida, the members were: Himeko Enomoto, Miye Shinoda, Agnes Mori, Chiyoko Matsuzaki, Sachi Kawahara, Ryoza Kumekawa, Hideo Yonenaka, James Hayashi, and Paul Tani.



Student Affairs Committee

Left to right, standing: Paul Tani, Ryoza Kumekawa, Mich Hayashida, Hideo Yonenaka. Seated: Miye Shinoda, Hime Enomoto, Sachi Kawahara, and Agnes Mori.



Left to right, standing:—Rhoda Nishimura, Mildred Starr, Frances Kusumine, Lil Miyachi, Patti Iwanaga. Seated:—Harry Kitano, Tomio Sakurai, Tick Matsuzaki, and Ken Shimomura.

Student Social Committee

With the formation of a student organization at Topaz High School, it was necessary to form a group which would act as a nucleus for all student activities. The Student Social Committee is an appointed group representing the three classes.

The Committee has been responsible for all assemblies, rallies, dances, and socials sponsored by the school. Some of the highlights of its program included the "Hello Day," the talent program that went to Fillmore, and also the "Play Day." The group has had to overcome handicaps because of the limited facilities but succeeded in providing many well enjoyed student activities.

The Rally Committee does all the utility work. These stalwart young men moved benches high and low, before and after assemblies and other gatherings. They also chose the school songs and yells.

Rally Committee



First Row: William Tomomi Sakai, Teruhisa Nakahiro, Sam Nakaso, and Andy Handa.

Second Row: John Oshima, Harry Kitano, Tomio Sakurai, George Yamashiro, and Joe Inatome.



Prelude to a rally
The Deltans entertained us
Faces
Just out of grammar school
Hidekawa attracts 'em all
We entertained the Deltans

The first graduating class of Topaz City High School completed a highly successful term, despite the difficulty of uniting a group of seniors who have come from different schools in California. The task of fusing together the divergent views and ideas which have accumulated in the minds of the students during their attendance in other schools has been accomplished through the efforts of the various senior class committees.



GEORGE YAMAMURA TAKAO MATSUZAKI
AYAKO OTA

Seniors

Before plunging into the many senior activities, the class elected George Yamamura as president, Takao Matsuzaki as vice-president, and Ayako Ota as secretary.

The first event of the class of '43 was the Senior Assembly held in Dining Hall 32 on March 5th. The highlight of the program turned out to be the comical skit on school life, which brought a great many laughs from the students. Ideas compiled by Ayako Ota, Rhoda Nishimura, Masao Ashizawa, and Paul Tani were enacted by various members of the senior class.

The Senior Jinx, held on April 2nd in Dining Hall 32, proved to be a successful social. Over 100 seniors and faculty members were present at the gay affair. Much credit should be given to Bill T. Sakai and his committee for making this event so enjoyable.

Senior boys and girls piled themselves on a truck and headed for the onion fields on May 21st. With an abundance of energy and enthusiasm, they planted rows and rows of those tear-producing bulbs.



Graduation Committee

Left to right: Seiji Aizawa, Takao Matsuzaki, Kyoko Tate, Mich Hayashida, chairman.

DANCE COMMITTEE

(Opposite Page)

Left to right: Annabelle Uyeda, Machiko Nakamura, George Yamamura, Joe Inatome, Takao Matsuzaki, Tomio Sakurai, Ayako Ota. Kneeling: Bill T. Sakai, chairman.

Aching muscles and sunburned faces were the results of their diligent work, but the seniors were well rewarded for their efforts because they had planted more onions than any other class.

May 31st was set aside as Senior Control Day. George Yamamura acted as the principal while the other seniors substituted for the teachers. Everyone agreed that it was the best day of the semester. Many thanks are due to George Hashimoto and Lebo Shiozawa who made this activity so successful.

The more important functions of the class took place during the last week of the term.

Seniors "sneaked" away to Suesi on June 20th and enjoyed a picnic, with Hiroshi Nakano in charge of transportation and entertainment, and Frances Kusumine in charge of the food.

During the second and third day of senior week, an athletic competition between the seniors and the faculty members was enjoyed by those who participated and by those who watched. Kyoko Tate and Frank Kami took care of this event.

Incidentally, Seniors were well represented on the athletic field throughout the year. Next semester, Topaz City High School's squad will be greatly weakened by the loss of such athletes as Pete Kashima, Himeo Tsumori, Tom Tomioka, Tom Nitta, Frank Kami, Vincent Momii, Tom Yoshitomi, Mas Kawaguchi, Tets Ochi, and George Yamamura.

The traditional Senior Prom is a long to be remembered social. It took place on Thursday, June 24, in Dining Hall 32.

A note of praise should be given to the Senior Social Committee which arranged the affair and designed the bids.

"We must build men to match our mountains," was the theme of the class of '43 graduation, which was held on the evening of June 25th at the high school plaza. The graduates, clad in caps and gowns, received their diplomas, signifying the completion of their high school years.

As the 1943 term comes to an end, we, the first graduating seniors of Topaz City High School, hope that the succeeding classes have just as grand a senior year as we have had.

Dance Committee





TERUKO ADACHI—"Terry," (Sequoia Union Hi) took part in the Home Econ. Club, was a "Big Sister," and hopes to become a beautician.

MICHIKO GRACE AIHARA—"Michi," (Washington Union Hi), likes to sew, play badminton, and intends to go to a business college.

SEIJI AIZAWA—"Aizawewee," (Lowell Hi), was a member of the S. R. C., Graduation Committee, Journal Staff, Science Club, and played on the "B" basketball team.



MINORU AKIYOSHI—"Minzo," (Berkeley Hi), now working part time as a surveyor, liked physics and wants to be an Aero-meteorologist.

DOROTHY ANN AOKI—"D. A.," (Roosevelt Hi), is interested in science, plays volleyball, and plans to be a dental nurse.

KIYOSHI AOYAGI—"Shy," (Burlingame Hi), participated in the Science Club, preferred physics, and hopes to be a mechanic.



STANLEY TADAO AOYAGI—"Blues," (Alameda Hi), a member of the Science Club, and Scholarship Committee, was interested in Biology, and wants to be an Entomologist.

MASAO ASHIZAWA—"Moss," (Polytechnic Hi), Student Body "Prexy," and Science Club member, will go into the field of physics.

MAY SUMIKO ASHIZAWA—"Twinkle-toes," (Girls Hi), likes to sew, was a member of the Choir and the Thespians, and intends to be a fashion designer.



FUMIKO TERESA AZUMA—"Shorty," (Commerce Hi), took part in the G. A., favored Shorthand, and wants to go to college.

ALMA GRACE BANDO—"Jitters," (San Mateo Hi), a member of the Language Club, Science Club, and a G. A. Rep., hopes to be a dentist.

NOBORU DOIOKA—"Earl," (Commerce Hi), enjoys math, plays baseball, and plans to be an agriculturist.



EDNA SHOKO DOWKE—"Edy," (Washington Union Hi), whose favorite subject is Senior Business, will enter the business field.

GRACE FUMIKO FUJIMOTO—"Commerce," (Commerce Hi), completed requirements in February and is working at the Student Relocation Office.

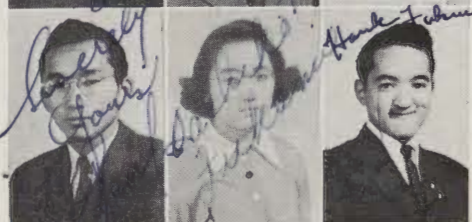
NOBU FUJIMOTO—"Wolf," (Commerce Hi), a member of the F. F. A., wants to be a salesman.



HISAKO FUJINAMI—"Hiss," (Roosevelt Hi), likes to sew, plays basketball, and hopes to be a stenographer.

SABURO FUJITA—"Sab," (Berkeley Hi), whose favorite subject is drafting, wants to go to college.

AIKO FUKADA—"Berkeley Hi), completed requirements in February and is working at the Administration Building.



PAUL FUKAMI—"Sardines," (Lowell Hi), a member of the "Our Town" cast, plans to become a doctor.

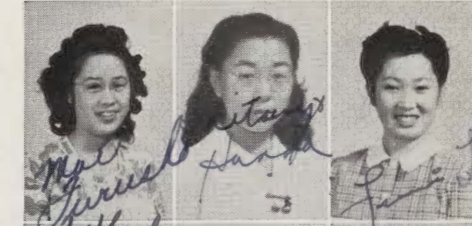
SACHIKO FUKAMI—"Gabby," (Galileo Hi), who worked as part-time timekeeper, plans to attend college.

HENRY FUKUI—"Hank," (Lowell Hi), a P. G., was chairman of the Science Club, a member of the forum, and will become a veterinarian.

MAE FURUSHO—"Fruity," (Washington Union Hi), was in the G. A., liked home economics, and wants to become a seamstress.

MITSUYO HANDA—"Tofu," (Girls Hi), was a part-time typist, liked tailoring, and wants to become a seamstress.

FUMI HANYU—"Commerce Hi), completed requirements in January, and worked as nurses' aide at the hospital.



MICHIKO HARA—"Mich," (Galileo High), was on the Ramblings Staff, vice-prexy of the G. A., was a member of the Choir, and wants to go to college.

CHICO HARAMAKI—"Chic," (Hayward Hi), liked physics, and wants to become a meteorologist.

KAZUKO HASE—"San Jose Hi), liked Spanish, and wants to be a dietician.



GEORGE KATSUMI HASHIMOTO—"Kats," (Galileo High), was a member of the S. R. C. and F. F. A., and wants to become an auto mechanic.

OKI HASHIMOTO—"Okee," (University Hi), was a member of the F. F. A., Choir, track team, and wants to go to college.

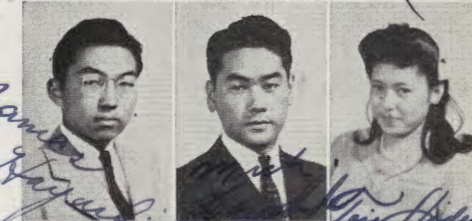
MARGARET HAYAMIZU—"Margie," (Pescadero Union Hi), was a Big Sister, and a member of the Home Economics Club, likes to sew, and is planning to be a secretary.



JAMES AKIRA HAYASHI—"Butch," (Alameda Hi), was a prominent member of the S. A. C., and prexy of the F. F. A. This chemistry fiend hopes to attend college.

MICHIHIKO HAYASHIDA—"Mich," (Berkeley Hi), was the chairman of the S. A. C., active in the Science Club and Graduation Committee, and is a future doctor.

TEIKO HIDESHIMA—"Commerce Hi), was a member of the Science Club, liked mathematics, and plans to go to college.



FUSAYE HIRONO—"Oakland Hi), completed her requirements in January, and worked as a nurses' aide at our city hospital.

MAY HONDA—"May Hon-chow," (Richmond Hi), was active in the G. A., and wants to become a laboratory technician.

SACHIKO HONDA—"Angel," (Richmond Hi), was active in the G. A., and Dramatics Club, liked sewing, and wants to become a nurse.



SUMI HONNAMI—"Monku," (Lowell Hi), was the treasurer of the G. A., liked German, and plans to go to college.

TAEKO HONNAMI—"Dumbo," (Commerce Hi), liked senior business and basketball, and wants to become a stenographer.

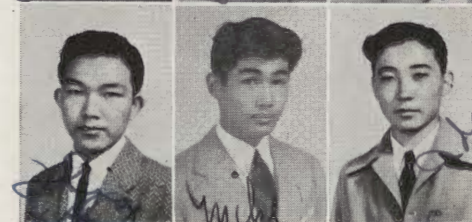
SHIGEO HORITA—"Shiggie," (Girls' Hi), liked clothing, and wants to become a nurse.



SHIGEO HOTTA—"Shig," (University Hi), rose to dramatic heights in "Our Town," liked art, and hopes to enter the business field.

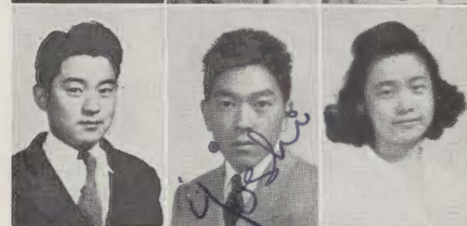
MICHAEL YOSHITAKA CHIMARU—"Mike," (Polytechnic Hi), was art editor of the Ramblings, member of the track team, and is planning to become a commercial artist.

JAMES IDA—"Ida," (Lowell Hi), was a member of the track team, liked science, and plans to enter college.





David Iino



Toshi Joe Inatome



Kaoru Inouye



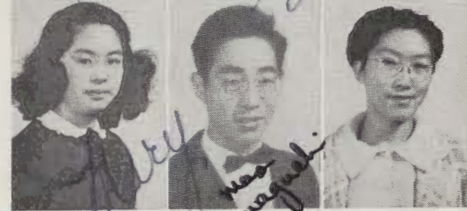
Jimmy Ishida



Yoshi Kazu Ishida



Lily Fumi Ishikawa



Miyoko Ishiyama

DAVID T. IINO—(University Hi), a Forum representative, president of the Choir, and a member of the Science Club, plans to be an engineer.

TOSH JOE INATOME—"Jose," (George Washington Hi), was an active member of the Dance and Rally Committees and hopes to become an engineer.

KAORU INOUE—"Kay," (Technical Hi), likes softball and music and wants to enter a music conservatory.

JIMMY ISHIDA—"Casanova," (Berkeley Hi), enjoys dramatics and softball and will work in the business field.

YOSHIKAZU ISHIDA—"Yosh," (Washington Union Hi), a member of the Rally Committee, the F. F. A., and a B. A. Rep., liked the subject, core.

LILY FUMI ISHIKAWA—"Ish," (Golden Gate Academy), whose favorite subject was algebra, has future plans for college.

MIYOKO ISHIYAMA—"Miyo," (Alameda Hi), was president of the G. A., Dramatics Club and is well remembered for her performance in "Our Town."

KAZUYUKI ITO—"Katie," (Berkeley Hi), played on the Senior Class A team and wants to be a carpenter.

KIYO ITO—(Alameda Hi), president of the Home Econ. Club, liked English and plans to become a teacher.

SEIJI KAIBE—"Ceejay," (Berkeley Hi), a member of the Rally Committee and a B. A. Rep., has plans for an army career.

LILLIAN KAJIWARA—"Porky," (Commerce Hi), likes to play badminton, plans to become a secretary, and her favorite subject was shorthand.

FRANK TADAHIKO KAMI—"Archie," (Berkeley Hi), was an active member of the S. R. C., the Ramblings Staff, and the Block T Society, having been on the track team. He is planning to go to college.

TAKASHI KARIYA—"Tak," (Sequoia Union Hi), whose favorite subject was physics, has ambitions of becoming a horticulturist.

PETER KASHIMA—"Pedro," (Sequoia Union Hi), a member of the F. F. A., and the Block T. Society, liked physics and plans to become a farmer.

KAZUO KATO—"Kaz," (Fremont Hi), was on the track team, a member of the Block Society, and the F. F. A., has future plans of becoming a mechanic.

MASARU GEORGE KATO—"Mas," (San Leandro Hi), was the Sports Editor on the Topazette staff, liked journalism, and hopes to become a sports writer.

MOTOICHI KATO—"Amos," (San Mateo Hi), whose favorite subject was Ag. Science, was a member of the F. F. A., and is planning to become a farmer.

LILY YURIKO KATSU—(Berkeley Hi), completed her requirements and is working at the public library.

MARY KAWAGUCHI—"Guchi," (Commerce Hi), was active in the G. A., sports, and wants to enter the business field.

MASARU KAWAGUCHI—"Errol," (George Washington Hi), was on the basketball team, a member of the Block Society and hopes to be a Civil Engineer.

KAORU CAROLINE KAWAHATA—(Girls' Hi), was a member of Future Farmers and hopes to be a stenographer.

UMEKO KAWAKAMI—"Mae," (Castlemont Hi), liked cooking and hopes to be a housewife.

JOSEPH KAWAMORITA—"Joe," (Galileo Hi), liked physics and hopes to be an auto mechanic.

MOTOKO KAWASHIMA—"Moe," (Lowell Hi), took part in the G. A. A., was on the horseshoe team, Senior Week Committee, Choir, and Forum, and hopes to be an oculist.

FRANCES TOKI KIMURA—"Frenchy," (Commerce High), was on the dance committee, liked math, and wants to go to college.

MARTHA SETSUKO KIMURA—"Shorty," (Oakland Hi), was a G. A. representative, and hopes to be a seamstress.

GRACE SHIZUKO KIMURA—"Chezy," (San Mateo Hi), took active part in the Home Economics Club, and G. A. A., and she wants to be a dress designer.

JAMES KWANICHI KIRIHARA—"Hara-kiri," (Technical Hi), liked cabinet-making and hopes to be a meteorologist.

SHIGEO KITA—"Shig," (Washington Union Hi), liked drafting and baseball, and hopes to be a machinist.

PETER GORO KITAGAWA—"Peter," (George Washington Hi), worked part-time in the Commissary and wants to major in forestry.

YUKIKO KIYOMURA—"Yuk," (Washington Union Hi), was active in softball, and liked home economics.

MARGARET IKUKO KOIDE—(Berkeley Hi), completed requirements in mid-year, and left on an indefinite leave.

MASU KOMATSU—(University Hi), took active part in the G. A. A., and softball team, worked part-time in the Agriculture office, and wants to go to a business college.

YOSHIRO KONNO—(Fremont Hi), was in the F. F. A., on the baseball team, liked shop, and plans to be a carpenter.

EIJI KUBOKAWA—"Edgar," (Lowell Hi), was a F. F. A., helped on class write-ups, and plans to be a chemical engineer.

HIDEO KUBOTA—"Hid," (Berkeley Hi), liked drafting, and wants to be a photographer. He designed the cover of this journal.

YURIKO KUMAMOTO—"Lily," (Washington Union Hi), liked Spanish and plans to be a bookkeeper.

KIYOCHI KUMEKAWA—"Tyrone," (Lowell High), carried the lead in "Our Town," was active in the Forum and Science Club, and hopes to go to college.

FUSAYE KUNISAWA—"Fusee," (Girls' Hi), with a wonderful voice, hopes to go to a music conservatory. She was a member of the Choir and Science Club.

ASAKO KUSUMI—"Clara," (Commerce Hi), was active in dramatics, liked shorthand, and plans to go to business college.

FRANCES TAEKO KUSUMINE—"Frannie," (Lowell Hi), was a member of the S. R. C., S. S. C., G. A., and wants to become a commercial artist.

JAMES SUMIO MACHIDA—"Pancho," (Washington Union Hi), did part-time work in the Commissary.



Joe Kawamori

Frances Kimura

Shigeki Kimura

Grace Kimura

James Kirihara

Shigeki Kita

Peter Kitagawa

Yuko Kiyomura

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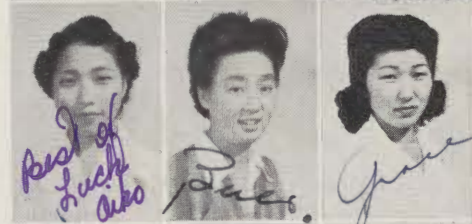
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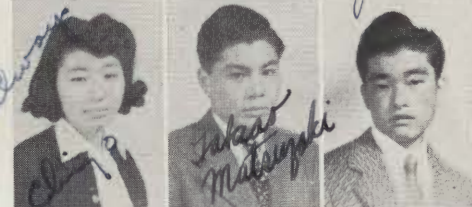
James Machida



EDITH SUMIYE MARUBAYASHI—"Edy," (San Mateo Hi), was in the Home Economics Club, likes sewing, and wants to be a beautician.
YEMIKO MARUYAMA—"Amy," (Technical Hi), took part in sports, liked physics, and wants to become a nurse.
MARY MARIKO MATSUI—"Mats," (Hayward Hi), was in the G. A., liked business training and wants to be a secretary.



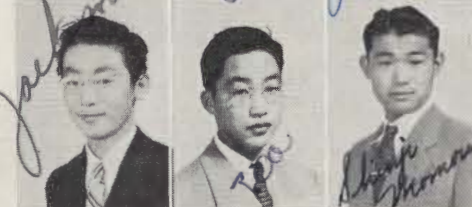
AIKO MATSUMOTO—"Ike," (Berkeley Hi), liked clothing class, and wants to become an office clerk.
MARY MARIKO MATSUMOTO—"Bubbles," (George Washington Hi), was the G. A. President, member of the S. R. C., Senior Dance Committee, Choir, and wants to be a stenographer.
GRACE TOSHIYE MATSUNO—"Tosh," (University Hi), likes badminton, and wants to be a dress designer.



CHIYOKO MATSUZAKI—"Choker," (Lowell Hi), was a member of the S. A. C., S. S. C., and G. A. Clubs, and wants to be a chemist.
TAKAO MATSUZAKI—"Tick," (Commerce Hi), was Vice-President of the Senior Class, chairman of the Graduation Committee, and wishes to be a certified public accountant.
TORAICHI MATSUZAKI—"Tora," (Hayward Hi), was a member of the F. F. A., liked algebra, and wants to be a farmer.



ELSIE MAYEDA—"Bessie," (Richmond Hi), liked math, and wants to become a doctor.
YUKI MIKAMI—(Alameda Hi), liked clothing and shorthand, and wants to go to business college.
LILLIAN KIKUKO MIYATA—"Lil," (Girls' Hi), was a member of the choir and G. A., liked sewing, and wants to be a dress designer.



JACK MIZUHARA—(Commerce Hi), completed his requirements in January, and is working for the Agriculture Department.
VINCENT TONOMO MOMII—"Toa," (Lowell Hi), was a member of the Senior Dance Committee and "A" basketball. He wants to be a dietician.
SHINJI MOMONO—"Elmer," (Technical Hi), likes math and wants to be an engineer.



AGNES TAEKE MORI—"Tae," (Technical Hi), was a member of the G. A. Council, Graduation Committee, S. A. C., Forum, and wants to be a secretary.
MIDORI MORITA—"Mid," (Technical Hi), was a member of the Choir, liked shorthand, and wants to be a secretary.
SHIZUE MORITOMO—"Shiz," (Hayward Hi), likes art and wants to be a nurses' aide.



FLORENCE KAZUYE MUNENO—"Chili," (Pescadero Union Hi), liked business training and hopes to be a nurse.
YOSHIKO NABETA—"Yo," (Richmond Hi), was a member of the G. A., liked science, and wants to go into social work.
SUSAN NAIL—(Pascal Hi in Texas), was a member of the Science and Language Clubs, and liked solid geometry.

NOBORI NAKAGAWA—"Buddy," (Technical Hi), liked cabinet-making, and hopes to be an auto mechanic.
MIDORI NAKAGAWA—(San Mateo Hi), was in the G. A., Language and Home Economics Clubs, liked sewing, and wants to become a secretary.
REY NAKAHARA—(Girls' Hi), was on the Topazette Staff, liked mathematics, and wants to become an artist.

SUMIKO NAKAHIRO—"Sumi," (Commerce Hi), was an active member of the G. A., liked algebra, and wants to become a sewing teacher.
TERUKO NAKAMIZO—"Terry," (Lowell Hi), was in the Choir, Home Economics Clubs, and on the Senior Week Committee, and is planning to become a teacher.
ICHIRO NAKAMURA—"Ich," (Washington Union Hi), liked chemistry, played basketball, and wants to be a chemical engineer.

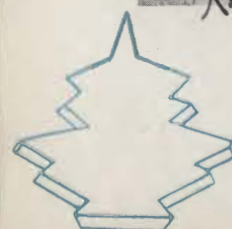
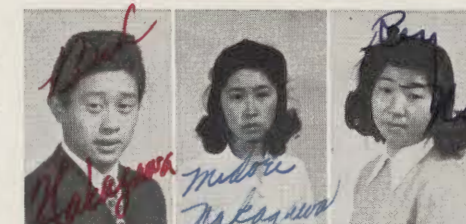
MACHIKO NAKAMURA—"Mush," (Girls' Hi), was secretary of the Choir, chairman of Senior Week, in the S. R. C., and wants to be a laboratory technician.
PATSY NAKAMURA—(Konawaena Hi in Hawaii), worked part-time on the Topaz Times, and wants to continue education in the home economics field.
HIROSHI JAMES NAKANO—"Jim," (Sequoia Union Hi), was president of Science Club I, liked mathematics, and is planning to be a horticulturist.

MARJORIE HATSUKO NARIKAWA—"Marge," (Hilo Hi in Hawaii), liked sewing and wants to become a beautician.
WILLIAM NARUO—"Naru-hodo," (Hayward Hi), liked drafting, and his ambition is to become a mechanic.
ATSUJI NISHIKI—"Tuji," (San Mateo Hi), was in the Future Farmers of America, and wants to become a carpenter.

JANET SAKIYE NISHIKI—"Jeannie," (San Mateo Hi), liked biology, and wants to become a dietician.
MARION YUKIE NISHIMURA—"Yuki," (Roosevelt Hi), was in the Choir, and the F. F. A., liked core, and chooses the business field.
RHODA AKIKO NISHIMURA—"Squirrel," (Berkeley Hi), a future doctor, vice-prexy of the Student Body, chairman of S. R. C. and S. S. C., and a member of the choir and science clubs.

SHIZU NISHINO—"Queenie," (Oakland Hi), was editor-in-chief of the Topazette, president of the Language Club, on the Forum Committee, and wants to go to college.
YUKI NISHIMURA—(Girls' Hi), worked part-time as timekeeper, was in the Home Economics Club, and is planning to be a secretary.
MARY YOSHIKO NISHIOKA—"Yosh," (McClymonds Hi), was in the Dramatics Club, was a Big Sister, liked shorthand, and plans to become a secretary.

THOMAS NITTA—"Tom," (Washington Union Hi), was vice-prexy of the B. A., earned a Block "T" for basketball, was on the track team, and wants to be a chemist.
KEN NOBE—(Berkeley Hi), liked mathematics, played softball like a pro., and is planning to attend college.
EMI OBATA—(Hayward Hi), was active in the G. A., and the Home Economics Club, and her ambition is to become a fashion designer.





HENRY OBAYASHI—"Obie," (George Washington Hi), was part-time movie technician, and liked science.

TETSUO OCHI—"Clown," (Lowell Hi), was on the "Topazette" and "Ramblings" Staffs, member of the basketball "A's," and Block T Society, besides being the track team manager. Plans to go to college.

MARY KIYOKO OGAWA—"Kix," (Commerce Hi), was an active member of the G. A., liked core and plans to become a stenographer.



MARYON TAMIKO OISHI—"Yum-Yum," (Roosevelt Hi), was the spark-plug in the Ramblings Staff, also active member of the G. A. and plans to become a secretary.

DOROTHY NOBUKO OKADA (Girls' Hi), worked in the Administration Building. Completed graduation requirements in January.

MICHIKO LILLIAN OKAMOTO—(Lowell Hi), was the chairman of the Forum, participated in "Our Town," and hopes to become a dermatologist.



GEORGE OKU—(Washington Union Hi), was a part-time worker in the Industrial Arts Department, liked bookkeeping, and plans to become an accountant.

TEIZO OKUDA—"Koodie," (Galileo Hi), was a member of the F. F. A., and liked Agriculture Science, and plans to enter forestry service.

FUJIKO OKUNO—"Fudge," (Sequoia Union Hi), hopes to become a public health nurse.



OKIKO ONISH—(Los Gatos Hi via Poston), is looking forward to the day when she will become Dr. Onishi.

HAYATO ORIKUCHI—"Otto," (Lowell Hi), was a member of the F. F. A., and liked his science class. He plans to travel.

MOSES OSHIMA—"Molasses," (Technical Hi), enjoyed his core classes the most, and plans to enter a trade school.



WILLIAM SUSUMU OSHIMA—"Bee-Ooo," (Technical Hi), was a member of the Choir, Forum, Write-ups editor, and hopes to become a commercial photographer.

AYAKO OTA—"Icky," (Berkeley Hi), was on the "Topazette" and "Ramblings" Staffs, also secretary-treasurer of the Senior Class, and on the Senior Dance Committee. Plans to enter college.

SACHIYE OTSUKA—(Technical Hi), liked her home economics class the most, and plans to become a dressmaker.



EOME OTSUKI—(Hayward Hi), was an active member of the G. A., Dramatic Club, and liked speech. She plans to attend a college.

KATSUMI OZAKI—"Kats," (Galileo Hi), was a part-time worker as electrician and plans to be a cinema photographer.

SHIZUO OZAKI—"Hank," (Galileo Hi), was part-time worker in warehouse, liked mathematics and plans to study "Diesel Engines."



WILLIAM TOMOMI SAKAI—"Bill-Tee," (Lowell Hi), was chairman of the Senior Dance Committee, member of the Science Club and Rally Committee. Plans to go to college.

YOSHIHARA SAKAUYE—(Washington Union Hi), his favorite subject was science, and he plans to be a machinist.

TOMIO SAKURAI—"Tee-Sak," (Lowell Hi), was a member of the Senior Dance and Student Social Committees, played for the Senior Basketball "Bees," and wants to become a landscape gardener.

MINORU SASAKI—"Minnow," (Roosevelt Hi), played softball, liked to loaf, and plans to be an actor.

TAKETOSHI SASAMOTO—"Tak," (Technical Hi), liked mathematics, played basketball, and plans to be a radio-electrician.

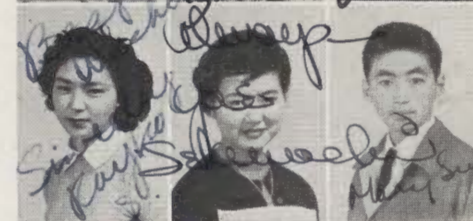
YORK SATO—(Galileo Hi), was a Forum representative, and worked part-time in the Carrier Service.



RAYKO SEKIGUCHI—"Rae," (Emeryville Hi), liked baseball and shorthand, and will work in the business field.

YAEKO SEKIMACHI—"Yae," (Polytechnic Hi), worked on the "Topazette," liked music, and plans to be a fashion designer.

VINCENT SHIGENORI SHIJO—"Vince," (Commerce Hi), was a Forum Representative, and is planning to go into the business field.



KENICHI SHIMOMURA—"Jake," (Lowell Hi), was the editor-in-chief of the "Ramblings," a Forum Representative, in the S. S. C., liked physics, and is planning to be an engineer.

MASAKO SHIMOTORI—"Mas," (Technical Hi), like home economics, and plans to be a Public Health Nurse.

HENRY KATSUAKI SHIN "Hank," (San Mateo Hi), liked art, and plans to be a commercial artist. He was on the art staff for the "Ramblings."



MIYE SHINODA—(Berkeley Hi), served on the S. R. C. and S. A. C., liked algebra, and plans to further her education.

LEBO RITSUYE SHIOZAWA—(McClymonds Hi), was a member of the S. R. C., F. F. A., and Science Club, Chairman of the Senior Control Day, and hopes to be an ag. chemist.

KUNIKO SUMI—"Kuni," (George Washington Hi), was active in the G. A., was on the tennis team, liked business training, and plans to go into the business field.



TSUTOMU SUMIMOTO—"Tut," (Technical Hi), was active on the Senior Basketball "Bees," liked cabinet-making, and wants to go to trade school.

MARY SUTOW—"Tina," (Pescadero Union Hi), was a G. A. representative and in the Dramatic Club, and hopes to become a fashion designer.

MASA SUYEMOTO—(Berkeley Hi), was in the Language Club, liked chemistry, and sets college as her goal.



KIYOKO SUYEYASU—"Kiyo," (San Leandro Hi), liked shorthand, which she applied well as a part-time secretary, and her desire is to become a stenographer.

MIYOKO SUZAWA—"Miyo," (Alameda Hi), liked art, worked part-time as a typist, and hopes to become a secretary.

CHIYOKO SUZUKI—"Sue," (Star of the Sea Academy in S. F.), liked shorthand, and plans to go to business college.



FLORENCE YOKO SUZUKI—"Flo," (Lowell Hi), liked math, was an active member of the G. A., and plans college as her goal.

TOSHIKO SUZUKI—"Toshi," (Girls' Hi), was secretary of the F. F. A., took part in "Our Town," liked math, and hopes to become a "housewife."

KAZUO TAKAHASHI—"Kaz," (Commerce Hi), worked part-time as a movie technician, and plans to attend college.





MIDORI TAKAHASHI—(Hayward Hi), participated in badminton, liked biology, and plans to become a cook.
 KENICHI TAKAKI—"Kenchan," (Commerce Hi), played baseball, liked math and would like to attain the title of certified public accountant.
 YONEKO TAKATA—"Yone," (Technical Hi), was in the Dramatics Club, liked sewing and badminton, and is planning to become a beautician.



KIYOSHI FRANK TAKEUCHI—"Kibo," (Technical Hi), was a B. A. representative, and will enter college after graduation.
 MIYEKO TAKITA—(Commerce Hi), was a member of the Choir and Home Economics Club, liked music, and wants to become a librarian.
 MASAMICHI TAN—"Maggie," (Galileo Hi), likes to play baseball, and plans to become an auto mechanic.



HISAKO TANAKA—"Hisa," (Berkeley Hi), was a member of the G. A., liked art, and her ambition is to become an illustrator.
 MIYOKO TANAKA—"Miyo," (Sequoia Union Hi), was a baseball fan, liked business training, and would like to become a secretary.
 PAUL Y. TANI—(Lowell Hi), was an active member of the Choir, S. A. C., track team and was Technical Editor of the Ramblings Staff, and plans to attend college.



KYOKO TATE—"Kiydtate," (Washington Union Hi), was a G. A. representative and a member of the Graduation Committee, and wants to attend college.
 KAY TATSUGUCHI—(San Mateo Hi), completed her graduation requirements in January and is working as a nurse's aide at the hospital.
 HAGIKO TERAMOTO—"Haggie," (Lowell Hi), liked science and plans to attend college.



ERNESTINA TERANISHI—"Ernie," (Lowell Hi), was a member of the Choir and Big Sisters' Club, liked chemistry and was known for her talent on the violin.
 TSUTAKO TOBA—"Tuba," (Lowell Hi), was in the Choir and Science Club, liked music, and wants to attend college.
 IKUKO TODA—"Coo-Coo," (Washington Union Hi), was a baseball enthusiast, liked sewing, and plans to become a beautician.



JAMES YUKIO TODA—"Jimmy," (Washington Union Hi), was a member of the F. F. A., liked mechanical drawing, and plans to go to college.
 NANCY TOJI—(Technical Hi), liked core, and has an ambition of becoming a costume designer.
 TOM TOMIOKA—(George Washington Hi), was a B. A. representative, a member of the Block T Society, won his letter in basketball A's, and was track manager.



GEORGE H. TSUDA—"Tut," (Lowell Hi), liked mathematics and plans to become a civil engineer.
 HIMEO TSUMORI—"Himo," (Polytechnic Hi), was a member of the Block T Society, S. R. C., fastest man on the track team, and is preparing to become an architect.
 YAEKO TSUMURA—"Yae," (Technical Hi), liked music, but plans to become a beautician.



CHIYEKO TSUNO—(Washington Union Hi), likes sewing and wants to become a beautician.
 ANNABELLE MITSUYE UYEDA—"Annie," (Technical Hi), was secretary of the Student Body, member of the Dance Committee and G. A., and wants to enter the professional field.
 TETSURO UYEHARA—"Tets," (University Hi), was art editor of the Topazette, liked core, and wants to be an engineer.



HISASHI WATANABE—"Wat," (Berkeley Hi), was a B. A. representative, liked basketball, and wants to be a first class chef.
 MICHIO YAMADA—"Mickey," (San Mateo Hi), was a member of the G. A., liked home economics and wants to be a fashion designer.
 ETSUKO YAMAMOTO—"Ets," (Technical Hi), liked sewing, basketball, and wants to attend business college.



GEORGE K. YAMAMURA—"Yami," (Commerce Hi), was Senior Class President, a member of the Block T Society and "A" basketball, and wants to be a photographer.
 MARIKO YAMASAKI—"Mari," (Lowell Hi), was a member of the G. A., liked German, and wants to be a pharmacist.
 GEORGE TOMOMASA YAMASHIRO—"Yam," (Berkeley Hi), liked cabinet-making, and wants to attend college.



MIYEKO YANAGI—"Mike," (Hayward Union Hi), likes industrial arts and wants to become a librarian.
 MOTOICHI YANAGI—"Mutt," (Roosevelt Hi), was president of the Science Club, liked math and science, and wants to be an engineer.
 SATOSHI YONEKURA—"Sat," (Hayward Hi), likes to play softball and wants to be a master mechanic.



SADAKO FLORENCE YOSHIDA—"Sadie," (Girls' Hi), liked dramatics and art, and wants to be an artist.
 HIDEO YOSHIDA—"Killer," (Castlemont Hi), liked cabinet-making and wants to become a mechanic.
 MAKO YOSHIDA—(Alameda Hi), liked drafting and wants to become a draftsman.



TAMA YOSHIMURA—"Tamago," (Richmond Hi), was a member of the Ramblings and Topazette Staffs, G. A. A. track team, liked French and wants to attend college.
 GEORGE YOSHIOKA—(Commerce Hi), was on the Topazette Staff and has volunteered in the U. S. Army.
 TOMMIE YOSHITOMI—"Yosh," (Commerce Hi), was a member of the Dance and Rally Committee, the Block T. Society, and hopes to become the ideal husband.

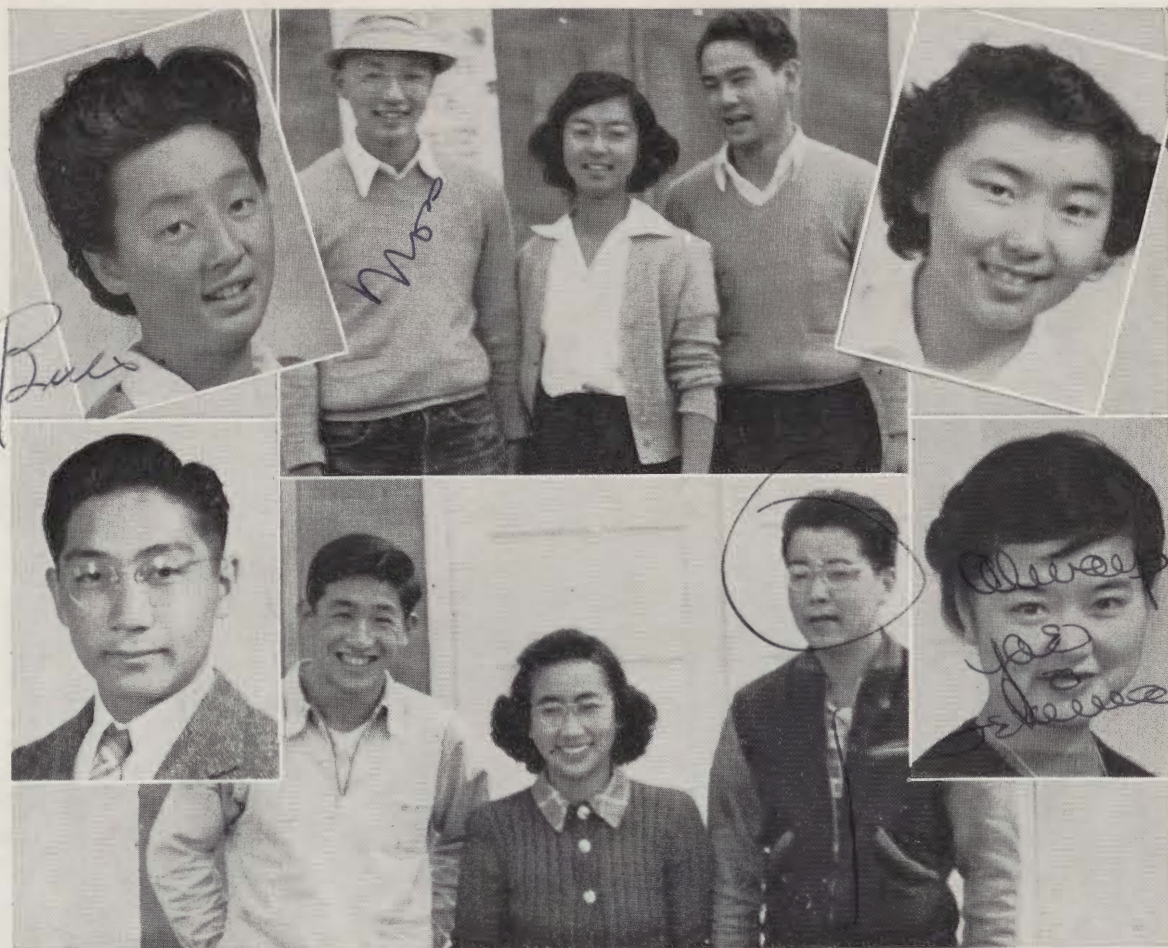


MISAO YOSHIURA—"Minnie," (Oakland Hi), likes Industrial Arts and is planning to become a stenographer.
 HARUYE YOSHIWARA—"Harriet," (Fremont Hi), plays basketball, likes German, and wants to attend college.



Seniors graduating, but without pictures:—SATA HIDESHIMA, TAKESHI IMACHI, RUTH AKIKO ISEYAMA, KENNETH IYEKI, YUTAKA KAGAMI, WALTON MASASHI MORITA, TAKETOSHI SHIMAMURA, KIMIKO MARIAN TAKEUCHI, AND GEORGE YANO.





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So Proudly We Hail!

Most popular boy . . . George Yamamura
Most popular girl . . . Annabelle Uyeda
Most all-around boy . . . Frank Kami
Most all-around girl . . . Mary Matsumoto
The outstanding athlete . . . Himeo Tsumori
Sweetest of the sweeter girls . . . Ayako Ota
Most likely to succeed . . . Michihiko Hayashida
Cutest of the cuter girls . . . Yaeko Sekimachi
Brainiest of the brainier boys . . . Moss Ashizawa
Brainiest of the brainier girls . . . Rhoda Nishimura.

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Sophomores.
Give 'em the axe.
Adachi seems mad—Tsumori seems sad.
No brakes?
Want a rubdown?
Everybody talks, nobody listens.



BETTY NAKSO . . . HENRY HIDEKAWA . . . LIL MIYACHI

Juniors

From October to June, a period which sometimes seems very short in normal years, how much has happened to us Juniors—and how much we have been able to do within the mile-square of our city. Neither the shortness of time spent in Topaz nor the limitations of our environment have prevented us from achievement and enjoyment. If in doubt, read on!

The assemblies, held weekly on Friday mornings, were some of the high-lights of school. Gifted students displayed their talents freely, entertaining the whole school. One of the assemblies sponsored exclusively by the Juniors was fairly successful in the hands of Henry Hidekawa, president of the junior class as master of ceremonies, ably assisted by Lillian Miyachi, vice-president, and Betty Nakaso, secretary.

It was a bleak, blustery morning when we were honored to have Miss Margaret Bondfield, formerly of the British House of Commons, speak to our class. We can still hear her words of encouragement as she inspired us to become finer persons and greater Americans in spite of the abnormal conditions under which we live. When we were informed of the hardships being endured in England, it made us feel very small to think of our petty complaints.

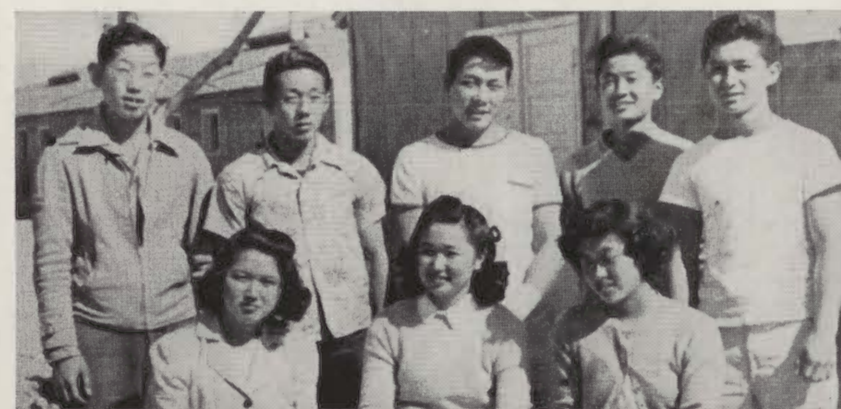
At last the much anticipated Play Day arrived. At first we were a "sad case," for we actually lost the tug-of-war against the sophomores.

But were we discouraged? No! We juniors are never discouraged. Therefore with our heart and soul all united in one, we faced the oncoming events. Slowly but surely we began to win a few contests, improving each time until we walked away with the Play Day contest.

Plans, ideas, dreams, hard work, requisitions, shopping trips to Delta, disappointments—what did we not put into making our Junior Prom a success under the capable leadership of Lillian Miyachi! Finally deciding on "Hawaii" as our theme, we commenced to use all our leisure time to making colorful leis and simple but smart looking bids. We were proud of our decorations; we really felt as if we were in the magic land of Hawaii—Oh, how beautiful it was! At last the evening of our prom arrived—a beautiful night with a full moon. Everyone that attended the prom agreed that it was one of the best socials ever held in Topaz. My, but we were happy over its success, for the success or failure of it meant so much to us.

To celebrate the success of Junior Prom we had a party which we appropriately called the Junior Jubilee. The boys were in charge of this affair and they planned to surprise the girls but rumors leaked out. The girls heard that it was going to

Junior Prom Committee



Left to right, standing: Koji Ozawa, Hideo Yonenaka, Yoshio Takakuwa, Noboru Kobayashi, Eichi Adachi. Seated: Rose Adachi, Lil Miyachi, chairman, Aki Yamauchi.



be a swell affair with lots and lots of food—yum, yum! Well, the boys did not disappoint them.

A day at the Project Farm, instead of a day in our regular classes—what an experience that was! Maybe some of us thought it would be just a lark and were thrilled not to have algebra and history and such, but tired muscles and sun-burned faces, for days afterward, made us appreciate the labor of those who grow food for us.

What a joy it was to discover, when we received the "Topazette" one windy afternoon, that our class had the most students represented on the honor roll.



As we look back at our last months of school days we recall a few of our fellow classmates who have already relocated themselves with their families and we also know of several who will be leaving before our fall semester commences. But most of us will be back for our senior year before relocating ourselves.

Juniors





PETER MATSUMOTO

MILDRED STARR

JUNJI DOAMI

Sophomores

This sophomore class of the Topaz High School has made itself distinctive by a constant show of enthusiasm and activity.

During the election at the beginning of the year, the sophomore class selected as their class officers Peter Matsumoto, President; Mildred Starr, Vice-President; Junji Doami, Secretary. As we look back upon our successful school term, we find that our leaders have not only fulfilled our expectations, but exceeded them.

We first aroused interest by vigorously opposing the constitution on the grounds of unequal representation. After a great deal of question and deliberation, the sophomores emerged victorious.

In most high schools the Executive Committee is composed of upper classmen, but the sophomore class proudly claims as members of the Executive Council, Juro Hayashida, Treasurer, Sam Nakaso, Yell Leader, and Peter Matsumoto, the Sophomore Class President.

Under the untiring efforts of our president, Peter Matsumoto, the sophomore class held a class social on March 5th, which was a tremendous success. Much credit goes to the members of the Dance Committee, whose earnest cooperation largely contributed to the success of the affair.

Then, to welcome the arrival of spring, the sophomore class sponsored a school-wide "Spring Session" which was enjoyed by all.

In addition to being socially active, the members of the sophomore class also shone brilliantly on the athletic field. Fresh from a victory over the Hinckley sophs, our A's went on to humble the faculty and the mighty seniors, only to be defeated by the juniors which meant the loss of the intra-mural basketball league championship.

Although our B's did not fare as well, they displayed fine sportsmanship and fighting spirit at all times. Dwight Nishimura, Kiyoshi Kusunoki, Thomas Masuda, Junji Doami, Mas Nagamoto, Kiyoshi Ogo, Yoshikazu Koizumi, Sam Nakaso, Peter Matsumoto, and Juro Hayashida showed much promise as the future backbone of our teams.

A sophomore is certainly a paragon of well-roundedness, for he is also strongly scholastically inclined, and has ascended lofty heights through diligent study.

Upon welcoming the month of April, sophomores donned jeans and pajama shirts, and eliminated stockings from their wearing apparel. Throughout the day, girls were tossing back pinless hair, while boys tugged at their uncontrollable hair because of the absence of pomade. While the sophomores cooperated wholeheartedly upon this day at the request of the Executive Council, apathetic juniors and seniors refused to comply with the wishes of their respective presidents.

The sophomore Forum Committee, under the leadership of Ryoza Kumekawa, staged one of the most interesting sessions of the year. Using sophomores, specifically Sachi Kawahara and Dwight Nishimura, the speaking quintet was well rounded by very capable guest speakers.

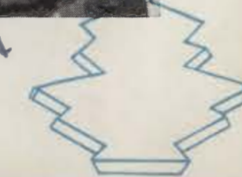
When the sophomores were called upon to contribute their share of work toward the vast onion-planting program, they responded willingly and enthusiastically. In the amount of work done the sophomores were surpassed only by the seniors.



Left to right standing: Mari Shinoda, Mary Iwaki, Sachi Kawahara, Hiroko Yoshimine, Mildred Starr, Sadame Hara. Seated: Dwight Nishimura, Ryoza Kumekawa, Mas Sumimoto.



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Although for the next few days, the sophomores remembered painfully in their joints the planting of the onion bulbs which were very irritant to the olfactory organs, they enjoyed the work immensely.

Finally, the “wise fools” (Greek: *sophos moros*), participated gamely in the Play Day and contributed to the success of the event.

Sophomores



A class with such an inexhaustible supply of unequalled spirit will certainly go far during the remainder of the two years of high school ahead of them. As in the past, they will continue to give freely of their service, and because of invaluable experiences gained here, shall be better Americans of tomorrow.

Sophomores



Dear Times:--
 It's been swell knowing
 you with lot of pep
 and glee. I remember those
 days when you felt so good, but
 so excited and you were ahead
 come to think of it. The good old
 best now you have a lot of luck
 I wish you a "Success" always.
 Don't forget the days we talked.
 Remember! *Hum*
 block.

At last we have come to the end of our first event-
 ful term in the Topaz Junior High School.

From the mere basic facilities which confronted
 us early in November, 1942, the students of Topaz have
 built a creditable school. Here the democratic princi-
 ples and ideals for which we are fighting have been
 founded and cannot be obliterated.

Our student government has given us a laudable
 administration with the guidance of our ever patient
 and understanding teachers. Within Topaz is the school
 spirit which is so necessary for its success. We must feel
 it our responsibility to maintain the high standards
 which we have developed in this school.





SHIN TANAKA
President

Junior High Executive Council

As the first year of our Student Government comes to a successful close under the very able direction of President Shin Tanaka, we wish to extend our appreciation on behalf of the Topaz Junior High School.

Junior high socials are accredited to the vice-president, Grace Manabe. Due to her capable direction, we have had profitable socials.

Keeping the minutes of the Executive Board in order was the efficient Keiko Kato.

Takeshi Eshima has ably carried the office of Historian, keeping a record of all the happenings of our junior high.

Under the active leadership of Girls' Association President Keiko Yoshiura and Boys' Association President Masaru Minemoto, we had a very full season of outdoor sports.

Yell Leader George Kobayashi is given credit for the yells that raised the school's spirit.

Asaye Ashizawa, one of our most versatile students, has done a wonderful job as Junior High Editor-In-Chief.

We wish to thank all the members of the Executive Board who gave their time and efforts for the betterment of our school.



GRACE MANABE KEIKO KATO TAKESHI ESHIMA KEIKO YOSHIURA
MASARU MINEMOTO GEORGE KOBAYASHI ASAYE ASHIZAWA

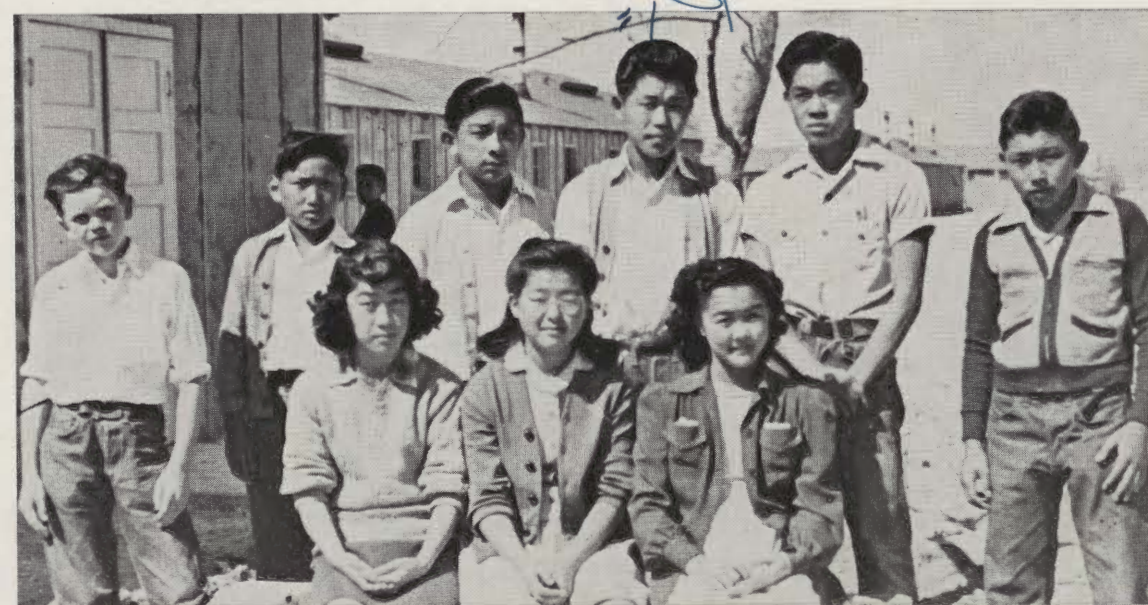


Mr. Thomas Cummins has been our patient and willing adviser. Last, but not least, we wish to thank Mr. Cummins for his help and guidance to all of us.

The Junior High Student Representative Council has represented the students in the Executive Board meetings, reporting back to their core classes necessary information concerning the function and activities of our student government. We thank them for keeping us in touch with current affairs pertaining to all the students of the Topaz Junior High School.

Inspiring us, the class officers have truly instilled in each individual an interest for the well being of his class. Our conscientious class presidents have presided over the class meetings, every third Friday, very capably. For their inspiration, we give our thanks.

Grade Officers



Left to right, standing: Reed Adams, Shig Morita, Sakae Horita, Joe Morita, Chester Kaku, Ken Yamanaka. Left to right, seated: Yaeko Kami, Etsuko Doiguchi, Yayoi Sakaguchi.

