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DEDICATION



To the lads that were called to arms
 To take part in the national defense,
 Who answered Uncle Sam's sound alarms
 "Be prepared! There shall be freedom
 hence!"

We dedicate this year's Bussei Guide.
 With the knowledge that we're together
 Fighting and sacrificing side by side.
 That we may have freedom and liberty
 forever!

—Bussei Guide Staff.

Pledge of Allegiance

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, One Nation indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all.

Draftees

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George Suyeto Hirakawa
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In memories, our hearts repining,
 Our heads on our hands reclining,
 Shall salt tears ever shining,
 On pale cheeks flow for thee.
 With gloom which is prevading,
 Deepest anguish are revealing,
 From the holy fount of feeling,
 For thy loss, no ransom can be.

As an egg when broken, never
 Can be mended, but must ever
 Remain the same crushed egg for ever.
 So our hearts shall always pine
 While thy pale forms keep fading.
 From mortal eyes, dark wings shading,
 O'er a sleep from which no waking,
 For the sleep which now is thine.

—Sachiko Higashi.

Northern California District Cabinet

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Resolutions Adopted by the Northern California District
Young Buddhist Association

N. C. DISTRICT
CONVENTION

SACRAMENTO, CALIF.
November 2-3

—I—

Whereas, we as Nisei citizens of the Northern California District Y.B.A., fully realizing the civic needs of the Japanese Americans, and

Whereas, we are aware of the activities of the J.A.C.L. and its spirited work for the benefit of the Nisei, and

Whereas, the J.A.C.L. movement is vital to us, therefore be it hereby resolved:

That we, the members of the Northern California District Y.B.A., extend our sincere cooperation in the furtherance of our common cause.

—II—

Whereas, realizing the insufficiency of the religious activities among the individual chapters, and

Whereas, these activities depend upon the fullest cooperation of the members, be it hereby resolved:

That the Northern California District Y.B.A. chapters shall inaugurate and promote religious activities for the interest and benefit of all the members and encourage the unfailing and enthusiastic cooperation of all the members in the matter of attendance.

MESSAGES



"Suit the action to the word,
The word to the action,
With his special observance,
That you o'erstep not the modesty of nature."

—Shakespeare

Northern California District

Fellow Bussei:

We Americans who have chosen Buddhism for our religion have a just cause to be proud of our choice. For, Buddhism is a democratic religion, adaptable to a democratic country. It teaches us to reach the highest perfection that each of us are capable of conceiving. Our goal is to reach this perfection that Lord Buddha reached while here on earth.

And thus, it helps us to become better citizens of this, our country—the United States of America.

Though there are some 20,000 Caucasian American Buddhist followers, the general public accepts Buddhism to be the religion of the Orient. And because of this, we may be looked upon with suspicion—particularly during these trying times of international friction.

We Busseis are Americans through and through. We have been brought up the American way and believe in her ideals and trust in her future. We accept nothing short of true Americanism!

Being a Buddhist, is being good Americans for Buddhism teaches us to become better beings . . . thus better Americans. We have a responsibility of being worthy of this name and make Buddhism live to be an asset to the Stars and Stripes.

We, who are becoming of age must hew the way for others to follow. Let us then lead the way! We are organized to further this cause. Let us face this responsibility and accept it as an individual duty . . . Duty of being better Americans in a greater America.

By deed and action, we can prove ourselves worthy—eliminating all suspicions and doubt. United we stand! . . . Divided we fall! Let us take the logical choice. . . . Buddhism teaches us the way from suffering through love of peace.

With Gassho,

NOBORU HONDA, *President.*

We, who place our faith in Mahayana Buddhism, are taught that there must be the practice of 'mutual benefit' in our daily lives. 'Mutual benefit' means that a never ending endeavor on the part of the individual towards perfection must be our aim on one hand and on the other that there must be an ever present desire in creating happiness for the sake of others: and, this is comparable to a pair of wheels and to the wings of a bird in full flight. The path of the Bodhisattva in Mahayana Buddhism is in the whole-hearted practice of 'mutual benefit.'

It is those whose aims are in just personal gains alone, they who believe in egoism, who are called 'shomon' and are looked upon as inferiors, persons to be scorned by true followers of the Path. You, Americans of Japanese parentage, who are citizens of these United States of America and believers in Buddhism, your path of the Bodhisattva of Mahayana Buddhism lies in implicit and absolute allegiance and the practice of loyalty to the Stars and Stripes under which you enjoy your livelihood. Therein must lie your honor as an American citizen and pride as young Buddhists.

With Gassho,

BISHOP R. MATSUKAGE,
Buddhist Mission of North America.

I feel it is my honor and a pleasure to be able to send my best wishes in behalf of the Young Buddhist Federation of North America.

I have been following the progress of your district for the past few years and I have noticed very readily that your region's Bussei activities are very well diversified. Also, I wish to pay tribute to your outstanding leader and a great personality, Mr. Noboru Honda of Marysville. I sincerely believe that Mr. Honda is a true Bussei leader of matchless caliber. I have had the pleasure of meeting and listening to him several times and at every occasion I was impressed by his broad outlook on the future of Buddhism in America.

Many people have expressed the opinion that American Buddhism may be short-lived in this western hemisphere, where oriental outlook on human life is not very well adapted. However, I do not agree with such a view. We must be more patient with the progress of our religion which must be given enough time to prove that it can flourish on this occidental soil. Perhaps it may take several generations before a true American Buddhism can be developed. We may not be able to see the days when Buddhism will be Americanized to the extent that occidentals will readily accept it as their own religion, but I am optimistic enough to believe that some day Buddhism will be an integral part of the American civilization.

I sincerely hope that the Northern California District members will continue to lead the way towards better understanding of our religion and the Americanization of Buddhism.

Trusting that your Bussei Guide will mark another milestone in the progress of Buddhism in this land of religious freedom, I remain,

With Gassho,

MANABU FUKUDA,
President,
Y.B.A. Federation of North America.

We are living in the midst of a world today fraught with international chaos, national tragedies of untold hardships and suffering in many parts of the world.

A short time ago here in Western America's California, seemingly safe from Europe's quarrels, we carried on our peaceful daily living as usual. But now we are confronted with national issues of the first importance: national security, national defense, national unity.

That calls for patriotic action, civic responsibilities.

Patriotic action? From our ranks a veritable army has answered the nation's clarion call to the colors, selectives as well as volunteers.

Civic responsibilities? Those of us who are keeping the home fires burning are doing our share in the various defense projects, in defense contributions, in defense purchases.

As young Americans of the Buddhist faith we must do more, in these troublous times, than to merely assert our duty to the United States through patriotic action and civic responsibilities. We must instill the spirit of democracy to all the others about us, irrespective of creed or color.

Then we are not only good Americans but good Buddhists as well—and citizens of the world.

With Gassho,

CARL K. SATO,
C.Y.B.L. President.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE N.C.Y.B.A.:

Your inspired dedication of this issue of your literary magazine to your fellow Bussei members, as well as other Japanese Americans, who are now in the Selective Service of the United States, is a more eloquent testimony of your faith and gratitude to these fine youths, who are daily winning for us and our posterity the reputation of being exemplary Americans, than anything which I can say or pen. The medium of words, even in the hands of the great masters, cannot adequately express the depths of human emotions and feelings, and so, we cannot adequately convey our appreciation to these lads who gave up their daily tasks to answer the call of their country. All we can say is: Thank you, my fellow Americans, for your many sacrifices and your outstanding record as representatives of us whose loyalty and allegiance was questioned. Because of you and your example, we are able to walk the streets with pride and dignity, knowing that through you the public at large is beginning to accept us as good Americans.

It has often been inferred, or said, especially since the international situation became more tense, that one had to be a Christian to be a good American. Nothing could be farther from the truth. Religion, race, or background has nothing to do with Americanism. Jew or Gentile, Christian or Buddhist—all can be good Americans if they but practice the true teachings of their respective faiths. What counts in the real America isn't the religion of the man so much as it is the man himself and what he stands for. Only the individual himself can make himself a good citizen or a fifth column suspect. Be a good Buddhist—a better than average Buddhist—and you'll be a good American!

But, you can be a better American if you compliment or supplement your religious activities with civic and/or other programs. And in this connection, may I take this opportunity to invite you to consider the Japanese American Citizens League, a non-sectarian organization, which is now striving to protect the principles of religious freedom, as well as the other freedoms which have made this nation so outstanding, from vicious and unwarranted attacks. To help keep the rights and privileges of citizenship for all of the Japanese, both Christian and Buddhist, is the task of the League which solicits your membership in their two-fold campaign "For Better Americans in a Greater America" and for "Security Through Unity."

MIKE MASAOKA,

Japanese American Citizens League,
National Secretary and Field Executive.

Message

The Woodland Y.B.A. would like to take this opportunity to thank the various Y.B.A. chapters and N.C. leaders for their cooperation and assistance to our club.

As is probably understood the Woodland Y.B.A. is a newly reorganized club.

The response to our request for assistance was both generous and welcome.

As the saying goes, "The chain is as strong as its weakest link." We are happy to say we are progressing in forging a strong link with the other Bussei chapters in spreading the faith and word of our Lord Buddha.

With Gassho,

WOODLAND Y.B.A.

It is with great pleasure and honor, that I, in behalf of the Bay District Young Buddhist Association extend felicitations upon the publication of the "Bussei Guide."

In regards to the future of Buddhism in America, I place my confidence and faith in the young Buddhists to carry on and to establish a sound religious foundation. However, optimistic as I am, I am bothered by one disturbing thought. That Disturbing thought is the lack of Bussei attendance at church services. I am sure that all Bussei leaders deplore the existence of such a situation. Until the Bussei makes a sincere effort to understand the principles of Buddhism, understand it to the extent that they put their implicit faith in Buddhism, attendance of Bussei at church services will continue to be disappointing.

Fellow Busseis, let us put our faith in Buddha, so that through unshaken faith and belief in Buddha, we all may ultimately emerge enlightened from the darkness of our existence into the sunshine of Buddha's Boundless Light.

I wish to pay my respect to the selectees who were drafted from the chapters of the Northern California District Y.B.A. into the United States Army. It is my sincere hope that they will discharge their duties faithfully and loyally to our country and that they will diligently prepare themselves to serve our country in time of national emergency.

Bay District Y.B.A. members join me in extending best wishes for a very successful publication.

Gassho,

MASAYOSHI ITATANI,
Bay District Y.B.A.

Tanks a Million

To know that this splendid edition of the "Bussei Guide" is being dedicated to us, is further proof of the faithful cooperation of the Japanese people in National Defense. We take special pride in noting that we are the only American soldiers of foreign parentage, who enjoy such an enthusiastic and wholehearted support. Words cannot express the joy we experienced on being charged with the obligations of preparing to serve our country, but we feel the burden greatly lightened by your encouraging words and gestures.

In the Army, we are learning to become better citizens through contacts with Americans of every race, color and creed. Throughout the length and breadth of these United States, there are hundreds of khaki clad Nisei, who are daily expressing in action their appreciation for the rights of citizenship with which they have been endowed. To some this is an adventure, but to the majority, it means a sacrifice of many domestic and economical blessings. Yet in every respect, the fellows are willing and able, being continually strengthened by the thought that you are with us in spirit, and above all, prompted to reaffirm the pledge to support and defend the land of our birth.

Through our inconspicuous role, we are hoping to be able to turn the tide of prejudice and blaze a trail to a finer understanding and tolerance. We trust that a sincere and conscientious service like yours and ours, will help to create a faith that time cannot erase. And so, for your indispensable part we say, "Thanks Millions"!

With Gassho,

CORPORAL AKI YOSHIMURA.

ACTIVITIES AND ORGANIZATION



Wheels within wheels.

Large wheels, small cogs, gears.

Each plays an important part in the function of the whole.

A mechanism of merit, constantly producing power and utilizing energy.

Now geared to a high speed; now working slowly.

A new piece is added here; a worn part is cast aside there.

Wheels within wheels.

Large wheels, small wheels, ever revolving, smoothly, steadily.

—The Campus.

LODI Y. B. A.
 CORTEZ Y. B. A.
 FLORIN Y. B. A.
 COLUSA Y. B. A.
 LINDEN Y. B. A.
 ISLETON Y. B. A.
 MODESTO Y. B. A.
 WOODLAND Y. B. A.
 STOCKTON Y. B. A.
 RACE TRACK Y. B. A.
 VACAVILLE Y. B. A.
 MARYSVILLE Y. B. A.
 SACRAMENTO Y. B. A.
 FRENCH CAMP Y. B. A.
 WALNUT GROVE Y. B. A.

California Young Buddhists' League Fifth Annual Convention

March 27-30

Los Angeles

By AKIJI YOSHIMURA

"A WORD OF THANKS" . . . To the Northern California District Y.B.A., may I express my appreciation, for the honor and privilege of serving as one of the official delegates to the Fifth Annual C.Y.B.L. Convention. Incompetent as I am, I trust that I have been able to measure up to the confidence that you had placed upon me.

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. . . Being unable to leave my work, I was forced to leave Thursday afternoon, thereby, missing the Board of Directors meeting of that Convention day. Due to the absence of official delegates of the South Central Coast and Bay Districts, all action and business of the meeting was not official.

FRIDAY, MARCH 28

. . . After a nite of restless slumber on the Sunset from San Francisco, I finally reached my destination. Met and greeted at the station by Sammie and Shizuo Nakashita, entertainment chairman of the Welcome Banquet. Nice to see a familiar face, after the strenuous and lonesome ride on the train. The closest thing to a Bussei on that train was a Chinese, who couldn't speak United States and I can't help it if I can't speak Shina-go. We did keep up a barrage of queries, etc., just to be sociable . . . Net result—confusion!

Rushed thru' a Dagwood breakfast and registration, and reached the Betsuin Temple in time for the Opening Service. 9:00 A.M. Japanese Standard Time.

Missed the lecture hour immediately following the Service, because of a Representative Meeting.

REPRESENTATIVES' MEETING

1. Unanimously approved the addition of a Women's Athletic Chairman to the C.Y.B.L. Cabinet.
2. Name of the Southern California District Y.B.A. changed to read: Southern District Y.B.A. of the C.Y.B.L.
3. C.Y.B.L. to have a Directory each year, of the District Cabinet officers and Chapter Presidents.
 - a. Corresponding Secretary of the C.Y.B.L. to compile said directory.
4. Copies of the National Bussei Bulletin, which is being published in Oakland, to be sent to the selectees.
 - a. The general sentiment of the group favored publications which kept the Bussei selectees informed of their local and C.Y.B.L. activities.
 - b. All chapters urged to send in news, which would be interesting to draftees.

NOMINATION BOARD MEETING

District quota of votes as announced by the C.Y.B.L. Treasurer:

Northern California	30
Bay District	24
Coast District.....	(their mistake, my error)
Central California	52
South Central Coast.....	16
Southern District	26

PANEL DISCUSSIONS

(Taken from the reports presented at the General Meeting of Sunday, March 30.)

I. Sunday School . . . Chairman: Fred Nitta

A greater need for a closer relationship between the Y.B.A.'s and the Sunday School. It is from their group that we must draw our future membership, therefore it is vitally important that the Bussei take an active interest in the early training of the younger group.

A more careful study of the teaching methods and materials is essential. We must stress Americanism through good Buddhism, so that our religious group will not be looked upon with suspicion as is Christianity in Japan today. Teach American Buddhism, not the Buddhism of the Orient!

II. Harmony in Sangha . . . Chairman: Katherine Nakaso

Discords and misunderstanding arise from educational backgrounds of the Bussei. There should be more tolerance among Kibei and Nisei groups.

III. Bussei in Civic Life . . . Chairman: Tad Hirota

Encourage participation in the civic affairs of the community. Join the many service organizations which are open to all races and contribute to the fullness and richness of American life.

IV. How to Progress Buddhism in America . . . Chairman: Yukio Kawamoto

Encourage voluntary research of Buddhism among the present membership, so that they may in turn spread the gospels of our religion to the Occidental public. Mix with the Nisei and American people of other religious beliefs and exchange ideas, as well as, to debate over the advantages or disadvantages of one's religious convictions. Practice the Teachings in our daily lives, and let our conduct be the proof of the value and worth of Buddhism.

GENERAL MEETING

1. District reports.
2. Resolutions and Business discussed at the Representatives' Meeting, unanimously accepted by the body.
3. Suggestions regarding Kibei Panel Discussion groups.
 - a. Foster better understanding, which will result in finer cooperation.
 - b. Increase the attendance of the Kibei group.

WELCOME BANQUET AND ENTERTAINMENTS—*Deauville Club*

Gala affair: City dignitaries, reverends, big-wigs, etc. Food, commendable—chicken, slightly underfed . . . Entertainment, laudable—too many Oriental numbers, must've been boring for our Occidental guests. Yukio Shimoda ably represented the N.C. District by tapping his way into the hearts of all present.

SATURDAY, MARCH 29

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Very impressive . . . All Districts failed to submit the names of the deceased, so the chairman decided not to read the list at all. Encee was all there, thank you!

SEPARATE MEN AND WOMEN'S MEETING

Obviously enuff' I attended the Men's meeting . . . or is it? Reports on the District activities for men, only. Suggestions for a Baseball Tournament. Decided to discontinue Men's meeting, hereafter . . . Reason: Nothing to discuss . . .

. . . Missed both the Music Rally and the Debate to attend the Representatives' meeting.

REPRESENTATIVES MEETING . . . ELECTION OF OFFICERS

. . . almost resulted in "Dis-Harmony in Sangha." Encee lost about 60 per cent of their votes thru' the poor representation of the District chapters.

WRITER'S GUILD, LUNCHEON

Postponed to the Picnic at Elysian Park. Introductions and formalities taken care of to avoid confusion at the next get-together.

SIGHTSEEING TRIPS

Through the courtesy of Reverend Kumata and a relative of one of our Encee delegates, the Northern Cal. group and Tad Hirota were able to skip the regular tour and "see the town."

BANQUET

Encee delegates were able to gather again at one place, namely the Manshu-Low (thru' hook and crook). Enjoyed a swell Chinese dinner (Vegetarians would've enjoyed it more). We behaved ourselves . . . Period.

PARADE (Japanese Town)

One of the most exciting and interesting moments of the confab . . . Tho' small in number, the Encee District enjoyed a prominent position in the parade. . . P.S. "We had a lot of fun!"

ORATORICAL . . . *Betsuin*

We were well represented in Kazuyuki Doi of Stockton and Kiyoshi Nagatani of Florin. It just wasn't our nite to howl, that's all. Our speakers displayed their talent very favorably, and the District owes them a vote of thanks . . .

SUNDAY, MARCH 30

ENGLISH SERVICE, *L. A. Betsuin*

INSTALLATION CEREMONIES, *L. A. Betsuin*

Impressive candle light ceremony presided over by Rev. Kumata Sumiye Hiramoto and Aki Yoshimura were proxies for Yoshiko Nakamori and Noboru Honda, respectively. That's as close as we'll get to the C.Y.B.L.!

PICNIC, *Elysian Park . . . Solano Canyon*

Convention picture taken at the park. Box lunches were very delicious, company very agreeable, and the weather perfect . . .

WRITER'S GUILD . . . (continued from the luncheon)

Presided over by Tad Hirota . . . Chairman suggested the formation of such Guilds throughout the C.Y.B.L., with the purpose of publicizing the Bussei activities, cultivating the journalistic talents of our members, and the compilation of the history, statistics, etc. of the Nisei . . . Chairman for each District was appointed to study the possibility of such a group. Aki Yoshimura left in charge of the N.C. District Y.B.A.

GENERAL BUSINESS, *Betsuin*

Resolutions for the Reaffirmation of Loyalty to the United States and the pledge to morally support the J.A.C.L. were presented by Fred Nitta and Central California District, respectively.

Bay District offered to sponsor the next C.Y.B.L. CONVENTION, with the understanding that they may retract their proposal within 2 weeks. S.C.C., N.C., and C.C. presented their reasons for not being able to sponsor such an event.

Tad Hirota presented the C.Y.B.L. with Golden Gate International Exposition plaque and certificate of Merit, for undertaking the spectacular Buddhist Festival. He mentioned the fact that the Young Buddhists are the only Nisei groups who have received such an award.

A vote of thanks was expressed to the Southern District Y.B.A. and the many assisting organizations and personnel, who prepared and presented the

FIFTH ANNUAL C.Y.B.L. CONVENTION.

CLOSING SERVICE, *Betsuin*

. . . with this ends my official capacity as representative of the Northern California District Y.B.A. What took place after the closing service is confidential . . . with three or four others.

Sketches on 5th C.Y.B.L. Los Angeles Convention

(Written as a Supplementary to the Official Report of Aki Yoshimura)

By EDITH CHIKARAISHI

March 27, 1941 . . . Thursday, 2:05 A.M. . . left at this unholy hour from the Stockton Santa Fe depot in the pleasant company of three Lodi Y.W.B.A. members and a fellow YWette . . . Unfortunately we picked a train that stops for "station identification" at every nook and corner which accounted for our arrival in Los Angeles around 12 noon without any semblance of sleep . . . Has anyone ever tried to sleep in a coach, trying to stretch out without either the head or the feet slipping off the makeshift bed?

Thursday 2 P.M. . . reported to the first Directors meet at the Betsuin after commandeering N.C. Forensic Chairman, Masao Wakai to act in official capacity due to absence of Aki Yoshimura. After waiting 45 minutes the meeting was called with representatives present from the Northern, Southern, Coast, and Central California Districts.

Official business . . .

All those present were in favor of creating women's athletic division. Change in constitution to be made and to be brought up at representatives' meeting.

Compilation and distribution of a directory of the district and chapter headquarters and president's names to each chapter.

Northern District suggested formation of Buddhist Research Bureau, with either a research chairman of the C. Y. B. L. or executive secretary as head. Note . . . Such a group will give the research department of each district some definite foundation from which to carry on their departmental work.

Laid on the table were . . .

Initiation of a system of competitive awards for district periodicals.

Presentation of a booklet on Buddhism to each Bussei draftee by C.Y.B.L.

Discussions were held on . . .

Probable organization of past leaders' group. Some definition of the word "past leader" and who would constitute this group. Others wanted to know how such a group will be able to stay together, and still others wanted to know whether the group should be limited . . . These questions added to others ended in a general confusion with no results.

A similar discussion was held on the creation of an older member group. It seems that the Northern California District is the only one with an unified older member division to constructively result other than arousing in the delegate's mind the importance of such a group.

Although it had been asked of all districts to submit a report on the Bussei Academy, the Bay District and the North were the only ones that took this to heart and really worked on it. Dr. Tad Tani sent in a detailed technical report, and the Northern delegate submitted an idea or two.

One of the most harrowing meetings I've ever attended for this one lasted more than three hours without a minute's rest, hard seats, and no fresh air. Oh! for the life of the official delegate . . . Meeting was finally adjourned after 6 p.m. at general demand. What ever happened to that tea at the Japanese Consulate? It seems that during this meeting interlude, the other Encee members were able to go on a general sight-seeing tour and shopping spree.

In the State Bussei pingpong tournament held this same afternoon, Miss Misako Tanaka, French Camp Miss, brought honor to the district by winning the women's division championship. Thank you, MISA KO!

Thursday, 8:00 Bussei Time . . . Koyasan Betsuin

A get-together social was held, at which time we had our first taste of the well-known Southern California hospitality.

March 28, Friday, 9:00 A.M. Bussei Time . . . Opening Ceremony

An impressive opening for the three days . . . Our district banner, very outstanding among the others, was proudly carried in.

Friday, 10:15 A.M. Representatives Meeting

Propositions favored at first directors meeting were passed by group.

Torrance was accepted in Southern Y.B.A. Chapter.

Treasury report given by Dr. Itatani, C.Y.B.L. treasurer.

Constitution revised on various points.

All revisions approved except that concerning advisory board.

Ratio of votes given in Encee are as follows:

	60	C.Y.B.L.	cards	3	votes
Sacramento	125	"	"	4	"
Marysville	120	"	"	4	"
Florin	50	"	"	2	"
French Camp	45	"	"	2	"
Isleton	80	"	"	3	"
Lodi		"	"	2	"
Modesto	80	"	"	3	"
Vacaville	80	"	"	3	"
Walnut Grove		"	"	4	"
Stockton		"	"	4	"

Friday, 1:00 P.M. Nomination Board Meeting

Came out of this meeting to find one of Los Angeles' famous rainstorms over our heads. Just pourin'. Incidentally, it continued 'till late in the evening so that the streets were just sweeping torrents of water.

Friday, 3:00 P.M. Panel Discussions

I attended "Harmony in Sangha" chairmaned by Katherine Nakaso. No organized material was brought up for discussion; however, we were urged to have our gatherings of interest to the Kibei members.

Friday, 5:00 P.M. General Meeting

Bay District was awarded the plaque for the largest gain in the Membership Drive conducted by C.Y.B.L. Although they were given the allotment of 150 new members, they actually gained 274 members. Oakland was the single chapter having the most individual gain for they have entered 90 new members and rightfully deserved the honor plaque. The Bay District was outstanding in every phase of the convention, whether it be activities or sports.

March 29, Saturday, 9 A.M. Separate Women's Meeting

A women's division report for our district was given. Many districts have or are planning to have a Women's Play Day . . . It would be something for the athletic manager for our district to think it over as the organization of such an activity may prove successful.

All districts not having regulation uniforms at conventions are asked to have them.

Recommendations of having speakers attend Y.W.B.A. meetings and lecture on Child Psychology, Hygiene, and other topics of interest.

Saturday, 12:30 Noon. Tokyo Grill

Was invited to the Writer's Guild meeting and luncheoned on fried chicken again. Came to the drastic conclusion that the Los Angeles chickens are in a class by themselves as at the banquet and at this dinner, I chanced upon a piece that was slightly underfed . . . bones and skin.

I was honored to meet almost all the name newspaper Bussei up and down the coast, as well as the Southern paper representatives.

I have much faith in the organization of a writers' guild within the Young Buddhists. Let us all do our best to foster this group as its potentialities are many. With Tad Hirota to lead us, it will become a reality.

Saturday, 7:00 P.M. Parade down streets of 'Lil Tokyo

'Twas clean hilarious fun for all of us . . . and by far, the outstanding feature on the convention program. Thanks to Yukio Shimoda, who in his inimitable way pranced and danced his way around the streets of Lil Tokyo bearing the Sacramento banner, we had the time of our lives.

It must have been an inspiring sight to see so many ardent Busseis marching in time to the Los Angeles boys' band.

MYSTERY . . . Where were all the other registered delegates? Official reports say 20 delegates from Encee . . . It is to be remembered that the district needs their support at such group gatherings at conventions. We looked high and low for the absentees. 'Tis well to remember "There is unity in strength."

Those parading were Florin, Kiyoshi Nakatani; Sacramento Yukio Shimoda, Lucy Tanaka, and 100 per cent of its other members; Lodi, also 100 per cent, Masao Wakai, Toshiko and Yoriko Oga, Sumiye Hiramoto; Colusa, Aki Yoshimura; Stockton, Toshiko Yano, and Edith Chikaraishi.

On Saturday afternoon, Reverend Kumata gave up some of his valuable time to show the town to a group of Northern Delegates and Tad Hirota. Was enjoyed and appreciated immensely by all of us.

Although I was unable to attend any gathering on Sunday, I know that every division of the program was well enjoyed by all and the highlights of the convention will not be forgotten soon.

My only regret is that being an official delegate (what a life!) I missed out on the various lecture and most important of all . . . the debate . . . for I had been looking forward to it.

"Dear Yosh"

(Ed. Note: The district activities as reported in the following series of letters.)

November 10, 1940

Dear Yosh:

Simply delovely, wasn't it? I mean, the whole N. C. District conference (every bit of two days). I'm still living those last moments over—sweet music, lovely voices, ohs and ahs, super entertainment—those Sacto kids sure put over a swell show for the finale. I was actually sorry the confab was over when it did end, weren't you? Of course, there were times when I thot Sacramento was no different from any other host cities when it came to teasing our poor sensitive stomach around the banquet hour for instance—how they lured us with the rattle of dishes and then let the plates themselves give the "come hither look" when they knew we couldn't get at 'em til you don't know when. But then that's only one side of the story, my grizzly side. Am relaxing this week-end and know why? Only 11 more days til Thanksgiving . . . you comin over? Til then,

Your loving Si

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December 16, 1940

Dear Yosh:

Did you hear me hollerin' last couple nights up in the front row of the Florin gym? You don't think I'd miss the District Basketball tournament, do you? Yeah, and you know darn well whom I was especially rootin' for, too. I am continually amazed at myself . . . you know, I musta traveled miles and miles last night at the Victory dance and still not one muscle aches! Funny, but no pain ever bothers me after a dance, yet ordinarily you can just see me wilting after

walking about seven blocks or so, especially these Xmas rush days. D'ya think maybe the escort at the dance had anything to do with it?

Your loving Si

P.S. With Xmas so near I'm not hinting, mind you, but how I wish I had that portable radio Michiko won at the District Raffle last night!

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January 29, 1941

Dear Yosh:

Just a line to tell you I heard them speak at the Oratorical in Isleton coupla nights ago, and boy, can they sling it! I mean, Kazuyuki Doi and Kiyoshi Nagatani. That Doi person sure got a head on his shoulders, and I'm glad he's representing the District at the C.Y.B.L. oratorical. Well, how's your wrist? I almost swallowed my tonsils when you slid on that maplewood floor the other night. My best wishes and am thinking of you.

Your loving Si

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March 3, 1941

Dear Yosh:

We went to Stockton for our Chapter Leaders' meeting yesterday and that was the first time I peeked into their new Kai-Kan. Klassy trimmings inside out and sure nice looking. We didn't get there on time for the District Ping-Pong Elimination Tournament but heard the French Camp contestants won. We discussed so much at the meeting as to how we can raise enuff money to pay for expenses of various delegates to the C.Y.B.L. convention, I even dreamed about it in my sleep. Well, don't laugh, I might get rich yet. Who knows, maybe that abandoned oil tower behind our ranch may become active again! But until then, my generosity shall be limited.

Your loving Si.

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March 20, 1941

Dear Yosh:

There was a pretty nice crowd at the Lodi "On to Seattle" Dance, wasn't there? I hear the proceeds were collected beforehand so they never had to worry about the financial end. Maybe that's why we all felt so good and relaxed. The evening was really perfect for me until that old palooka had to smack his big foot into my well nursed corn. Guess you heard me "mumble" that time. Hope you won't judge me too harshly on that unladylike languard that slipped out just then. After all we do read Snuffy Smith comics, too, so—Abysinia again—Til then

Your loving Si

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April 23, 1941

Dear Yosh:

Sorry, I was in such a bad mood last week, but could I help it, when I could very well have been attending the C.Y.B.L. convention with the rest of the gang if it hadn't been for my darn ole' boss! Oh well, now that it's all over, I did save that much expense, didn't I? And besides, Aki and Sammie sure covered the grounds as official delegates, and I guess I can get the general drift of the convention in print and I can dream the rest, can't I? By the way, thanx a lot for the birthday gift—ever so thoughtful of you. I can't feel any older but sure enuff old age is creepin' up into my looks.

Your loving Si

June 3, 1941

Dear Yosh:

Say, could you pick me up on your way to the Weimar Talent Show, Sunday? I don't wanna miss it for the world, what with 21 talents listed on the program (and such a list of N.C. artists!) and after all this thing has been discussed for about two years and I wanta be there when the District finally takes a bow anyway. I've got my fingers crossed and I hope it turns out as well as we expect at least for Utaka's sake if not for the District's and the Sac'to. J.A.C.L.'s. By golly, that kid's been working feverishly at it! Why not come over for an early lunch so I'll know, just how soon I'll have to get ready in? Maybe, I can't concoct a heavy meal, but I promise you won't starve. Okay? Will be waiting—

Your loving Si

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August 30, 1941

Dear Yosh:

Did you get a copy of our subsidiary publication? Not bad for a first edition, huh? Bouquets to the Lodi people. D'ja notice the nice things they wrote about me? Think I'll frame that page. Did I tell you we had an orchestra to accompany the talents who participated at the Bret Harte benefit last week? Ritzzy, don't you think? Well, we done a good deed again . . . If these things keep up we should be sprouting wings pretty soon.

Your loving Si

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October 13, 1941

Dear Yosh:

Thanx to Columbus we're having a holiday today and no work. I'm thankful for a lotta things besides, too . . . liking living here and eating anything I like as much as I want, etc., etc. Gee, I'm feeling patriotic today. And that reminds me, we can boast that the N.C. District bought \$200 worth of U. S. Defense Bonds recently. That's doing something considering the fact that we spent almost our last dollar of our sinking fund for them. And speaking of last dollar, my personal fund is sinking awfully fast, what with the Federal tax 'n everything—you don't by any chance know of anyone who can tide me over til payday, do you? In case you didn't know, this is an SOS call.

Your loving Si

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November 1, 1941

Dear Yosh:

One more month til conference in Lodi and are we trying to cram in everything at once. I saw Evelyn the other day and she seems to see or hear nothing but the Bussei Guide, she's editing. I've been chewing my nails trying to think up something to write in for her, but it just won't come. You know of any jokes I might slip in? Oh, I forgot to tell you that you missed something when you couldn't attend Reverend Sunya Pratt's lecture. She was a honey! Oh well, you'll hear some good speakers at the conference so . . . I hear they might get Mike Masaoka for one of the speakers which surely would be the highlight. Say, will you remind me not to forget to pick up the pole and stand before starting for conference? After all, we wanta show off our brand new chapter banner too, you know. Well, be seeing you . . .

Your loving Si

Florin Y. M. B. A.

President.....	Harry Tokumura
Vice President.....	Leo Yasukawa
Recording Secretary.....	Herbert Hirohata
Corresponding Secretary.....	Tom Yamada (resigned)
	George Tanaka
Treasurer.....	Ted Miyata (resigned)
	Ted Fujii
Religious Chairman.....	Joe Kurima
Research Chairman.....	Isao Hiraga
Athletic Manager.....	Wilbur Kurima
Social Chairman.....	Asao Inouye
Sergeant-at-Arms.....	George Tanaka
Advisor.....	Rev. Naito
	Organized.....1927

Florin Y. W. B. A.

President.....	Amy Yoshimura
Vice President.....	Edna Yoshida
Recording Secretary.....	Mary Kawamura
Corresponding Secretary.....	Sumiye Nakamura
Treasurer.....	Bessie Hirohata
Assistant Treasurer.....	Clara Ochiai
Merit Recorder.....	Emily Uyemura (resigned)
	Natsuye Tanaka
Religious Chairman.....	Alyce Tokumura
Athletic Manager.....	Myrna Tanaka
Sergeants-at-Arms.....	Mary Yoshinaga, Mary Miyata, Mary Kato
Cheer Leader.....	Anna Yoshinaga
Advisor.....	Rev. Naito, Mrs. Kozumi, Mrs. Ito
	Organized.....January 30, 1930
Charter Members.....	17 Present Members.....68

ACTIVITIES

Religious Meetings—Held the fourth Sundays of each month with Reverend Naito as speaker.

December 7-8, 14-15, 1940—Northern California Y.B.A. Basketball Tournament.

December 15, 1940—Victory dance honoring the champions of the Basketball Tournament.

January 4, 1941—New Year Social with the Florin E.L. and the K.D.C. as guests.

January 23, 1941—Keiro Kai honoring the Isseis of Florin and its vicinity.

March 22, 1941—Party honoring the basketball players bringing to a close the 1940-41 basketball season.

April 6, 1941—Annual Hana Matsuri.

June 14, 1941—Graduation Party honoring local graduates.

July 19-20, 1941—Annual Obon Festival and Y.B.A. Carnival.

July 26, 1941—Outing and weenie-bake at Rattlesnake Bridge in appreciation of the committees in charge of the Carnival.

October 23, 1941—English Service in conjunction with Reverend Pratt's Lecture.

Isleton Y.B.A.

President	Eddie Nakano
Vice President.....	Sumiko Nishikawa
Recording Secretary.....	Hanako Ike
Corresponding Secretary.....	Nobuko Ike
Treasurer.....	Toshio Sasaki (resigned), Michihiko Yoshida
Assistant Treasurer.....	Mary Nakagaki
Athletic Managers:	
Men's Division.....	Mikio Toyoto (resigned), Iwao Matsumoto
Women's Division.....	Jean Nakanishi
Social Chairman.....	Haruko Ogawa
Publicity Chairman.....	George Ike
Research Chairman.....	Tadashi Hirose
Dramatic Chairmen.....	Shogoro Matsumoto, Norman Fujimoto
Advisors.....	Reverend Shirakawa, Mr. Motoyama, Mr. Oshima, Mr. Yamashita, Mrs. Miyamoto

French Camp Y.B.A.

President	John Fujiki
First Vice President.....	Toshiye Tomita
Second Vice President.....	Hiroshi Shinmoto
Recording Secretary.....	Mitsuko Fujimoto
Corresponding Secretary.....	Mary Makishima
Japanese Secretary.....	John Kono
Treasurer	Gladis Makishima
Religious Chairman.....	Toyoko Itaya
Historian	Yoshiko Itaya
Music Chairman.....	Misako Tanaka
Sergeants-at-Arms.....	Lilly Takeshita, Toshiharu Hotta
Present Membership.....	55

ACTIVITIES

One Sunday morning John Fujiki took the club's three chicks, Mitzi Tomita, Misako Tanaka and Fumiye Taniguchi to the Sac'to. conference. Then it was some months later than John Fujiki took the club members to witness the Stockton Bussei Kai-Kan dedication which was a very colorful ceremony.

January 26 marked one of the most important dates in our organization—the family reunion of the Stockton Young Buddhist League chapters. The conference attendance from French Camp was good and with no saying, we brought home the gavel.

In the meanwhile Rose Watanabe and Masao Hirata entered the Oratorical at Isleton and placed third in both Japanese and English divisions.

What comes next?—the anniversary of the Y.B.A. . . . She, no doubt, was happy to celebrate her sixth year as Mrs. Y.B.A.! One and all—old and young—enjoyed a day at the Loma Lake outing.

August 3, sponsored the S.Y.B.L. cabinet meeting. Discussions were based on the next family reunion of the S.Y.B.L. chapters.

Like all . . . the club needed a rest and was inactive during the month of September.

The bear got his sleep-BOOM! Whose complaining? What fund is low? Yeah, this is what we did . . . A raffle-dance, October 19, from 8:00 to 12:00, at the local Japanese School.

Shall we spot the man? No, no, there's still the grab-bagging. Whose going to be our new officers for the next term? ELECTION . . . October 29, 1941.

ACTIVITIES

1940

November—N. C. District Conference at Sacramento.
December 1—Meeting and Election.
December 2—N. C. District Basketball Tournament.

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January 1—New Year's Morning Service.
January 2—Benefit Show.
February 1—Participated in Kigensetsu Day Program.
February 2—Sponsored N. C. District Oratorical Contest.
February 3—Initiation Party.
March—Send-off party for Draftee, Toshio Sasaki.
April—Participated in Hana Matsuri.
June 1—Ice skating party in honor of the graduates.
June 2—Farewell party for Reverend Tsumura with Bukkyo-Kai.
July 1—Welcome party for Reverend Shirakawa.
July 2—Obon Service.

Colusa Y. B. A.

President.....	(Aki Yoshimura, drafted) Mitsuo Kagehiro
Vice President.....	Marie Sakamoto
Recording Secretary.....	Betty Sakamoto
Corresponding Secretary.....	Dorothy Sakamoto
Treasurer	Minoru Harada
Research Chairman.....	Toshiro Yoshimura
Public Relations Chairman.....	Mitsuo Kagehiro
Social Chairman.....	Helen Sugita, Ryo Harada
Athletic Chairman.....	Mas Uyesugi
Librarian	Tadato Okikawa
Sunday School Superintendents.....	Teruye Kanagaki, Alice Kakita
Auditors.....	Mary Kagehiro, Alice Sakamoto
Advisors.....	Rev. Sasaki, Mr. G. Hashioka, Mr. H. Sugita, Mr. K. Okikawa
Organized.....	February 26, 1939
Charter Members.....	24 Present Membership.....
	26

ACTIVITIES

The outstanding activities of the Colusa Y.B.A. were as follows:

On March 1941, the local Y.B.A. held a joint English Service with the Marysville Y.B.A. The main speaker for the evening was Mr. Noboru Honda, President of N.C. District Y.B.A. His topic was "Why Religion is a Necessity." Mr. Honda's talk was impressive and well understood by the members. Following the service, refreshments and entertainment was held, so that we may become better acquainted and realize the "Harmony in Sangha."

On Mother's Day, an elaborate party was given honoring mothers of Fujin Kai. The evening was spent in a worthwhile manner to express our appreciation. This worthy occasion is well looked forward to by our mothers and the Y.B.A. members.

Colusa Y.B.A. is successfully sponsoring a monthly Sunday School. The response from the children and the Y.B.A. members is encouraging, which makes these services a most enjoyable and constructive one. Through this devotion it contributes a little more to our knowledge and appreciations of the Teachings of Our Lord Buddha.

Lodi Y. M. B. A.

President	James Ishida
1st Vice President.....	Masao Wakai
2nd Vice President.....	Bill Wakai
Corresponding Secretary.....	Fred Oshima
Recording Secretary.....	James Ouye
Treasurer	Masaji Tanaka
Auditor.....	Monty Urakami, Tom Ishida
Cultural Chairman.....	Gunji Sakoda
Social Chairman.....	Jim Sasaki
Athletics.....	George Furuoka, Tom Tsutsumi
Board of Council.....	William Kagawa, Shigeru Kaba, George Shigehira, George Ouye, James Funamura
Advisors.....	Mr. S. Tsusaki, Mr. S. Kawamura
Honorary President.....	Rev. Mizutani

ACTIVITIES

November—Election.
 January—Participated in Y.W. Benefit Program. Religious Service—Rev. Sasaki of Sacramento, speaker.
 February—English Service—Rev. Kumata, speaker. Skating party.
 March—Co-sponsored "On to Seattle" Dance. Sent delegate to C.Y.B.L. con-fab at Los Angeles.
 April—Hanamatsuri.
 May—Y.M.B.A. Templars opened baseball season. Memorial Service.
 June—Graduation Party and Social.
 August—Outing at Loma Lake. Initial publication of N. C. Quarterly Paper O-Bon Service and Odori.

Lodi Y. W. B. A.

President	Toshiko Oga
1st Vice President.....	Alice Ouye
2nd Vice President.....	Sumiye Hiramoto
Recording Secretary.....	Fusaye Kaba
Corresponding Secretary.....	Yoriko Oga
Treasurer	Kiyoko Inagaki
Auditor	Mary Wakai
Athletic Manager.....	Helen Masui
Social Chairman.....	Mary Oshima
Musical Chairman.....	Grace Kagawa
Historian	Minnie Funamura
Religious Chairman.....	LoRayne Sugimoto
Social Welfare.....	Misao Hiramoto
Advisors.....	Mrs. Mizutani, Mrs. Kawamura

ACTIVITIES

November—Election. Invited to "After Harvest" Social given by Y.M.B.A.
 December—Party honoring brides-to-be.
 January—Annual Y.W.B.A. Benefit Show.
 February—English Service with Rev. Kumata as guest speaker.
 March—Sponsored N. C. "On to Seattle Dance." Organization of the Y.W.B.A. Junior Division and election of officers.

April—Participation in "Hana Matsuri."
 May—Mothers' Tea. Installation of Junior officers.
 June—Graduation party combined with Y.M.B.A. and J.A.C.L.
 August—Outing at Loma Lake. Church clean-up. Publication of N.C. paper. O-Bon odori. Benefit Bazaar.
 October—English Service with Rev. Pratt as guest speaker.

Lodi Jr. Y. W. B. A.

President.....	Nellie Hatada
Vice President.....	Nancy Shimosaki
Recording Secretary.....	Ina Ishida
Corresponding Secretary.....	Hisako Kosaka
Treasurer	Toshiko Iwamiya
Social Chairman.....	Dorothy Funamura
Historian	Masako Kubo
Advisor	Sumiye Hiramoto

Organized..... February 7, 1941
 Charter Members..... 33

Cortez Y. B. A.

President	Bob Morimoto
1st Vice President.....	Peggy Taniguchi
2nd Vice President.....	Albert Morimoto
Recording Secretary.....	Florence Morimoto
Corresponding Secretary.....	Sumiko Nishihara
Treasurer	Buiichi Kajiwara
Sergeant-at-Arms.....	Fred Miyamoto
Representatives to S.Y.B.L.....	Minoru Yenokida, Buiichi Kajiwara

ACTIVITIES

October 12, 1940—Election of officers.
 October 27—Membership drive. Initiation Social.
 November 9—General meeting.
 December 17—Annual installation of officers.
 January 12, 1941—Stockton League Convention.
 February 16—Host to S.Y.B.L. Cabinet meeting.
 March 3—Cabinet meeting.
 March 23—Joint meeting with Race Track.
 April—Participated in Hana Matsuri in Stockton.
 May 24—Pot Luck Outing at Modesto Legion Park.
 June 29—Special Meeting.
 July 13—General Meeting.
 August—Bon Odori.
 October—Election of officers.

Vacaville Y.M.B.A.

President	Sanji Handa
Vice President.....	Shig Tsujita
English Secretary.....	Fujio Esaki
Japanese Secretary.....	Albert Hayashi
Treasurer	George Nishioka
Religious Chairman.....	Harry Aoyagi
Social Chairman.....	Benny Matsuura
Budo-Bu	Asamu Minamide
Basketball Manager and Publicity Chairman.....	Benny Matsuura
Organized.....	1928
Charter Members.....	15 Present Membership..... 45

ACTIVITIES

- November 17, 1940—Barbecue party for baseball team.
- December 29, 1940—Bonen Kai.
- February 14, 1941—Valentine and Initiation party.
- June 22, 1941—Graduation party.

1941 Vacaville Y.W.B.A.

CABINET MEMBERS

President	Nancy Morishita
Vice President.....	Chizu Matsuura
Secretary	Kiyoko Teramaye
Treasurer	Marie Nakatani
Research Chairman.....	Mishi Sakogawa
Athletic Manager.....	Shigeko Ichimoto
Advisors.....	Mrs. H. Teramaye, Mrs. Rev. Kimura
Organized.....	August 6, 1928
Charter Members.....	6 Present Membership.....40

ACTIVITIES

1940

- November 17—Regular Meeting.
- December 12—Regular Meeting and Joint Y.M.W.B.A. Meeting.
- December 29—Bonen Kwai.

1941

- January 12—Church clean-up for Ho-Onko Service.
- January 13—Ho-onko Service.
- January 26—Regular Meeting.
- February 1—Y.W.B.A. basketball team traveled to Marysville.
- February 2—Y.W.B.A. basketball team traveled to Florin.
- February 2—Invited to March of Dimes Benefit Dance sponsored by the J.A.C.L.
- February 11—Committee Meeting jointly with Y.M.B.A.
- February 14—Initiation and Valentine Party.
- February 15—Basketball team traveled to Walnut Grove.
- February 20—Regular Meeting and lesson on Flower Arrangement by Mrs. Rev. Todoroki.
- March 2—Attended the Leader's Meeting and Women's Division Meeting at Stockton.

- March 6—English Service with Y.M.B.A.
- March 9—Basketball team traveled to Stockton.
- March 13—Regular Meeting.
- March 19—Made flowers for Hana Matsuri.
- March 21—Ohigan Service.
- March 23—Basketball team traveled to Berkeley.
- April 11—Regular Meeting
- April 12—Clean-up for Hana Matsuri.
- April 13—Hana Matsuri and candy sale and entertainment in the evening.
- April 20—N. C. Cabinet Meeting at Sacramento. Norma Tsujimoto and Chizuko Makino represented.
- May 2—Regular Meeting.
- May 4—Sold soda pops at the Valley Picnic.
- May 8—Sent Julia Seiji to Weimar Sanitarium Talent Parade.
- May 10—Cabinet Meeting.
- May 13—Joint Y.M.W.B.A. Meeting.
- May 18—Mother's Day Party. Committee Meeting.
- May 22—Graduation Party.
- July 10—Special Meeting.
- August 7—Special Meeting with Jr. Y.W.B.A.
- August 30—Special Meeting.
- August 31—Welcome Party for Rev. Kimura.
- September 19—Regular Meeting.
- October 10—Regular Meeting.
- October 24—English Service with Rev. Pratt.
- October 30—Hallowe'en Party.

1941 Vacaville Jr. Y.W.B.A.

CABINET MEMBERS

Organized——April 15, 1939

President	Umeyo Tsujita
Vice President.....	Helen Matsuura
Secretary	Hisae Yoshihara
Treasurer	Miyo Yamada
Advisors.....	Nancy Morishita, Chizu Matsuura, Mrs. Rev. Kimura

ACTIVITIES

Charter Members.....	12 Present Membership.....13
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1941

- January 18—Regular Meeting.
- January 26—Initiation Party.
- March 15—Regular Meeting.
- April 13—Hana Matsuri and entertainment in the evening.
- April 26—Special Meeting.
- April 30—Candy sale at Japanese show.
- June 21—Regular Meeting and election.
- July 3—Sold soda pops at the Japanese show.
- August 7—Special Meeting.
- August 31—Welcome Party for Rev. Kimura.
- September 20—Regular Meeting.

Stockton Y. M. B. A. Cabinet

President.....	Frank Yanari
Vice President.....	Roy Teshima
Recording Secretary.....	Allan Hagio
Corresponding Secretary.....	Ben Chikaraishi
Treasurer.....	Kenzo Fujimori
Religious Chairman.....	Ray Suzuki
Athletic Manager.....	Henry Kusama
Social Chairman.....	Mas Hagio, *Ben Tsudama
Sergeants-at-Arms.....	Jim Yanari, Sueki Tsurumoto
Note: Roy Teshima became President when Frank Yanari resigned. Ben Tsudama took over actual duties of Social Chairman.	
Advisors.....	Harry Hayashino, George Suzuki, Kaname Iwahashi, Umejiro Okamoto, Shintaro Ito, Rev. Hojo, Rev. Umno.
	Before 1921 called Stockton Seinen Kai
	After 1921 called Stockton Y.M.B.A.
Charter Members.....	28 Present Membership.....60
	After Draft.....?

NOTHING AT ALL Stockton Y.M.B.A.

For no one's pleasure in particular, and without much effort, I give you a page out of the YMBA secretary's notebook as reported by our cynical secretary, Allan Hagio.

February 7, 1941:

"The general meeting of the Stockton YMBA was called to order by President, Frank Yanari at 9:45 P.M. . . . 45 minutes late.

Minutes were read by yours truly and as usual there were no comments or corrections to be made.

Treasury report given at this time by Kenzo Fujimori proved very discouraging, but collections of club dues (with protests) and other contributions which followed immediately took the furrows from our collective brows.

At this time a statement from.....store was read to the club members. It concerned some merchandise which the club purchased from them and were supposed to have been paid years ago. Case dismissed until further warnings.

Discussions for the club's anniversary (April 28) took the spotlight. April 27, the eve of the anniversary was set for the occasion.

As to what we were to do that night in the way of celebration, brought forth many a dull suggestion of which three were outstanding:

1. Dance
2. Dinner Dance
3. Smoker

Sad to say the "Smoker" was nosed out by a measly couple of virgins. All clubs affiliated with our club to be invited and a strictly "No Stag" shingle attached.

Before the meeting was adjourned, Sergeant-at-Arms, Jim Yanari got.....! for not sending out notices for the meeting. However, many members had straggled in before refreshments were served. Yes, there were refreshments . . . but not for long!!"

Respectfully submitted,
ALLAN HAGIO,
Recording Secretary.

Stockton Y. W. B. A.

President.....	Edith Chikaraishi
	Stella Yonemura (resigned)
Recording Secretary.....	Teri Tsunekawa
Corresponding Secretary.....	Rose Ito
Treasurer.....	Alice Ikawa
Religious Chairman.....	Kiyoko Hattori
Social Chairman.....	Lois Utsumi
Athletic Manager.....	Grace Hagio
Sergeants-at-Arms.....	Kate Ogata, Elso Ito, Yaeko Sakai
Advisors.....	Mrs. E. Uno, Mrs. T. Iwasaki

ACTIVITIES

1940

November—Donation of chairs for the newly built kai kwan by each member. Bussei Survey was conducted.

November 22—Stockton Bussei League meeting.

December 7 and 8—Formal kai kwan dedication ceremony, followed by laying of cornerstone. Y.W.B.A. choir participated.

December 22—Special dedication day for the Young Buddhists was held with a S.Y.B.L. basketball tournament held in the afternoon and climaxed with a inaugural ball.

1941

January 1—Special New Year's service.

January 26—S.Y.B.L. annual convention held in Stockton.

February 3—Kiyoko Hattori represented club at oratorical contest held in Isleton. Farewell banquet for Rev. and Mrs. Y. Ouchi held.

March 2—Sponsored N.C. district Leaders' meeting. Held 17th anniversary of the Y.W.B.A. with service, dinner, and dance.

March 21—Attended joint meeting with the Christian Endeavor Society of Stockton.

March 28-29-30—Representatives attended C.Y.B.L. Convention in Los Angeles.

May 17—Sent refreshments to the Fujin-Kai on Mothers' Day.

May 24-25—Second annual Y.M.W.B.A. Bazaar with the appearance of the famed Follies BerZuka girls.

June 8—Local talents participated in first N.C.Y.B.A. benefit program held at Weimar Sanatorium.

June 15—Members participated in entertainments for wedding reception of Reverend and Mrs. E. Hojo.

June 16—Sent Fathers' Day cake for the Y.W.B.A. Jr. Fathers' Day party.

June 29—Kitchen shower for Mrs. E. Hojo.

July 2—Sponsored an highly successful dance with Y.M.B.A. and S.Y.B.L. featuring the Seattle "Mikados of Swing."

July 31—Welcome party for Reverend and Mrs. Kyogoku, recently transferred from Lompoc.

August 2-3—Co-sponsored two-day OBon Festival which was highlighted by a Bussei talent show with Tad Hirota of Oakland as guest emcee.

August 23—League meeting.

August 24—Bussei talents went to Bret Harte Sanatorium for the N.C. Benefit show.

September 18—Few girls represented club and visited Rev. Kyogoku who was suddenly taken ill.

September 19—Annual election of officers.

Modesto Y. B. A.

President	Utaka Adachi
1st Vice President.....	Haruko Murakami
2nd Vice President.....	Masaru Uyekubo
Recording Secretary.....	Gladys Ishida
Corresponding Secretary.....	Tom Sumida
Treasurer	Noboru Murakami
Auditor	Jimmie Tanaka
Social Chairman.....	Sakiko Togashi
Research Chairman.....	Ted Hoshi (resigned), Satoru Uyekubo
Athletic Manager.....	Jiro Shizuru
Sergeant-at-Arms.....	Hachiro Togashi
Advisors.....	Mrs. Ishida, Mrs. Nakano, Mr. Ogawa, Rev. Hojo (Stockton)
Board of Directors.....	John Azeka, Masaki Murakami, Masashi Adachi
	Organized.....October 21, 1938
Charter Members.....	24 Present Membership.....31

ACTIVITIES

1940

- October—General election.
- November—Northern California Conference at Sacramento.
- December—Regular meeting.

1941

- January—Shin en Kai, Regular meeting.
- February—Regular meeting, Stockton Young Buddhist League Convention. Professor Knorr of Modesto Junior College spoke on "Nisei Problems." Joint social with the Junior College student club. Farewell party for Draftee Noboru Morita.
- March—Regular meeting, farewell party for Research Chairman Ted Hoshi and Chester Sasashima, draftees. Annual picnic.
- April—Regular meeting. Theater party for new members. Held S.Y.B.L. Cabinet meeting.
- May—Regular meeting. Weenie roast. Cemetery clean-up.
- June—Regular meeting. Weimar Talent show. Attend Rev. Hojo's Wedding party.
- July—Special meeting.
- Aug.—Participated in Obon Festival in Stockton, sponsored by S.Y.B.L. Held joint Obon Festival with Turlock and Cortez, at Turlock. Annual benefit show. Bret Harte talent show. Welcome party honoring Rev. Kyogoku of Stockton, also for Tanaka family, Sasashima family and Mr. Nakahara.
- September meeting. "Back to school," skating party.
- October—Annual meeting. Election of officers. Special cabinet meeting for old and new officers. Installation of new officers at Anniversary Dance.

Sacramento Y.B.A.

President	Yoshiro Matsubara
Boys' Vice President.....	Hatsumi Morimoto
Girls' Vice President.....	Chiyo Sato
Recording Secretary.....	Michiko Date
Corresponding Secretary.....	Mas Ishikawa
Japanese Secretary.....	Satomi Ishihara
Treasurer	Shigeru Sasaki
Research Chairman.....	Yukiko Hosokawa
Historian.....	Yoshio Nishihara
Junior Advisors.....	Toko Fujii, Sugiye Morimoto
Monthly Chairman.....	Kanji Nishijima
Music Chairman.....	Lily Nakamura
Y.B.A. Advisors.....	Reverend and Mrs. Sasaki, Reverend and Mrs. Hirabayashi
Y.M.B.A. Organized.....	August 12, 1900
Y.W.B.A. Organized.....	March 3, 1918

Charter Members:

Y.M.B.A.....	23	Y.W.B.A.....	12
Merged into Y.B.A.....		January 1939	
Present Membership.....			80

ACTIVITIES

1940

- November 21-22—Sponsored N.C. District convention.
- December 31—New Year's Eve Service.

1941

- January 10—Election and installation of new officers.
- March 12—Meeting with Isseis on problems concerning Isseis and Niseis.
- April 19—Hana Matsuri.
- April 26—Y.M.B.A.'s 40th Anniversary Semi Formal.
- May 11—Mother's Day party.
- May 25—O-Haka-Soji.
- May 30—Memorial Day Service.
- June 17—"Mikados of Swing"—Seattle Nisei Orchestra.
- July 4—Independence Day hop.
- July 13-14—Bon Odori.
- September 19—Joint meeting and English with Woodland Y.B.A.
- October 19—Reverend Pratt's Welcome Banquet at Frank's.
- October 20—English Service with Reverend Pratt as the main speaker.

Sacramento Jr. Y.W.B.A.

OFFICERS

President	Miyoko Mano
Vice President.....	Mariko Suzuki
Recording Secretary.....	Sumiko Washino
Corresponding Secretary.....	Chieko Ishikawa
Research Chairman.....	Fumi Okumura
Treasurer	Sumiko Shirasago
Religious Chairman.....	Alice Nishimura
Social Chairman.....	Lois Kitazumi
Music Chairman.....	Kiyomi Kanegawa

ACTIVITIES

December 27—The election of new officers was held at the Buddhist Temple.
 March 29—The Second Annual Merry-go-Round Day was held at the Y.B.A. Hall. It was combined with the initiation of the new members, who were: Masako Doi, Sumiko Sasaki, Amy Sakuma, Reiko Endo, and Kiyomi Kanegawa.

April 5, 20—The Choir practices were held at the Buddhist temple, with Mabel Sugiyama and Mariko Suzuki as co-chairman.

June 15—A get-together banquet was held at Togetsu Tei. Guests invited were Rev. Sasaki and former officers and advisors.

June 27—Swimming Party was held at the Clunie Pool. Mariko Suzuki was in charge of the refreshments.

September 26—An interesting Fireside Chat was enjoyed by the members at the South Side Club House. Machiko Kimura and Kiyomi Kanegawa rendered piano solos, Lois Kitazumi sang with Ayako Sato accompanying. Sumiko Washino, Chizue Fujii, Fumi Okumura, and Mariko Suzuki were in Charades depicting popular motion pictures and song titles. Miyoko Mano acted as general chairman.

Woodland Y.B.A.

President	Shig Narahara
Boys' Vice President.....	Katsumi Tokunaga
Girls' Vice President.....	Lillian Nakano (resigned)
English Recording Secretary.....	Chieko Toizumi
Japanese Recording Secretary.....	Misao Sueoka
Boys' Treasurer.....	Takeshi Takeuchi
Girls' Treasurer.....	Tomiko Nakagaki
English Corresponding Secretary.....	Harue Ogata
Japanese Corresponding Secretary.....	Minoru Nakagaki
Historian	Geo. Yamazumi
Literary Chairman.....	Frank Yagi
Boys' Athletic Chairman.....	Katsuyuki Nakano
Girls' Athletic Chairman.....	May Teramoto
Boys' Sergeant-at-Arms.....	Tom Murakami
Girls' Sergeant-at-Arms.....	Sadaki Nakano
Advisors.....	Revs. Sasaki and Hirabayashi, Messrs. Tokunaga, Ogata, Toizumi, Nakaguma and Yamazumi
	Reorganized.....May 2, 1941
	Present Membership.....69

ACTIVITIES

- Regular Meetings held monthly.
 May 2—Club reorganized and election.
 May 12—Mother's Day party.
 May 30—Memorial Day service with Sacramento Y.B.A.
 June 9—Graduation party.
 June 17—Participated in talent show at Weimar.
 July 27—Noboru Honda. Guest speaker.
 August 5—Girls started flower arrangement.
 September 21—Joint English service with Sacramento Y.B.A.
 October 2—Boys' started basketball training.
 Miscellaneous Activities:
 Participated in aluminum drive.
 Contributed to U.S.O.
 Reconditioned the Y.B.A. hall.

Walnut Grove Y.B.A.

President	Kusuo Honda
Vice President.....	Helen Kusaba
2nd Vice President.....	Sam Tsuruta
Recording Secretary.....	Alice Sofye
Corresponding Secretary.....	Kathryn Kubota
Treasurer	Mabel Hayashi
Assistant Treasurer.....	Clara Kuwabara
Social Chairman.....	Hitoshi Inaba
Athletic Managers:	
Boys'	Henry Kusaba
Girls'	Bessie Inaba
Research Chairman.....	Dorothy Sofye
Choir Leader.....	Takeshi Okamoto
Publicity	Elmer Ioka
Advisor	Reverend Shirakawa

Organized:

Y.M.B.A.....	January 30, 1928
Y.W.B.A.....	December 16, 1927

Charter Members:

Y.M.B.A.....	13	Y.W.B.A.....	10
Present Joint Membership.....		80	

ACTIVITIES

November, 1940:

- Attended conference in Sacramento.
- Obtained uniforms for Ho-Yu team.
- Farewell party for Elizabeth Hayashi, Mildred Mizuno, Eddie Sasaki and Shizue Norikane.

January, 1941:

- Sponsored New Year's benefit show.
- Installation and Initiation social. General Chairman, Harry Ioka.
- Shower for Nancy Iwaoka. General Chairman, Helen Kusaba.

February:

- Aiko Kobuke and Bob Sofye participated in N.C. District Oratorical in Isleton.
- Sent representatives to Marysville. Cabinet meeting.

April:

- Local basketball hop. General Chairman, Kusuo Honda.
- Send-off party for Tatsuo Egi.
- Hana Matsuri program.

May:

- Mother's Day social. General Chairman, Kusuo Honda.

June:

- Graduation party combined with all local Nisei clubs.
- Sumi Kawamura represented our chapter at the Weimar Talent Show.
- Reverend Tsumura's farewell party.

July:

- Y.B.A. group picture taken.
- Wiener bake at Baldwin Beach in honor of Clara Kuwabara, who left for Lodi.

- c. Send-off party for Tom Mizuno in conjunction with the Bukkyo-Kai and the Fujin Kai. General Chairman, Aiko Kobuke.
- d. Welcome party for Reverend Shirakawa.

August:

- a. Farewell social for Nobuko Nakayama and Bob Tanaka. General Chairman, Dorothy Aoki.

September:

- a. Sponsored Leaders' Meeting. Co-chairmen, John Fujiki and Kusuo Honda.

October:

- a. Reverend Pratt's Lecture.

Marysville Y. B. A.

President	Dan Nishida
Vice President	Toshiko Hatamiya
Second Vice President	Aki Yoshimura (drafted), Mits Kagehiro
Recording Secretary	Tamaki Hatamiya
Corresponding Secretary	Mary Okidoi
Assistant Corresponding Secretary	Sadame Nomi
Treasurer	Tom Taketa
Research Chairman	Frank Okimoto (drafted), Noboru Honda
Public Relations Chairman	Joe Nishihara
Social Chairmen	Sam Kurihara, Mary Nakamura
Athletic Managers	Haruo Yamamoto, June Wada
Junior Advisors	James Nakagawa, Ayako Yoshimura
Librarian	Molly Nakamura
Historian	May Nakao
Members-at-large	Noboru Honda, Frank Nakamura, James Nakagawa
Advisors	Reverend Sasaki, Hoyu Kai
Organized	February 1, 1935
Charter Members	45 Present Membership
	125

ACTIVITIES

The biggest accomplishment for the year was the initial publication of the Marysville Y.B.A. literary journal, which made its appearance in June with Publicity Chairman, Joe Nishihara, in charge. It is hoped to make this newspaper a monthly publication and to keep these three-fold purposes in mind:

1. To print news of beneficial importance to Young Buddhists.
2. To establish a firm cooperative spirit among the club members.
3. To establish clearly the coordinating link between Buddhism and its followers.

On the evening of February 9th, the local Y.B.A. was very fortunate to have Reverend Kumata, a well-known Buddhist priest from Los Angeles, as guest speaker at the second annual N.C. District invitational English Service held in Marysville. Reverend Kumata was brought up from the Southland to make an extensive speaking tour of the N.C. District. This was possible due, mainly through the untiring efforts of our president, Dan Nishida.

The Y.B.A. opened the full schedule of activities with the second annual carnival and raffle held on May 17, Saturday night, which proved very successful by drawing a huge crowd. Success was mainly attributed to the whole-hearted cooperation of each member of the organization.

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LITERARY



The following is a recipe for an author:

Take the usual number of fingers,
Add paper, manilla or white,
A typewriter, plenty of postage,
And something or other to write.

—Life

No Escaping It

By PRIVATE LOU TSUNEKAWA
Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri

Greetings from Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri! Here we are about 1800 miles from good old California in a God-forsaken country. It is situated in the Ozark hills. It is said to be 15 miles in area, and about 37,000 men occupy the fort. St. Louis is 138 miles away, and offers the soldiers a swell time on weekends. It rains quite a lot here, too, and it seems to be getting colder every night and day.

Every day we are beginning to feel more like veterans . . . even though it has only been 52 days, 15 hours, and 52 seconds since we were sworn into the army. And talk about inoculations! I've been inoculated so much that every time I see a punchboard or a sieve, I blush! Today I had two of my teeth pulled. I should have known when I joined the army, the "yanks" were coming.

We went on guard duty last week-end. Just like a Sunday School picnic. It rained like cats and dogs, and we were really "all wet." Our guard post was out in the hills, and every time we knocked off for the four hours rest period, we rested our "dogs" in loose-sided tents. That night we were really "caught in the draft."

Finally got our rifle practice and took our try at the target. Blazed through slow fire with flying colors, and when we came to rapid-fire, I made the red flag wave eight times. (This is only a minor note, but a red flag designates a complete miss. A red flag is called Aunt Maggie's drawers in the army.) I guess I was trying to be a little bit too patriotic in wanting to see the flag waving in front of my target.

We went on a scouting expedition the other day and ended up in an indecent exposure climb. The climb was so steep that when we reached the top of the hill we ended up in "short pants." (Short breath to you.) When we got back to our barracks, we stood around for mail call, Darn it, is that all I received? Wait a minute, there's a package for me. Look's like a box of cookies, too. Yum! Yum! Here's a note attached to it. Let's read it. It says, "Sorry we ate most of your cookies. Opened by mistake. Company B." Oh, well, no hard feelings. After all, we're all buddies. I hoped they choked. We did on their candy.

This army life is making me soft. We're allowed to lie around in bed every morning 'till 5:00 o'clock. This, of course, gives us plenty of time to get washed, dressed, make up bunks, etc., by 5:10. This idea of making beds in a barrack is a lot of bunk, if you ask me. At 5:10 we stand in line outside and try to keep awake, while some (Censored) bugler blows a bugle. Then we grope our way to the mess hall. Methinks, the army learns the art of fighting in a mess hall. We had swell hot cakes, so I heard. After gorging ourselves we struggle our way back to our bunks. We have nothing to do until 6:30 so we just sit around and scrub the latrines, mop the floors, wash the windows, and pick up all the cigarettes and match sticks within a radius of 150 feet from our barracks. So you can see there's more to this army life than drilling and shooting rifles, getting up in the middle of the night for combat drill, fire drill, and saluting. Next week we are leaving for pontoon school for a week, and we'll have to sleep in pup tents. These tents are divided in half and I'd be in a gosh-awful pickle if I couldn't find the guy who has the other half of mine!

All kidding aside and looking at the facts seriously, there is only one way to accept this responsibility bestowed upon us—make the best of it and do our part. We are in the army today because the government felt that the strength of the army was not sufficient for the emergency. As much as we hate the army, we must recognize the issue and be honest about it. In the United States we have "Freedom and the Pursuit of Happiness," and our purpose is to keep it. We gripe and cuss and crab all we want, but that won't get us out of the Army. It is up to us individuals to either make it difficult or easy on ourselves. So you fellows on the outside, if your number's up and you're fit, don't shirk or make excuses—be a man—take it in stride—we all did—and be proud to be inducted into the service of the United States Army.

The World Situation and Buddhism

REV. SUNYA PRATT

American Bhikkhuni

We, who are living at present, need above all things to endeavor to see clearly and sanely, while nervous tension increases around us, to attain some measure of understanding and stability in a world whose very foundations seem to be overthrown. To the eye of the Buddhist this present world chaos is indeed a stern warning of the dangers that arise when man does not understand his own nature and the working of the cosmic law of Karma. Man must realize that he is a part of Nature, that deep in his own being are powerful natural forces, working through him for good or evil. In fact, like the iceberg whose greater mass lies beneath the water, only a small part of his conscious mind is above the surface.

Buddhist teaching delves into the great hidden repository of the Unconscious Mind—the unconscious in which is stored not only the beauty and spiritual aspiration of the misty past, but which also contains the slime of hate, lust, ignorance and all those mighty evils from which have sprung the actions blackening the history of mankind.

Man, unaware of his own nature, setting into motion these powers of evil, fostering in his mind the thoughts of intolerance, racial prejudice, hate and anger, cannot expect that their cumulative force will not express itself in the physical world. Nations themselves do not bring about such a situation as we have today, it is the sum total of the thoughts of the individuals that comprise the nation, their inmost feelings, their lack of understanding, or their knowledge, that direct their nation's destiny.

Consider the present situation. This is an effect, its cause is commensurate with the force with which it burst into the world of men. Generally speaking the cause of a physical event lies on the mental plane. Hatred, intolerance, misunderstanding, slowly growing through the years between the nations, hid from the eye yet ever banking up, like clouds before the flash which bursts their pent up energy and causes it to manifest as storm. Such was the cause, and such today the terrible effect, and here is the lesson to be learned, so long as equal causes slowly accumulate upon the plane of thought, so long will, like effects inevitably burst out in the world of men.

This is the teaching of the Buddha, the cumulative force of karma is an effect not a cause, the cause lies in the past, the individual who permits himself to wallow in the slime of his own unconscious mind, who brings up from the depths the ancient evils is to blame. And the cure can only be presented when men's thoughts are widened, when each man finds and develops peace of mind, tolerance and understanding, slaying and uprooted forever all the hate and anger within his own being. Grave indeed is the danger if this is not realized, for nature itself may work to eliminate an inharmonious experiment, man's urge to destruction and violence may prove a two-edged sword. Grave indeed were it not that man has also the power to create, to use that other natural force of construction by which he may live in harmony and brotherhood with his fellows.

Today the world lesson lies before our eyes, the retributive force of karma is displayed in all its starkness. The Buddha's words are more evident in their truth than ever before: "Hatred ceases not by hatred; hatred is overcome by love; This is the ancient rule." May that rule be seen of every man until, in Tennyson's words:

"Till the war-drums throbb'd no longer, and the battle flags were furled.

In the Parliament of man, the Federation of the World."

American Bhikkhuni

REV. SUNYA PRATT.

"Washington, We Are Here"

*Memoirs of Private Buck who wanted to return Pershing's
compliment to Lafayette*

'Twas an ungodly hour of a late summer morning in the year Nineteen Hundred Forty-One, when we reluctantly responded to the "Top Sergeant's" orders to "rise and shine." Full mouthed yawns and good natured curses filled the barracks as we stumbled about in a half daze, clumsily packing our equipment, and making ready for the long awaited trek to Washington. How well I remember the intense feeling of anticipation and suspense as we "hurried up and waited" 'til the crack of dawn for the convoy to start "inching forward." How we cursed and condemned each delay, muttering to ourselves, "what're we going to do against a blitzkrieg." Alas and alack, had we been able to foretell the dangers and discomforts of the hazardous and tedious journey to the Pacific Northwest, then I'm sure we wouldn't have been so eager to be on our way.

From where I sat on the rear of a G.I. truck, I could view the scenery, breathe for what we thought was the last time the intoxicating fragrance of California air, and between gasps extol the virtues and beauties of our Golden State. But all my efforts to "pinch hit" for the Chamber of Commerce were in vain for they fell on deaf ears of the native sons of Washington and Oregon. They listened of course with indulgent smiles, but never failed to challenge my comments with "wait'll you see God's country." So we waited. Yes, for two whole days, we suffered the gross indignities of the gluteus maximus, braved the wind and cold, only to be greeted by a deluge of rain in Oregon. It was our turn to laugh, but he who laughed last usually caught a cold.

From our first overnight stop in Oregon to the final destination in Washington, it was a monotonous routine of "rain and shine," but between downpours and through the courtesy of ol' Sol, we were able to enjoy the beauty of nature in all its glory—the Oregon Trail, which brought back schoolday stories of pioneers and their great pilgrimage Westward; the Columbia River, the Bonneville Dam, and the tall, stately evergreens all made one forget the stubby scrub oaks of Fort Ord. As I sat huddled in the corner of the truck, fencing with those "didn't we tell you so" looks, I had to grudgingly admit and utter in all reverence, "Ah Wilderness."

But all of the natural splendors were forgotten when once we settled down to the serious business of war. There was the rain and slush to make it realistic; the thick, impenetrable forests to add an ominous touch of the Argonne and the Big Push; but the occasional rumbling of distant guns only prompted bright quips as, "don't shoot, I'll marry your daughter."

Now in my reminiscence, I recall many incidents but of them, these will live forever in my memory . . .

. . . the unforgettable night of the surprise orders to "break camp" at midnight for a dash to the war zones. I couldn't dare sleep because of those alarming forebodings of a truck leaving the road, and I can't help but shudder now as I think of the sleepy eyed drivers behind the wheels. Cold chills raced up and down my spine at each turn, and it wasn't until the glowing rays of sunshine blanketed the country-side that I was able to doze off for those much needed hours of slumber.

. . . the afternoon we enjoyed an hones' to goodness Barbecue. For days we had been living on sandwiches, hash and beans, so the welcome aroma of beef roasting over an open fire made our mouths water. (and, to think that the kitchen personnel had intended to make stew out of the meat). While the tasty morsels were being prepared, our Commanding Officer sent an important message to Headquarters and on it he inscribed a postscript which read in substance, "C'mon over and join us in some Barbecued Beef."

. . . the beautiful moonlit night that we trusted in the stars to watch over us. How perfectly safe and comfortable we felt until a disturbing and moist pitter patter forced us to seek refuge in the stuffy depths of our sleeping bags. Usually we would've slept with our clothes on (an added caution against surprise orders) but on this particular night we tried to be sanitary and as a reward for our pains, our clothes were "sprinkled" with pellets from heaven. The guards were blamed for our predicament but to this day, we aren't able to prove that they too, had been asleep on the job.

. . . the dark, almost hostile night of the "Big Push." This was to be the decisive move, which would turn the tide of the battle. I can see them yet as each regiment, battalion, company, platoon and squad advanced with the greatest of care and precision, for on the success of this maneuver rested the fate of the Army. Yes, it was the night of all nights that we had to get lost! How silly we felt when a sentry told us to turn back because we were in enemy territory. My conscience bothers me still, when I think of giving up our search and going to sleep, while all around us the battle was raging.

. . . the morning that Armistice was signed and the maneuvers were officially declared over. It was drizzling out when the glad tidings reached us. Whoever won we didn't know, nor did we care. The important thing was that with the war over, we could go back to those "home fires" and "flames." I do recall of opening one inquisitive eye to hear the news but there my recollections end, for I merely grunted contentedly and went back to sleep.

Peace reigned supreme for the duration of two days until furloughs were issued and two soldiers' thirst for adventure and an unquenchable wanderlust led them to take to the road. Our mode of travel being a wistful look and a suggestive thumb. Yes, it was my traveling companion's good looks and personality and my prominent thumb that accomplished the task of transporting us through two states and half of another. From metropolis to hamlets we continued our nonchalant way back to Fort Ord, accepting rides on everything and anything imaginable . . . awkward milk trucks to streamlined Zephyrs. With each "lift" our technique improved and towards the end of our "wanderings" we felt emboldened to the point of expressing in no uncertain terms our opinions of vehicles and drivers that passed us by. Through experience we devised a system of taking turns entertaining the kind drivers, while the other caught up on some sleep. Many were the motorists who "picked us up" and a greater majority of them I've forgotten, but there is one who'll never escape my memory. The nervous type that made me wish at each curve or grade that I'd taken the S.P. sign and hints—"The next time try the train and relax."

As I trudged those last weary steps into camp, my thoughts kept wandering back to those scenic spots—the mountains, valleys, rivers, lakes, and the unpredictable weather. An undefinable feeling of loneliness assailed me as I quietly entered the already darkened barracks, and for hours after I tossed about in bed, living over and over again my experiences in the Great Northwest. And tho', I am an ardent native son of our Golden Empire, I breathed a fervent prayer that I might be able to someday repeat again, "Washington, we are here"!

Private Buck.

Sentimental Fool

A sentimental fool, they call me
But if that's my nature, what can I do?
Can't they see?
Just let me be
The sentimental fool I be . . .

. . . Teri . . .

Amid-Sama

REV. K. M. KUMATA

National Executive Secretary Y. B. Federation of North America

We who live in the 20th Century have much to be thankful for in the material and spiritual comforts and protection that are ours. It is needless for me to pick out and list the specific comforts item by item, but I will like to mention a fact which cannot be overlooked.

We, who believe in the Truth of the Dharma as has been shown to us by our Saint Shinran, cannot but realize and express our gratitude for the happiness that has been made possible to us in our religious life.

If you were to turn the pages in the History of Buddhism you can readily see that in its earlier days, Buddhism was a religion confined to the fastness of forests and mountains far from the turmoil of community life where pious and zealous monks and disciples led a life in accordance with the strict disciplines; an exclusive religion wherein no layman may know the tranquility of a heart reposed in enlightenment. Later years tell us of a period wherein Japan Buddhism was restricted to priests and families of the royal court; a religion lavishing in pomp and splendor: but, a religion which was beyond the reach of the man on the streets.

It was only through the efforts of Saint Shinran that Buddhism was brought within the reach of all. Buddhism as taught to us by the Saint has in essence reached the zenith. Herein is a religion consistent with the ordinary man: here lies a faith that is taintless in purity; and here is a belief founded on the supreme Enlightenment of the Buddha and not on the faulty foundation of man's limited knowledge.

The Shin-shu Sect of Buddhism is a religion for the ordinary man because it places no restrictions on our mode of living; there is nothing esoteric in its teaching. And it is a pure religion in that there are no prayers of supplication or desires; the nembutsu of the recitation of His Name is the voice of gratification and thanksgiving to Him for the well-being in our present life and that in the future to come. And it is a belief pure and simple that mankind with all its faults and short-comings may never reach the fullness of Nirvana's Bliss but for the all embracing benevolence of the Amida Buddha, the Buddha of Infinite Life and Boundless Light.

'Taint Fair!

We meet at confabs and dances too
Each time we meet our love renew
And yet, I don't quite understand,
We seem to each be on foreign land.

So far apart, and yet so near.
You are there and I am here.
We made our vows to always be,
I for you and you for me.

Times when absent of dance or meet.
We never do each other greet.
No cards, no letters, no telephone call.
I don't think it's fair at all!

—Marlean.

"40-30-30" Plan

By PHIL MATSUMURA

Coast District Y.B.A. President

REALLY, there doesn't seem to be anything new under the sun in regards to obtaining bigger and better membership and attendance at meetings among our clubs, but I am optimistic that what I call a 40-30-30 plan to meet the desires and whims of most of the members is as feasible as the next one.

By that plan I mean this: . . . when one joins a club as our religious Y.B.A.'s with its broad and diversified program, he should be asked to allot 40 per cent of his interest and support toward the devotional and spiritual endeavors inasmuch as his club is an organization that is existing under the backing and sanctuary of a church. It is obviously apparent that if he had joined a purely athletic or a social club, then there would be no question as to how or where his interest and support should be.

Now for the other 30-30 per cent, I maintain that he should give 30 per cent for his special interest, be it literary, sports, music, forensic, hobby groups, and the other 30 toward the support and participation in his club activities as business meetings, forums, membership drives, benefit programs, etc. That would be the ration I would ask of members with slight variation to some individuals. This plan would be particularly practical if the organizations plan out a well-balanced yearly calendar and adhere to it as closely as possible.

Getting members is comparatively an easier problem than to get attendance after the enrollment is made. Why? Besides the clubs have laurels and prestige to rest on by which they can appeal or entice new members. But those intangible laurels are of no material value or interest, but just pride, to members after they had joined unless the club activities keep up with the enthusiasm and zeal for action that new members usually manifest.

So let's bear that point in mind when we invite new members or when we're coaxing the tardy ones to attend. We must have a concrete program to offer them. I do not know just how the membership and attendance conditions stand in N.C., but around here (San Jose) the situation is getting to be where membership and attendance is no longer coherent. Many have joined bona fide by signifying their intentions of joining with proper registration, paying the initial year dues and responding to several meetings' roll call . . . doing all of that makes him a legitimate member. But, after several meetings, in the way of attendance, where are they during meetings, devotionals and even some socials? Can the clubs be blamed for its listless programs or the members for misbehavior? It varies in localities. It's usually both but the former predominates.

C.Y.B.L. membership drive for 1941-42 is now under way with its set goal of 1350 new members. Let's iron out the difficulties and get more representations of non-member Bussei of your communities who are dubious as to the worthiness of being a Y.B.A. member. Let's show them that we have a varied program for their particular interest and timely socials without sacrificing the spiritual side of our club. Let's show them that they can become a better American in a greater America by being a good, sincere Bussei. Let's convince the elderly leaders who are drawing away that they are the pioneers in the work of setting up a solid foundation to a religious program for the coming younger Bussei to follow.

So in the view of what we can offer the prospective member and to invigorate the activities among present members, time now seems opportune to accord them an opportunity to participate and enjoy your balanced and flourishing program along the 40-30-30 line . . . which, I have firm conviction, will take care of both membership and attendance problems.

Life—It's What You Make It

By Toshie Tomita, French Camp Y.B.A.

What is the meaning of life? For the most part people do not bother themselves with the question or even try to analyze the meaning of life. Yet at intervals people—you and I—break out with the cry "That's Life or What is Life For?" When we clearly and seriously picture and study the occasion and reasons for these outcries, we always find some sort of defeat suffered. For it is true that if everything were plain and smooth sailing and no difficult test set before us, life and its meaning is taken for granted.

No one possesses the absolute meaning of life—for there are as many meanings as there are human beings. Any meaning which is at all serviceable cannot be all wrong. For some it may mean children, while for others money or crime and sinful adventure, and still for some, services of all kinds to society. Life is what we make it.

To me, the meaning of life is to be interested in the whole of mankind and trying to develop social interest and love. In all religions, we find this concern for the salvation of men. In all the greatest movements of the world, men have been striving to increase social interest, and religion is one of the greatest strivings in this way.

We are not the only members of the human race. There are others around us and we are living in *Association* with them. One and all can see and understand very well that we are dependent on one another, especially when we take up the matter of our daily life. If a person tried to live alone and tried to meet his problems by himself, he would perish. He must realize that he is always tied to the other men . . . and that he is tied because of his own weaknesses, insufficiencies, and limits. The greatest steps for his own welfare and for the welfare of mankind is ASSOCIATION. "If we are to survive even our emotions must be harmonious with this greatest of problems and purposes and goals—to continue our personal life and to continue the life of mankind on this planet which we inhabit in cooperation with our fellow men."

There can not be any social interest if we keep to ourselves and think only of ourselves. All failures are failures because there are lacking in fellow feeling and social interest. They approach their problems without the confidence that they can be solved by cooperation and understanding of others. Every human being strives for significance, but people always make mistakes. "People in this world are prone to be selfish and unsympathetic; they do not know how to love and respect each other; they argue and quarrel over trifling affairs to their own harm and suffering, and life becomes only a dreary round of unhappiness." Therefore people should cast and throw away while they are young and learning, all their greed, misconceptions of life and should seek earnestly for true enlightenment; for Buddha has shown the world a safe path of enlightenment and emancipation. If people—YOU and I—would only believe in it and follow his teachings, all our sufferings and unhappiness would be ended. Life, in this meaning is what we make it.

THINGS IN THE ARMY THAT

Increase:
Your appetite
Your respect for your flag
Your love for your mother.
Your promptness
Your Democracy
Your feet

Decrease:
Your surplus fat
Your self conceit
Your fastidiousness
Your selfishness
Your carelessness
Your finances

Life in the Army

By Private Frank Okimoto, *Camp Grant, Illinois*

America the free, the land of opportunity, where young men representing practically all the nations in the world spend their leisure hours enjoying the freedom that is given by the constitutional government. Every young man in his early twenties is eagerly looking forward to the day when he will become a man of the world. Rich and poor alike are enjoying themselves and not being troubled at all with world happenings when an interruption occurs within their daily lives. The Government has decided to enlarge the fighting forces of the Union to become an invulnerable power second to no other nation in the world, thus enlisting the aid of the young men between the ages of 21 to 28 to take an active part in the strengthening of the forces.

Some of these men have taken up the cry of the Nation and enlisted into the many different branches of the armed forces of the greatest nation on earth. No matter what nationality they represented, not one has any feeling of resentment, for the United States Government is theirs and the citizenship privileges afforded cannot be equaled by any other country in the world.

Others, because of their own reasons have decided to wait until they are inducted into the Army and then hope to serve their country to the best of their ability.

Many men experienced in the medical field in one way or another have been selected to give the soldiers all the medical aid that they can, for their first duty to their country is to see that the Army is in a healthful state of being. To give a sketchy report of these men is the purpose of this article, but one thing must be remembered which is that it is forbidden to write any information that shouldn't be passed on to evil ears.

The multifarious duties of the Medical Branch are not generally realized. This branch of the Army, which does its work mostly behind the scenes, may be sometimes overshadowed by the more spectacular functions of the combat branches, but its importance cannot be minimized. The services of this department embraces not only the care of the sick, but the prevention of diseases, the operation of clinical laboratories and dispensaries, the examination of applicants for service and the testing of food for the use of the military personnel. Also in the medical department is the dental service and the veterinary services.

Every soldier is taught first-aid and personal hygiene. The Army hospitals are staffed with surgeons, nurses, dental officers, dieticians, pharmacists and X-ray and laboratory technicians.

At Camp Grant, located in the beautiful countryside of Illinois, reveille is sounded at 6:00 in the morning, wherein every soldier files out of his barracks to respect the flag. After breakfast, the soldier goes through a rigid physical training period of fifteen to twenty minutes. Then the day is spent in the training of which every soldier must qualify before being sent out to his permanent station. At five, the whole camp stands for retreat, to pay their respects to the flag as it is lowered. It cannot be said that the medical men do not go on long road marches for they certainly do! This is the most important part of their training period. After completion of their preliminary training, the soldier is sent to the various branches of the Armed forces to serve the combat team of fighting soldiers.

After about two or three weeks of training, the men are classified into the various branches of the Medical Service. Among the many opportunities opened are the following: Ambulance Drivers, Chemical Technicians, Clerks, X-ray Technicians, Hospital Aid, Laboratory Technicians, Medical Technicians, Truck Drivers, and others which are too numerous to enumerate. However, most of the men are taught to be litter bearers because these are the most important in time of war. They are taught first-aid and all the facts concerning a well-trained first-aid man.

For relaxation, recreational buildings are found all over the camp. A soldier can enter the Service Club to write letters, listen to the radio, attend dances, read periodicals and books in the Library, or witness any entertainment that may be staged for their benefit. A Cafeteria is also housed within the building wherein the guest of the Service Club can obtain food very cheaply. The Guest House is located just to one side where the relatives and friends of the soldiers can obtain lodgings for a minimum price. Three Theaters showing all the latest pictures are found within the Camp. The regular rates are 20 cents per person, but theater tickets can be obtained which entitles a soldier to see the show for 14 cents.

Laundry service at a minimum rate is furnished weekly for the benefit of the selectee, for the soldier rarely finds time to wash his own laundry. At various intervals, outside entertainers appear to perform. Recently, Joe Louis, the heavy-weight champion of the world, staged an exhibition for the benefit of the soldiers and from the ovation he received, the exhibition bout was really a success.

So you see, life in the Army can be grand for the soldier, if he just forgets for a while his civilian life and gets "into the groove" always remembering that only through rigid training can he be of any help towards National Defense!

"The army must be a terrible place," said Aunt Jenny, looking up from the evening paper.

"What makes you think so, Jenny?" asked her dutiful spouse.

"Why, jest think what it must be where beds is bunk and meals is a mess!"

"Seasons"

By Kay Masuda, *Vacaville Y.W.B.A.*

Winter begins our joyous year
With snow of white and gladness of cheer
Everyone from young to old is bound
To have great fun all around.

Then comes the lovely, cheerful Spring
With flowers and voices of birds that sing
To picnics everyone loves to go
By the little brooks that gentle flow.

Now that we bid Spring goodbye
Summer arrives so hot and dry
But swimming goes every boy and girl
In the water they love to whirl.

Summer gone and fall comes calling
With beautiful autumn leaves falling
Welcoming our conference and we're glad to greet
Our dear friends whom we love to meet.

So ends our year of joy and fun
For another year we're just begun
Winter, Spring, Summer and Fall
These are the seasons dear to us all.