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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.

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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.

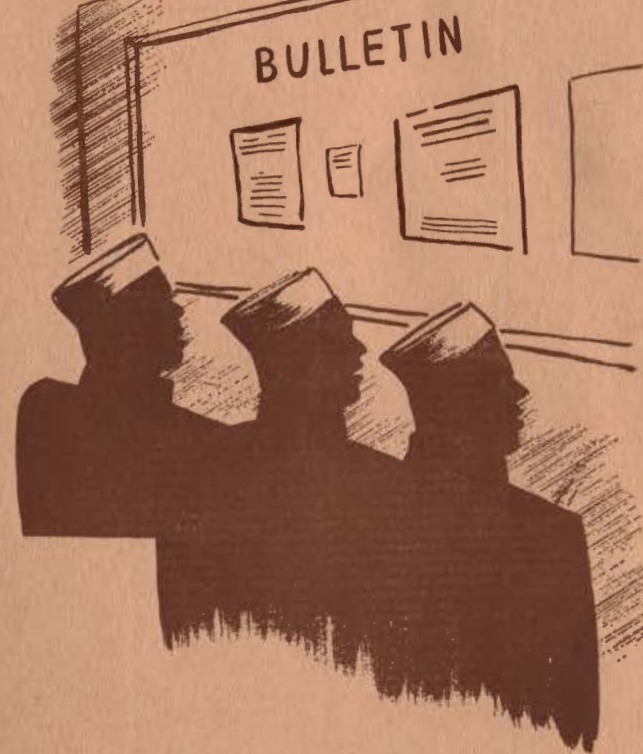
—II—

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

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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.*

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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.

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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.

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#### 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.

1941

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

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.

Thirty-four

# 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 throb'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!

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"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!"

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## "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.



## The World's Debt to Buddha

The irresistible charm which influences the thinking world to study Buddhism, is the unparalleled life of its glorified founder. His teaching has found favor with every one who has studied his history. His doctrines are the embodiment of universal love. Nothing can be higher and purer than his social and moral code. We must set clearly before us the admirable figure which detaches itself from it, that finished model of calm and sweet majesty, of infinite tenderness for all that breathes, and compassion for all that suffers, of perfect moral freedom and exemption from every prejudice. It was to save others that he who was one day to be Gautama disdained to tread sooner in the way of Nirvana, and that he chose to become Buddha at the cost of countless numbers of supplementary existences.

The tendency of enlightened thought of the day, all the world over, is not toward theology, but philosophy and psychology. Lip service of prayer is giving place to a life of altruism. In the religion of Buddha is found a comprehensive system of ethics. To the simple minded it offers a code of morality, to the earnest student a system of pure thought. But the basic doctrine is the selfpurification of man. Spiritual progress is impossible for him who does not lead a life of purity and compassion. The superstructure has to be built on the basis of a pure life. So long as one is fettered by selfishness, passion, prejudice, fear, so long the doors of his higher nature are closed against the truth.

Human brotherhood forms the fundamental teaching of Buddha—universal love and sympathy with all mankind and with animal life. Every one is enjoined to love all beings as a mother loves her only child and takes care of it even at the risk of her life. The realization of the ideal of brotherhood is obtained when the first stage of holiness is realized. The idea of separation is destroyed and the oneness of life is recognized. There is no pessimism in the teachings of Buddha, for he strictly enjoins on his disciples not even to suggest to others that life is not worth living. On the contrary, the usefulness of life is emphasized for the sake of doing good to self and humanity.

Buddha promulgated his system of philosophy after having studied all religions. And in the Brahma-jala sutta sixty-two creeds are discussed. In the Kalamasutta, Buddha says:

"Do not believe in what ye have heard. Do not believe in traditions, because they have been handed down for many generations. Do not believe in anything because it is renowned and spoken of by many. Do not believe merely because the written statement of some old sage is produced. Do not believe in conjectures. Do not believe in that as truth to which you have become attached by habit. Do not believe merely on the authority of your teachers and elders. Often observation and analysis, when the result agrees with reason, is conducive to the good and gain of one and all. Accept and live up to it."

To realize the unseen is the goal of the student of Buddha's teachings, and such a one has to lead an absolutely pure life. No one can deny that Buddhism preests most of the characteristic elements of the universal faith. In practice and in spiritual intention it has passed beyond the limitations which are fundamental in other forms created by the religious needs of man. It has advanced far on the road leading to the ideal goal; and modern man, in his quest for the elements of universal truth, will never again retrace his steps to go back to the mile-posts he has left behind on his climb up the heights. Buddhism has emancipated itself from the bondage of racial tests and national divisions. Race and nationality cannot circumscribe the fellowship of the larger communion of the faithful, a communion destined to embrace in one covenant all the children of man.

Race is accidental, not essential in manhood. Color is indeed only skin deep, No caste or tribe, even were we to concede the absolute purity of the blood flowing in their arteries, an assumption which could in no case be verified by actual

facts of the case, can lay claim to superior sanctity. None is nearer the heart of nature than another. He certainly who takes his survey of humanity from the outlook of Buddhism and from this point of view remembers the serious possibilities and the sacred obligations of human life cannot adopt the theory that spirit is the exponent of animal nature. Yet such would be the conclusion if the doctrine of chosen races and tribes is at all to be urged. The racial element is merely the animal substratum of our being. Brain and blood are the crutches which the mind must use. But mind is always more than the brain with which it works, and the spirit's equation cannot be solved in terms of the blood corpuscles or the pigment of the skin.

The attainment of salvation is by the perception of self through charity, purity, self-sacrifice, self-knowledge, dauntless energy, patience, truth, resolution, love, compassion and equanimity. The last words of Buddha were these:

"Be ye lamps unto yourselves; be ye a refuge to yourselves; betake yourself to an eternal voyage; hold fast to the truth as a lamp; hold fast as a refuge to the truth; look not for refuge to any one besides yourselves. Learn ye, then, that knowledge which I have attained and have declared unto you and walk ye in it, practice and increase in order that the path of holiness may last and long endure for the blessing of many people, to the relief of the world, to the welfare, the blessing, the joy of gods and men."

REV. S. ALEX WHITE.

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## EXISTENCE

Rose Watanabe, *French Camp Y.B.A.*

Through adversities, hardships,  
And misfortunes  
We strive with sound determination  
To wholly exist  
Across the plains of life  
Hovers uncertain clouds  
Yet, if we make it  
Life can be beautiful.

We think not of drudgeries  
Miseries or pain  
When ahead of us lies  
A glorious living  
Exciting and enticing  
True weapons to overcome  
Undesirable elements.

Rendering hospitality  
To lost human spirits  
Ignoring the fact  
Of what source it may be  
Rebelling against those  
Who bring unhappiness and injustice  
Taken in thought  
Are these not true joys of living?



## The Last of Bob

Bette Y. Maeda, *Florin Y.W.B.A.*

The days before departure were diminishing in number. It wouldn't be long now before Bob would be leaving to continue his education in a foreign land, Japan. Bob Yamamoto, a University graduate regretted the thought of leaving due to his dear friends including his uncle and aunt. Most of all, he wondered how he would muse his lonely heart for his missing companion while in Japan. Terry, an all around girl whom he met on the University campus was his constant companion of late.

One day Bob approached her hesitatingly. "Terry, I've got something to tell you, which I know you won't like."

"Gee, Bob, what have you got to tell me. Nothing bad is it?"

"Well, since my education in Japan is necessary I'm going to study for three whole years. I can't bear to leave such a swell and faithful girl like you but, remember I'll come back to you when my time is up."

With tears rolling down her cute small face she leaned on his shoulder and softly said, "Gee, it'll be a long time but be careful in whatever you do. Remember, I'll wait for you as long as you want me to."

"Terry dear, mere words can't express your kindness and faithfulness to me. Honestly, I hate to think of leaving you for you've been such a thoughtful girl and always ready and willing to aid anyone around. I'll keep myself busy writing to you."

"I'll do the same and may I wish you the best of luck in your studies."

With a grip of her small hand Bob gently said, "Goodbye for now and until I see you at the pier tomorrow morning. Be real good won't you."

"Goodbye, Bob dear." Terry said softly. Deep down in her heart poor Terry felt lonesome and could not get over the shock of losing Bob for a period of time.

The very next morning of October 8, 1939, life in the Los Angeles harbor went on hurriedly due to rushing of passengers and friends. It was ten o'clock when Bob and Terry found each other in the huge mass of crowd. This being his last chance Bob shaking Terry's warm hand and gently said, "Goodbye Terry dear and please take care of yourself. It won't be long. I'll be back within three years."

With warm tears rolling down her cheeks she softly said, "Goodbye to you Bob. Good luck and good health. I'll wait for you so, don't worry about me."

As the music of "Hotaru No Hikari" began, the big liner moved slowly out of the pier. Terry, with her eyes full of tears stood on the shore until her vivacious Bob appeared to her as a dot.

Almost three years had passed and Terry invited friends to her home. "How is Bob? Have you heard from him?" asked a friend.

"Oh yes he's fine. He will be back in March. I'm so glad and thrilled about it."

"It won't be long now. Only a few months."

Just then a clear apparition of Bob appears at the doorway. He is standing still and seems to be far away.

"Oh Bob. I'm so glad you're home."

"Hello Bob, we were just talking of you. We really didn't expect you so soon."

"Well, Bob say something."

"Oh—" moaned Terry as the apparition faded away. These were his dear friends. Terry slumped on the shoulders of the nearest friend. She wondered what would happen. One by one the friends left the home leaving a melancholy air.

Next morning a telegram arrived saying Bob had died of heart failure. Poor Terry with tears dripping from her eyes was left thoughtless and she felt as if her body was shivering. In a flash their scene of departure came to her mind. "Why hadn't I known that would be the last of dear Bob. The last of my dear Bob." Terry cried out sentimentally. And so it was the last of Bob Yamamoto, a well known University student never knowing the sad part of his life.

## The American Citizen of Japanese Ancestry

By Oscar Inouye, *Florin Y.M.B.A.*

American citizens of today are faced with the problems of getting jobs, of finding adequate opportunities to advance themselves of utilizing their leisure time to the best advantage of learning to live cooperatively. These problems also affect the Japanese Americans, but they have further difficulties in that they are products of two cultures. Parental and home environments are predominantly Japanese, while school and associates of same age group are influenced by American cultures. This double heritage of culture is both an advantage and a disadvantage to the modern nisei youth. First, let us examine the disadvantages: There are bound to be stresses and strains when two cultures intermingle. A good example to illustrate my meaning is to contrast the differences in the attitude of the Japanese toward their Ruler and of the average American towards the President. What is the solution? My advice would be to study seriously all the cultural elements of both cultures and try to adopt the best of each. Another disadvantage is that a cleavage will tend to spring up between the younger and the older generation. This cleavage will not only be one of modern against older customs which tends to divide all people into older and younger groups but also added differences in viewpoints which contact with another culture will bring. The only solution to this is understanding and tolerance between the younger and the older groups. It is up to the younger group, especially to go more than half way since they should realize that they are bound to win in the long run, since time is on their side. Another disadvantage is that neither Japanese nor Americans will accept the Japanese-American citizen as one of themselves. Again, only time and tolerances can solve this problem, and before it is solved, many are liable to be hurt. I do not mean in a physical sense as much as I mean in feeling. However, though it may take a long time yet, I think the feeling between the Japanese youth and the American youth is much more friendly than between the older people.

Now, let us examine the advantages: The greatest advances in the world civilizations has been two cultures intermingled. The leaders of such an advance would be those who combine naturally the two cultures, but it is up to them to seize that leadership. Intelligence, sympathy and tolerance must be three goals of those who would lead and if they have it, they have the opportunity to amaze and direct the World of Tomorrow!

### "Atten-shun!!"

The bugles call!  
To line they fall!  
And toughly 'Sarg'  
Commands the march.  
"Company! Atten-shun!!"  
You sed it. It's no fun!  
Pitiful "bucks"—  
They're tired, shux!  
Moan? Yes! Quit? Nay!  
It's all for the good of U. S. A!! . . .  
. . . Teri . . .



## The Bussei and the Present World

By JUNE NAKAYAMA

(First Place—B.D. Oratorical Contest, Member of S.F. Y.W.B.A.)

Need I tell you the story of blood and broken homes, of sudden death and emptiness of heart which today hold sway in many countries in the East and West? War clouds and war hysteria cast threatening shadows brought with sorrow and suffering over our beloved land, but beneath those shadows the symbol of peace still waves on; and America has started the machinery for defense that shadow may not turn into reality.

Today, in these very abnormal times, the strained relationship between the United States and Japan has placed us, the Bussei, as well as all the Japanese-Americans, in an uncomfortable and precarious position. There is no necessity in repeating, so clear is it to all, that already jingoists and yellow journals are looking with askance, eye even with suspicion those citizens of the United States, who through chance of birth have the racial features of a Japanese. And probing eyes of the prejudiced few are eagerly peering into the activities of organizations—religious and otherwise, which may have the least sign of Oriental origin.

Our parents have given us, among numerous traditions and customs, the heritage of Buddhist faith. But in doing so, we have become unwillingly the victims of a minority of Americans with narrow, prejudiced, inconsistent, bigoted minds who would look upon any activities unfamiliar to them as propaganda and subversive materials. The cry of "yellow peril," "fifth columnists" and like would be heaped upon the Bussei. The Nisei whose brothers, cousins, relatives, and friends have answered the call of Uncle Sam to take up the manual of arms and who would lay down their lives for the sake of the only country of their allegiance, the United States of America.

Not only must we show our loyalty by outward actions, such as the purchase of U. S. Defense Bonds and Stamps and contribution to the U. S. O., but beneath that loyalty there must lie a sincere patriotic heart. And we, as Bussei, can live our lives as patriotic citizens by Right Views, Right Aspirations, Right Mindfulness, and Right Contemplation—the way of the Buddha's Eightfold Path.

Hours of study are not necessary in following this path, but the conviction that you, the Bussei, are proud of your citizenship is vital.

Facing the present situation realistically, whether in favor or against the administration, our one view should be loyalty, not only today, but at all times, to the country of our birth.

America's system of government may not be the perfect institution, but it is the most nearly perfect on this earth. Seeing and hearing of those seeking refuge from the Old World should be adequate reason for us to aspire to preserve as well as to enrich this democratic system of government. But in doing so, right effort must be employed. Hundreds are the viewpoints expressed by newspapers, magazines, and speakers, but we must draw our own conclusions through tolerance and clear-thinking for the objective of all in America, the preservation of peace and the National Unity in our defense program.

We are granted the freedom of speech, but that freedom unless used wisely will hurt us more than aid us. As descendants of one of the minority groups in America, our speech should be guarded against race prejudices; as we ourselves are so prejudiced against.

Instead of burning figures of dictators in effigy or openly or loudly expressing our dislikes for traitorous individuals and un-American activities, let us indulge in wholesome and right actions in showing our loyalty. Today, hundreds of Nisei young men are training in Uncle Sam's army, to serve our country in this emergency. Hundreds of dollars have been contributed to the American Red

Cross. We did our part in the drive for aluminum pots and pans. Certainly, these actions can not be led into any thoughtless actions that would hurt the status of the Nisei.

We must live according to the laws of the community and to better our livelihood and to become veritable assets in the community of citizens.

In bettering our livelihood, let us remember that half of the world, is engulfed in suffering. Thousands have been orphaned, thousands have been left homeless, and yet other thousands have been widowed as a result of the chaotic conditions in this world today. Here in America, we do not have to stand in line with our card to get our food; our clothing supply is not limited; our speech is not restricted. Our radio programs, our newspapers, and our moving pictures are not censored. We can come and go to school or to work without the fear of air-raids. We are free to pursue our lives as we see fit. Truly, we live in a "heaven on earth." In appreciation of what we enjoy, and remembering those across the seas, let us try and deny ourselves some of the pleasures which may be considered as extravagances.

Through right contemplation, we should be able to see our position in the American pattern of life; and should endeavor to better our attitudes in the present crisis as Buddhists. Let us not be led astray from this Eightfold Path by super-patriotic organizations or individuals.

Let us remember, as we mingle with our friends and acquaintances among fellow Americans that we not only represent the Second Generation, but we also represent the adherents of a religion rapidly expanding in America.

Loyalty to America, the preservation and enrichment of this democratic system of government, guarding our speech, right action instead of words to show our loyalty, to become worthy citizens of a community, right efforts for the preservation of peace, appreciation of the peace and comfort we enjoy in America, right contemplation to preserve and to achieve these principles—this is Buddha's Eightfold Path.

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### Nightfall

Crickets cry  
With birdling's sigh.  
Froggies croak  
To doggies' joke;  
And babies sleep  
In slumbers deep.  
Night must fall  
Without a pall . . .  
. . . Teri . . .

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The calm routine of a young lady of Tennessee was interrupted recently by army maneuvers. As she approached a bridge she was in the habit of driving over daily, she was stopped by a sentry.

"Madam," he said earnestly, "you can't drive across this bridge. It has just been demolished."

Leaving her dumbfounded, for the bridge was in no way impaired, he walked off.

As she debated the possibility that the sentry was insane, another soldier approached. She beckoned to him. "Young man," she inquired, "can you tell me any reason why I can't cross this bridge?"

"Lady," he replied soberly, "I can't tell you a thing. I've been dead for three days."



## The Stockton Y.M.B.A. Presents . . . Nothing Much

Per JSY

What with the draft boards throwing discretion to the winds, classifying our boys with perverted abandon, soon our Y.M.B.A. might well look like this . . .

President, Social Chairman, Religious Chairman, and Athletic Manager Yoshio, sitting alone, raised one jaundiced eye as the door of the borrowed classroom shuddered ever so slightly under an unwilling hand. President, Social Chairman, etc. Yoshio let flicker the other eye. "Come in," he said unenthusiastically.

The hesitant hand came, dragging a pair of equally unwilling feet.

"Oh, hello Member, where's the Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Sergeant-at-Arms?"

Member was not at that moment at his most alert. "What's that?" he asked.

"I said, where's the President, Religious Chairman, and Ath—No, that's me, I mean—" he floundered a bit, "I mean the Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and—, Aw! you know what I mean."

Member, still in the grip of bewilderment but rallying desperately, finally broke through. "Oh, he's out there," pointing vaguely out—

From OUT came a babble of many feminine voices. "Please, please let me take you out tonight Mas, please."

Then, "You took him to the dance last time Yuki, now it's my turn."

And then, "But Sumi, you dated him all last week, it's my—" Here a masculine voice broke in, "Now, now girls don't carry on so. Uh, let's see . . . Kimi, I think I'll let you take me out tonight . . ."

"But understand," cutting short her effusive thanks, "understand, I'm getting quite fed up with Carnation boutonnières. If you could arrange to bring something more . . ."

Hastily reassured on that point, HE detached himself from the adoring group with some difficulty and approached the meeting room.

Standing in the doorway, HE fairly beamed upon the two who made up the Y.M.B.A. gathering. "Well, well, well, and how are my fellow clubmen?"

His jovial greeting glanced off Member's discouragingly blank features, falling shattered to the floor.

President, Religious Chairman, Social Chairman, and Athletic Manager, Yoshio's face was bleak. "Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Sergeant-at-Arms, you are only two hours late. Come in and shut the door."

Nonplussed by the unenthusiastic response, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, etc., tried a weak scoff, "Huh, what's a few hours?" He endeavored to pass it off with a snap of his fingers. Failing that but for a faint unimpressive "Sput" he faded smally into a convenient seat.

"Give the report," directed President, Religious Chairman, Social Chairman, and Athletic Manager, Yoshio.

"Which report, the treasury or secretarial?" asked the Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Sergeant-at-Arms, in a small voice.

At the mention of Treasury, Member essayed a slight titter.

President, Social Chairman, etc. Yoshio was annoyed. "Don't try to be funny, give the secretarial report."

The old business duly given a light once-over, our heroes turned to the business at hand.

"As you know it is election time again and we must choose a new cabinet." President, etc. Yoshio's eyes glittered strangely.

Member's eyes shifted quickly away, coming to rest on the blank wall to the east side of the room, seemingly striving to look straight through it; presumably visualizing the sun coming up over the horizon, irregardless of the fact that it was still 11:00 P. M.

Disregarding his obvious inattention, President, etc. Yoshio, fixing his gaze upon Member, said, "Nominations are now in order" and before being interrupted, "I nominate you," pointing, "as candidate for President, Social Chairman, Religious Chairman, Athletic Manager, Treasurer, Secretary, and Sergeant-at-Arms."

"Here! Here!" choralled the erstwhile Vice-President, Secretary, etc.

"Aw!" said Member.

With this, the erstwhile President, Social Chairman, etc. arose, stretched and with a perfunctory farewell salute, drifted out thru the door, a faint sound like a sigh of relief drifted back from the darkness that quickly enveloped him.

## MEMORIES

Rose Watanabe, *French Camp Y.B.A.*

Treasures of an aged heart  
Thoughts sublime  
On weary minds it linger  
Like cellar-wrought wine.

Through the long journey of Life  
Youth comes back  
In it's purest form  
Neither worn nor wracked.

It comes back with vigilance  
Sturdy and strong  
Like a youth determined  
Ah, Life can be a song.

Life beautifully endeavored  
Each and every part  
Ancient in stature  
But young in heart.

Amitabha Buddha means Boundless Love. Limitless Light.

We humans are prone to think in a conceptual form. Boundless Love, Limitless Light is, of course, no thing, no form, but is made into a figure to serve as a focal point for the concentrative and meditative activity.

The flag is saluted for the ideal of the country for which it stands, not for the colored cloth.

The Buddha represents the highest ideal or form of consciousness of which the human mind is capable. The statue, pictures or name may be a work of art and, if so, is considered for itself only to that extent.

—from *The Buddhist Brotherhood.*



## The Torture of Poverty

By Jean Maeda, *Florin Y.W.B.A.*

Love was scarce in my childhood for life was embittered by Mother and Father. They felt that Fate had trapped them in the hopeless grind of life on a mortgaged farm. Only on rare occasions, I learned that under great weariness there existed in them a softer side—the side I might have known had times been better. One of those occasions had been when I found a stray chicken which had been injured under the horse's hoofs as father plowed. As I look back to it now, I can clearly visualize how the dear chick was given to me and how it was taken away from me.

It was on a beautiful Spring day that I first gained possession of the chicken. As I was walking through the straight row of the cool, newly-turned earth, I heard suddenly the feeble cries of a half-feathered chick. Thrusting the tea pot to Daddy which I was taking to him, I ran to pick up the poor little chicken. "Oh Dad, it's hurt!"

"Better let me put it out of its misery."

"Oh no, please don't." I begged to keep it but Dad was stern. "It must have come from one of the wealthy American places."

"Then I'll take it to them." I was running rapidly up the mud-caked trail across the field before Dad could say "no." More afraid than hungry, I unwrapped the poor panting creature before the maid whom I encountered on the back porch.

"Stealin' the boss's chick, eh?" queried the maid.

"Hush, Pearl," cried out a youthful looking girl who was peering from a nearby open window. Then in a kinder tone, "Here, let me see it." I handed her the chick half afraid thinking of what may happen.

"The leg is broken," she said in a matter-of-fact way. "I'll have to set it while you hold it." The next few moments, I watched the girl as she deftly set the leg of the chicken.

As she finished she said: "If it gets loose or broken again I will fix it."

"But—it's yours, not mine." I stammered.

"No one would miss a broken-legged chick around here. Take it home for a pet. Goodbye."

As I walked down the trail, I thought how wonderful it would be if we were wealthy too. Everything seemed to be all right and easy-going in that world to which we did not and could not belong.

Until now I had not even a broken toy. What's more, I never wore shoes nor decent clothing. We were starving and hungry most of the time. I cherished the thought of having a chick for a pet. The fact that it had a broken leg made no difference to me. Every day it grew larger and the leg finally healed. Until then, I had never known how to take care of things nor did I realize the dearness of life. It was that which made us strive for life even on a mortgaged farm.

I always kept the chicken in a little box inside the house, because I feared that it might get hurt again outside in the open air. By this time, the chicken was larger and Mother often begged if she could make a supper with it. I always answered in the negative for I could not bear to have my dear pet taken away from me.

One fateful day, the truant officer came to our home in an automobile. Thinking it was someone else, I ran outside merrily for it was not often that we had company. I did not know that the chick had followed me outside and had run into the rushing car. Before I could scream, I could hear the cackling of my dear chicken as it was hit. Hurt very much, it ran into the nearby bushes. I searched and searched in vain, in every nook and in all the shadowy places. I could see

neither feather nor hide of my long loved pet. Never before had I known such an empty stinging pain of sadness inside of me. I could not bear to think that my one and only pet was lost. My feet were bleeding from the thorns and stickers which I had stumbled on unconsciously. As dusk fell upon me, I became tired, but I could not go home yet.

Later, I saw a light coming toward me. It was father with his old smoky lantern. "Come home to supper. You'll catch cold out here," said daddy in a stern voice.

"Un-huh," I answered reluctantly, for I knew what would be coming, if I ever disobeyed father.

I knew supper was ready, for I could already smell the delicious odor coming from the kitchen door. I could feel my heart beating with a thump for it was a long time since we had had any decent meal. I forgot the awful emptiness of my stomach. It did not take very long for me to discover that we were having my pet chicken for supper!

I could not bite nor swallow. I quickly fled to another room, being unable to face mother and father, who were eating heartily. How beaten I felt! I wondered why everything so unpleasant had to happen to me. Why couldn't I be like other children who have toys to play with and a chance to go to school? Then in a flash I knew the answer! We were poor. Not being able to stand it any longer, I buried my face in my cap, as sharp sobs came upon me. Oh how cruel—this world is to me!

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## The Noble Eightfold Path

1. Highest Understanding.
2. Highest Mindedness.
3. Highest Speech.
4. Highest Action.
5. Highest Livelihood.
6. Highest Endeavor.
7. Highest Recollectedness.
8. Highest Meditation.

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## For The Night

The candles give their tallowy light.  
Flowers sink their sweetening smell  
In shadows that creep and then alight:  
And incense burns a thinning streak.  
In peace we are—in this silent haven.  
The Temple is ours for every night. . .

. . . Teri . . .



## Bussei Life

By TAD HIROTA

PRELUDE TO A COLUMN . . . Heartiest greetings EnCee friends! It is indeed a great honor to be able to contribute a column for your annual publication. From distant Oakland, this columnist presents timely comments on "BUSSEI LIFE."

ON THE SPOT . . . Today we are really on the spot. With the international situation as it is and the spirit of "Americanism" and "nationalism" running rampant and gaining more momentum daily in this country, Buddhists in America are being branded as "fifth columnists" and are the targets of much unfavorable publicity.

At a State convention of a powerful group of patriotic-minded men held recently, a resolution to have all Buddhist temples in this country abolished was proposed, but trigger-like action and work on the part of the National J.A.C.L. headquarters staff resulted in the defeat of this matter. This is just one case; Buddhists are being attacked over the radio, in magazines, and in newspapers, too!

What is the reason for all this, you ask? Well, a few of the reasons might be our too-Japanese-looking temples, the swastika designs on our banners and buildings, non-English speaking Reverends, and the fact that Buddhism is an alien religion, one that is not known to the great majority of the people residing in the U.S.A. Some don't like the fact that the Buddhist Mission is directed from abroad. Federal agents have records of talks made at our temples stressing loyalty to Japan, etc. All this, and more too, has brought about a bitter feeling towards the American Buddhists.

To better our position and gain a better feeling towards us, we must mix much more with Americans and show them that we're Americans, too. This should be one of the Bussei's policies. We must make our religion known to the Americans; they must be made to understand it. Religious discussions should be held with American groups; Sunday Schools should be conducted in English and sermons should be in English, and there is a definite need of Nisei Reverends.

But we hit a stone wall right here . . . we can't educate Americans about Buddhism because we don't know much about it ourselves. Much time will pass by before we can educate the Americans that we are learning Buddhism in an American way.

Bussei leaders must get together with Honbu officials and map out a systematic way of teaching the religion to the Nisei. No time should be wasted. As Indian Buddhism adjusted itself to China, and Chinese Buddhism adjusted itself to Japan, so must Japanese Buddhism adjust itself in this country and become Americanized. That is the only way we will be understood.

We are on the spot . . . and to nobly and Americanly acquit ourselves in the eyes of the American public, we must place our faith in Buddhism and learn it more thoroughly so that we may educate them to understand and know us. A hard task has been cut out for us; can we Busseis carry on? That is the challenge!

AND THEY SAY . . . Rev. S. N. Pratt—"Carry On Bussei with your youth and vision that is the gift of youth, carry on to form with your united efforts a strong and fine future for Buddhism." . . . Manabu Fukuda—"Be better Americans by being better Buddhists." . . . Rev. K. Kumata—"The Bussei can proudly state, 'I am a true American, I believe in democracy,' for Buddhism is democracy." . . . "Sayonara, my friends."

## SWEETHEART DARLING,

To the resplendent Army I pledged my oath,  
And boarding the train I was seemingly proud  
Of the ringing cheers I thot was mine;  
But only to find it's not this time.

The Army is not what people think,  
Especially in Texas, from you afar;  
Secluded from life's own pride and joys,  
My only pleasures are reminiscence of you.

The stress and strain of daily marches,  
I re-live the days we strolled thru parks;  
Through lectures I sit, my mind astray,  
Always in end, my dreams dear of you.

Hitting the dirt in infantry games,  
Carries one back to your kisses afire;  
Now with lonely heart, I no longer can say,  
Shoot the flame to me dame.

In craps and poker I earnestly indulge,  
In hopes some day I may dearly profit;  
To send you gifts I cannot manage,  
With twenty-one bucks a day, once a month.

The moon I gaze from Taps 'til Reveille,  
The wind and the willows that plays our tune;  
Forever cherishes sweet words, never to die,  
Of vows we made of eternal faith.

Like the flickering leaves of the Autumn trees,  
Let not your thoughts of me, likewise die.  
For I abide in life of Truth and Happiness,  
Made true only by you, you alone.

Must world be so cruel, until discharge I get?  
If F.D.R. is the supreme I know,  
With honor, without fortune, I'll be back in a year,  
'Till then, sweetheart, may no man ring your finger.

—From a Typical Lonesome  
Texas Soldier.

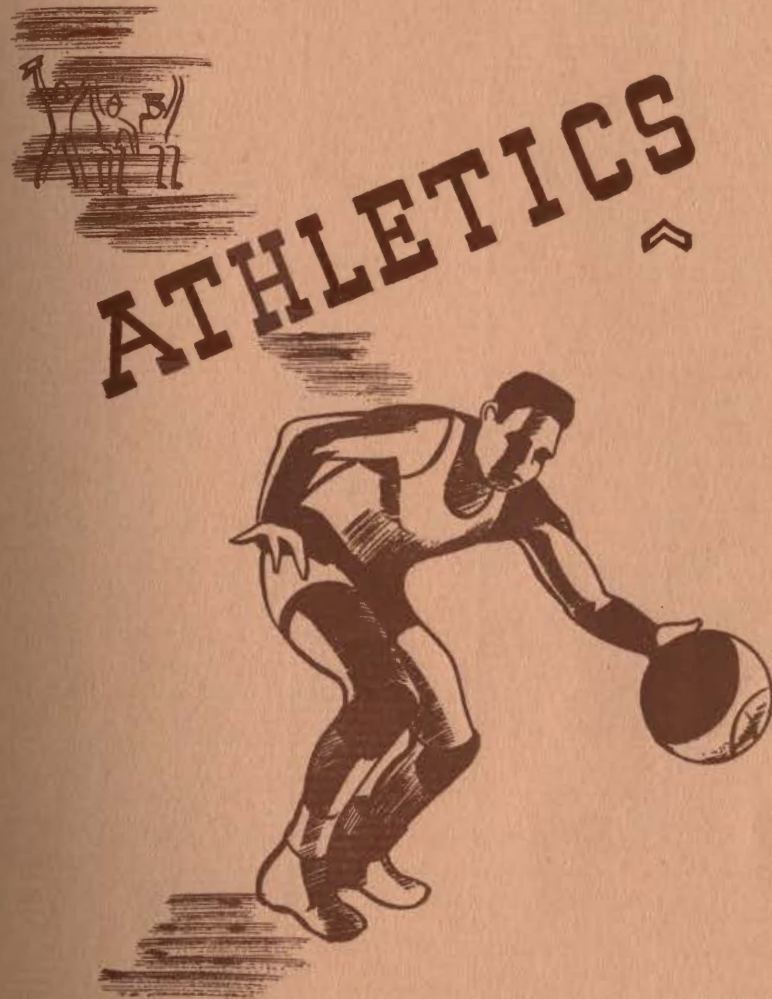


All This and That

I can't do this  
I can't do that  
All because you're in the army.  
Those things I miss  
All that and that  
Oh, how I wish you were here with me.

The gals all hiss  
Under a hat  
They claim I rob the cradle.  
I hate all this  
I hate all that  
I guess I just have to be idle.

. . . Marlean



"Applause is the spur of noble minds,  
The end and aim of weak ones."

—Colton



## Northern California Sports Review

By ARTHUR HISAKA

*Northern California District Men's Athletic Chairman*

Last year at this relaxed and unconcerned days prior to the opening of the basketball season, everyone expected the Sacramento Wakabas to walk away with the championship. Their victory meant the possession of the perpetual trophy, signifying three years superiority in the December N.C. play-off. But much to the amazement of everyone, the snappy Marysville youngsters added another year's lease of life to the much-fought-for trophy. A heart-breaking game for the Wakabas but this outcome also gave a moral lift to the Stockton Y.M.B.A., who has two years of victories to their credit. Coming back to last year's winner, Marysville graduated from the "B" league in the fall of 1938. After three years of competition, they became one of the most worthy "A" representatives in the valley. Upon watching the brand of ball, enthusiasm and the team spirit displayed, every fan will express his belief that this type of team has a definite future in store for them.

With nine teams entered in the "B" league, Vacaville emerged victorious in this division. Here's hoping for your continued success.

Stockton chapter was the scene of the Northern California Ping Pong tournament. Two representatives, Atsushi Takata for the boys and Misako Tanaka for girls were sent to the Los Angeles Conference. In the latter, we discovered a C.Y.B.L. single champion . . . more power to the Miss from French Camp.

The managers of the various chapters voted with the approval and consent of the cabinet that the sponsoring chapters divide the profit on a fifty-fifty basis with the league. Heretofore, the sponsor was the total beneficiary to the tournament earnings. We hope this plan will be satisfactory and helpful to all concerned.

To all the teams and individuals, may we take this opportune occasion to extend our appreciation and congratulations for their sportsmanlike conduct throughout the whole year. Again, let us strive to show the other teams the true Northern California Buddhist League colors! Let us play to win, but if the tide should turn, lose with a smile!

### Why Ho-Yus Has Belligerent Squad This Year

Walnut Grove—(Delayed!)

Failing to defend the N.C. Y.M.B.A. Class B gonfalon by losing to the Isleton's Purple Waves in a heart-breaking tilt, the Walnut Grove's stubbornly-educated Ho-Yus casaba squad will round out another of its edition of belligerent basketeters.

Now, as the Ho-Yus are up to its usual par, the Delta City lads should be more successful to account a brilliant record, this year. With the return of precious five regulars namingly Tosh Oto, Herb Hirotsu, John Tsuruta, George Watanabe and Ute Kobuke, the Ho-Yus should be, by far headed for the 1941 Gonfalon this year. Lanky Tosh Oto pivoteer for the Ho-Yus astounded the fans and fanettes for his brilliant backboard work, while John Tsuruta and Herb Hirotsu form a dead-eye shooting duo. And for the front line defense George Watanabe and Ute Kobuke's talented backboard control together with Oto forms the trio of the most defensive power men. Among the moleskinners who will probably make the headline are:

Joe Norikane, Louie "Poo-Poo" Watanabe, Russell Yamaga, Ted Sakata, Miles Hamada, Hiroshi Oto, Ken Yamaga, Mike Nagoshi, and Tak Shinmoto and many others.

**WATCH FOR HO-YUS, THOSE BELLIGERENT PLAYERS WILL LEAD THEMSELVES TO REVIVE THEIR CHAMPIONSHIP AGAIN!**



## Northern California District Y. W. B. A. Sports Parade

By AYA INAMASU  
N.C.Y.W.B.A. Athletic Chairman

The Marysville Y.W.B.A. and the Vacaville Y.W.B.A. Sextette were added to the N.C.Y.W.B.A. League last season, bringing the total membership to eight. The Stockton Busy Bees went on to win the title for the third successive year and the permanent 2 years' trophy put up by the Y.W.B.A. League.

The final standing of the league was as follows:

	Won	Lost
STOCKTON BUSY BEES .....	7	0
FLORIN BLUETTES .....	6	1
ISLETON Y.W.B.A. ....	5	2
LODI SILVER STREAKS .....	4	3
VACAVILLE Y.W.B.A. ....	2	5
SACRAMENTO SCARLETTES .....	1	6
DELTA ACETTES .....	1	6
MARYSVILLE HUBBETTES .....	0	7

The All-Stars were selected by the popular votes of the managers of various chapters, and those making the All-Stars were given a certificate by the League. The League All-Stars for 1940-41 season:

### FIRST TEAM

Forwards		Guards	
Grace Hagio .....	Stockton	Yoshiko Nakamori .....	Stockton
Ella Nakao .....	Florin	Mary Kawamura .....	Florin
Nobuko Ike .....	Isleton	Yuki Kato .....	Stockton

### SECOND TEAM

Forwards		Guards	
Yukimi Nishida .....	Marysville	Helen Ishii .....	Stockton
Patty Okura .....	Lodi	Tamiko Nakao .....	Sacramento
Betsie Inaba .....	Walnut Grove	Jean Nakanishi .....	Isleton

HONORABLE MENTION: Forwards: Asty Iguchi, Lily Kusama, of Stockton; Sally Okura of Lodi; M. Tanaka of Florin; H. Ike of Isleton.  
Guards: L. Taniguchi and K. Hamataka of Florin; S. Ichimoto of Vacaville; H. Masui of Lodi; A. Tomita of Isleton.

Besides having a very successful league last year, the First All-Girl Basketball Tournament of Northern California was held in Stockton under the sponsorship of Stockton Y. W. and Busy Bee team. This tournament was held to decide the valley chapter representative for the All Northern California Tournament. The conclusion of the tournament found the Stockton Busy Bees representing this section. The Busy Bees lost to the Reedley Y.W.B.A. in the quarter finals, but later in the season met and defeated the Monterey Belles, the Coast District Champions and the Arroyo Grande Starlettes, the South Coast Champions.

## Isleton Y.B.A. Basketball

The Purple Waves of the Isleton Y.B.A. participated in the annual N.C. District Y.B.A. Basketball Tournament. For the third successive year the Purple Waves quintet played in the championship game only to be eliminated, this time by the powerful Vacaville Broncos. In the preliminary game the team defeated the Modesto Y.B.A. quintet in an overtime game. In the semi-final round the boys upset the favored Walnut Grove Ho-Yus.

The local five entered the N.C.V.C. league for the first time. They won three and lost three.

The Purple Waves is considered dangerous and one of the strongest Class B teams in Northern California. The players who will help the team keep this reputation include: Mikio Toyota, one of the best Class B forwards in N.C.; Matsuo Matsushita, an up and coming star playing the forward position; Iwao Matsumoto, the high school star at center; Tsugio Toyota and Tomihiro Sawada, the two best defensive players ever to play for the Purple Waves.

The rest of the squad include: George Tomita and Toshiaki Tomita, two young boys, very fast and clever players playing the forward position; Tadao Yoshimi, a newcomer who needs lots of experience but an able reliever at the center position; Makota Yoshida, a fast improving guard always ready to substitute; Fred Matsumoto and Eddie Nakano, both veterans can play when the game needs experienced men. There are yet many new players to be uncovered before the first game of the season gets underway.

The Isleton Y.B.A. Girl's basketball team known as the Purplettes, concluded a very successful season. The Purplettes won nine games and lost three. The setbacks were handed by the champion Stockton Busy Bees, Lodi Silver Streaks and the Florin Bluettes. Two of the three games lost were by only a single point.

The local sextette defeated such teams as Vacaville Y.W.B.A., Marysville Y.W.B.A., Walnut Grove Acettes, San Francisco Y.W.B.A., French Camp Boots, Sacramento Scarlettes and Walnut Grove Tootsies.

The team was composed of the following players:

Forwards: Nobuko Ike, Hanako Ike, Dorothy Matsuura, Asako Ike, Sumiye Kawanishi, Shizu Hirano.

Guards: Jean Nakanishi, Kate Yamashita, Aiko Tomita, Sumiye Haratani.

## Modesto Y.B.A.

The Modesto Y.B.A. basketball team, decked in their new cardinal and gold uniforms, started their casaba season with plenty of enthusiasm. The first big game of the locals was in the Northern California Bussei Tournament. Drawing Isleton for the second consecutive year, the team was very unfortunate in losing out in the last few seconds of play. The game was a thrilling overtime affair. The Isleton squad went on to the finals. With the start of the Northern California Valley Conference, the locals lost several games by close margins. All in all, the season was considered successful.

The new season, which is just around the corner, is full of promise with most of last year's veterans returning. Those on the 1940 roster were: Joe Adachi, Ray Yonemura, Tokuo Azeka, Skeeter Nagaoka, Capt. Nay Togashi, Ben Hashimoto, Tom Sumida, James Shizuru, Noby Murakami and Utaka Adachi.



## Sacramento Y.M.B.A.

Although with the identical personnel as the previous year in which they captured twenty-eight out of thirty games played, the Wakabas seemed to fall apart in many games as they came through the season with 17 victories against 12 defeats. After losing in the finals of the N.C.Y.B.A. tourney to the Marysville Indians, the Sacramento Bussei came back to cop second place in the hot N.C.V.C. battle. The hot and cold Wakabans' highlight of the season came during their barnstorming trip down south as the guests of the South J.A.U. After losing consecutive games against the Golden Bears and Shamrocks, one and two in the J.A.U. last year, by close margins the Northern representatives came back strong to outfight the classy L.A. Cardinals by a 31-34 count. The Cards, at that time, held the State J.A.U. title.

The sensational Zephyrs, after losing to the Vacaville Broncos in a close Y.B.A. tournament game, came back to run up a nineteen game winning streak which netted them the coveted N.C.V.C. main division title. Despite the fact that they were the youngest squad in the circuit, the classy three-deep Zephyrs played cool-headed ball throughout the league and came through unscathed in the eleven game conference. Among their victims were the S.F. Y.M.C.A. Bees, San Jose Manjies—all Northern California Bee titlists, Vacaville Broncos—N.C.Y.B.A. champs, Oakland Bees, Sacramento Chinese. The Bee Ramblers, although composed of inexperienced players, improved consistently. Many of the Ramblers are expected to fill the vacancies left by the elevated Zephyrs.

With but five veterans returning, newly appointed Coach Sloppy Oshita will work with eight Zephyr players in trying to floor a winning combination before the N.C.Y.B.A. Tournament.

## The 1939-40 Roster

### WAKABA VARSITY:

Sakai Oshita (N.C.V.C. all-conference 2nd year), Tom Takata (N.C.V.C. all-conference 2nd year), Yosh Matsubara, Bob Iwata, Mas Watanabe, Akio Imai, Kaz Nakashima, Jim Nakashima, Hatsumi Morimoto, Hiroshi Katsumata, Jack Oshita, Sat Tanaka, Mas Ishikawa, George Inai, Toko Fuji.

### WAKABA ZEPHYRS:

Benny Yamagiwa, Babe Irokawa, Hideo Sasaki, George Hamai, Rye Keikoan, Kiki Yoshimura, Kint Nishimura, Minoru Yamagiwa, Hitoshi Ota, Mas Ota, Mas Shirasago Hisashi Nagai, Jim Kiyoma, Yoshitoshi Sakumura.

### RAMBLERS:

Toyozu Yoshimura, George Nakata, Bill Imura, Ray Orite, George Suyekawa, Tafsuo Sasaki, Y. Iwasaki, Jiro Kato.

## The Vacaville Y.W.B.A.

Under the capable coaching of George Ichimoto, the Vacaville Farmerettes enjoyed a fairly successful season. Although handicapped by lack of experienced players and practice, the team came through with three victories and four setbacks. The squad:

Forwards: Helen Osada, Ida Osada, Shigeko Ichimoto.

Guards: Chizu Matsuura, Sumiko Yoshida, Kiyoko Teramaye.

Reserves: Aiko Takemoto, Misao Ikemoto, Emi Mori, Clara Seiji.

## The Sacramento Scarlettes

The season of '40-'41 was an enjoyable one for the Sacramento Scarlettes although they did not come through with flying colors.

Led by fighting Tamiko Nakao and sharp-shooting Dorothy Keikoan, the team ran smoothly the entire season. This season, the team will miss the working combination of Tamiko Nakao, Dorothy Keikoan, and Sugiye Morimoto from the offensive and Misako Shimamura from the defensive.

Following are the officers of '40-'41 and '41-'42 seasons:

1940-'41		1941-'42
Sugiye Morimoto	.....Manager.....	Miyoko Mano
Tamiko Nakao	.....Captain.....	Mariko Suzuki
Miyoko Mano	.....Treasurer.....	Chieko Ishikawa
Alice Nishimura	.....Corresponding Secretary.....	Alice Nishimura

The veterans coming out for '41-'42 season are:

Forwards: Fumiko Ishikawa, Michi Matsuda, Kimiko Okamura, Sumiko Washino, and Sumiko Shirasago (new member); Guards: Chizu Fujii, Chieko Ishikawa, Mary Suyekawa, and Mariko Suzuki.

The games played last season are: Busy Bees, Walnut Grove Tootsies, Walnut Grove Acettes, Florin K.D.C., Marysville Hubbettes, French Camp Boots, Isleton Purplettes, Lodi Silver Streaks, Florin Bluettes, Berkeley Alpha Omega, Stockton Jr. Girls League, and practice games with local Girls' Reserves and Chinese Girls (Tryons).

## 1940-1941 Florin Y.M.B.A. Basketball

The Florin Blue Streaks, under Coach Mac Kurima, ended their 1940-1941 N.C.V.C. race in fourth place in the standings with a record of 7 wins and 4 losses.

Florin opened the season in grand style by upsetting the Marysville Crimson Tides, winners of the 1940-41 N.C. cage tournament. Inspired by the upset win, Florin set the conference on fire by winning four more games before they were stopped. In adding this unprecedented winning string the Blue Streaks defeated Marysville, Lodi, Loomis, Vacaville, and the Stockton Cards.

As things looked bright for a pennant, Florin hit a mid-season slump, and dropped their next two games to Penryn and Newcastle, both second division teams. With these two losses went all hopes for the 1940-1941 flag. Somewhat dazed after the unexpected setbacks, Florin managed to win two of their remaining four games to wind up in the first division.

There were many highlights during the season, but the most outstanding that all local cage fans will always remember was the game with the San Francisco Chinatown Merchants which Florin won, 37 to 36, before the largest crowd in the history of local basketballdom.

The following players performed for the 1940-1941 Blue Streaks: Ted Miyata, James Ishii, Wilbert Kurima, George Tanaka, Bill and Yosh Tsukamoto, Hank and Champ Shiohama, and Bud Yasukawa. Kurima made the N.C.V.C. all-star team, and Ishii placed on the mythical second team.

All the players will return for the 1941-42 season with the exception of Ted Miyata, who is now in the army. From last year's B squad will be the following who will try to make the grade: Buster Sawaii, Joe Nakao, Kenji Morita, and Howard Sekikawa.



## Vacaville Rough Riders

The Vacaville Rough Riders horsehidors were unsuccessful in defending their N.C.V.C. title as they were dethroned by the Loomis Red Lions. The Riders started the league with four straight wins and were well on their way to successfully defending their title, when they hit a snag in the form of the Holland Niseis, when the latter stopped the Riders' fifteen-game winning streak by a 4-5 score. When the Marysville Crimson Tides set the Vacaville lads back for the second consecutive week, all hopes of another championship year were also dashed. The Riders' 5-4 victory over the championship Red Lions was considered their outstanding game of the league. In their numerous intersectional games, the Riders upheld the N.C.V.C. prestige by taking four out of five contests. Among the victims were: the Clovis Commodores, Central Cal. Champs; Walnut Grove Deltans, one of the most powerful Nisei ball clubs; Watsonville Kaseis. The only game lost was to the strong San Jose Asahis by a close 2-3 count. With Shig Tsujita, ace chucker, and most of the veterans returning, Riders' future prospects are more than bright.

The following composed the squad: Ichimoto, O. Minamide, K. Minamide, S. Tsujita, T. Tsujita, J. Shimada, F. Tsujimoto, T. Teraura, S. Honda, K. Komura, J. Kimoto, M. Yamada, S. Yoshihara, T. Kimoto, K. Masuda, L. Shimamoto, G. Nishioka and B. Matsuura, manager.

The Vacaville Y.M.B.A. basketball team had a comparatively poor season, as they were unable to repeat the feat which won them the title in 1939. A strong combination is expected to be floored this year as many young players will be elevated from the Broncos, N.C.Y.B.A. champs. Those joining the A class for the first time are Joe Shimada, Yoshi Shimada, Kay Komura, and Fred Tsujimoto. They will team up with the veterans, Genichi Shimada, the Ichimoto brothers, and the Minamide brothers. The Broncos, although losing their firststringers, will be able to organize a team capable of taking top honors in the league as promising players from the Buckeroos, class C titlists, will replenish the veterans.

The Vacaville Y.M.B.A. wrestling team, entered in class C, has won the pennant twice in a row with their 1940 crown.

## 1940-1941 Florin Y.W.B.A. Basketball

Enjoying one of their best seasons in many campaigns, the Florin Y.W.B.A. Bluettes basketball team ended the 1940-41 season in second place in the N.C. Y.W.B.A. league, one full game behind the famed Stockton Busy Bees.

The Bluettes went into the last league game with a perfect record of five straight wins against the Busy Bees. Florin had to defeat the Busy Bees for the title as the latter were also undefeated. After a bitterly fought game, the Bluettes lost the tilt, 18 to 16, and with it the N.C. Y.W.B.A. championship.

The following girls nearly brought home the coveted pennant for Florin during the past 1940-1941 season: Ella Nakao, Mitsuye Tanaka, Natsuye Tanaka, Sumi Nakamura, Mary Kawamura, Masako Sugimoto, Lily Taniguchi, and Katie Hamataka.

The team will be considerably strengthened for the coming '41-'42 season with the addition of two new players—Eva Yoshida and Jean Nakamura, well-known performers.

It looks like the year for the Bluettes. Good luck to them. You betcha my life.

## The Lodi Y.M.B.A. Templars

Still the outstanding Buddhist baseball team in California if not on the Pacific Coast is the proud record possessed by the classy Lodi Y.M.B.A. Templars, 1940 state champions and this year runner-up in the fast Northern California Japanese Baseball League.

Engineered by versatile Manager Matsuo "Okie" Okazaki, one of Northern California's most celebrated Nisei athletes, the powerful Templars, without doubt the most feared nine in the Golden State, enjoyed another prosperous campaign. Although they never rose to the brilliance of the great 1940's super team of Tanaka, Ito, Iwamura, Takeuchi and Okazaki combination, which was considered as the best to ever come out of Lodi, they nevertheless had their great never-to-be-forgotten moments.

Playing for the first time in more than half a decade without the services of their two aces, Shot Iwamura and George Takeuchi, both of whom were inducted into the United States Army, the revamped Bussei squad, nevertheless, weathered a grueling nineteen-game schedule by coming out on the long end in fourteen.

The defending champions were honored this season when they were extended an invitation by the San Pedro Skippers, 1941 California titlists, to represent the North in the first annual Southern California Japanese Baseball Tournament held at Terminal Island during the Independence Day weekend. The draft-riddled gang put up a gallant fight but were nosed out in the hot final of the three-day classic by Southern J.A.U.'s long reigning kingpins, the Skippers, by a nerve-wracking 3-2 count.

The Templars' roster is as follows: Pitchers, Mas. Okuhara, Willie Kagawa, Red Tanaka, Kazuto Ito; Catchers, Butch Hayashi, Sakae Yawashita; Infielders, Tom "Mushy" Ishida, Johnny Hiramoto, Kichi Hiramoto, Okazaki, Gary Yamashita; Outfielders, Keizo Okuhara, Sammy Ichiba, Shig Kaba and Jim Hiromoto.

## Lodi Y.W.B.A. Sport News

The Lodi Y.W.B.A. Silver Streaks, under the capable direction of Coach Jimmy Ouye, completed a very successful 1940-41 season with six victories in ten contests.

The Silver Streaks showed their skill at the N.C.Y.W.B.A. tournament held in Stockton by placing in the semi-finals but losing to the seemingly invincible Stockton Busy Bees.

In the N.C. League they broke even, losing only to the league-leading Stocktonians, Florin Bluettes and the Isleton Y.W.B.A.

Winning certificates of merit in the N.C. Valley Conference were Patty Okura, winning a berth on the championship second team; Sally Okura and Helen Masui, honorable mention.

Other mainstays were Teruko Oga, Esther Ouye, Dorothy Yanagi, and Bettye Ouye. Showing promise in their first year of play were Marietta Hattori and Toshiko Ohata.

The season was highlighted by a jaunt to the Bay Region, winning from the Berkeley Co-eds and losing to the Bay Region champions, the Alameda Starlettes.



## Stockton Busy Bees

The end of 1940-41 basketball season for Stockton Busy Bees found the local sextette enjoying another successful year. With three regulars missing from the team that won the 1940 National Championship, the team nevertheless ended the season with 16 wins and one defeat. The one defeat was suffered at the hands of the Reedley squad which later went on to win the State Bussei championship.

Included in the victory was a win over the Monterey Belles, Coast District Champions and the Arroyo Grande Sextette, South Coast District Champions. In their own section, the Bees coasted to the N.C. Y.W.B.A. League Championship for the third consecutive year, thereby winning the League's Three-Year Permanent trophy.

In 17 games Busy Bees scored a grand total of 477 points to their opponents' 228 points and an average of 28 points to 13 points for the opponents.

The members of the championship team were: Forwards, Lilly Kusama, Asty Iguchi, Mitsuko Fujimoto, Mitsuko Iwata, and Grace Hagio; Guards, Yoshiko Nakamori, Helen Ishii, Yuki Kato, Yoshiko Itaya, Masako Uyeda, and Mary Sako.

The season's opponents and their respective scores are:

Stockton Busy Bees.....	31	French Camp Boots.....	6
" " ".....	29	Florin Bluettes .....	17
" " ".....	46	Marysville Y.W. ....	12
" " ".....	22	Walnut Grove Acettes.....	7
" " ".....	24	Lodi Silver Streaks.....	8
" " ".....	22	Reedley Manjiettes .....	28
" " ".....	55	Walnut Grove Acettes.....	24
" " ".....	24	Stockton J.G.L.....	10
" " ".....	15	Sacramento Scarlette .....	7
" " ".....	32	Isleton Y.W.B.A. ....	22
" " ".....	28	Vacaville Y.W.B.A. ....	12
" " ".....	25	Lodi Silver Streaks.....	14
" " ".....	19	Florin Bluettes .....	18
" " ".....	30	Watsonville Starlettes .....	13
" " ".....	20	Monterey Belles .....	10
" " ".....	28	Guadalupe Y.W.B.A. ....	11
" " ".....	27	Arroyo Grande .....	9

## The Marysville Hubbettes

Although the Marysville Hubbettes failed to come through with flying colors last season, which was the first year in the N.C. Y.W.B.A. Basketball League, superb fighting spirit was exhibited in every game.

Coached by Tom Taketa, the team consisted of Yukimi Nishida, Yaeko Suyenaga, Nobuko Manji, Amy Okimoto, Alice Yamasaki, Mary Okidoi, Joyce Kurihara, Amy Hoshiko and June Wada. Vivacious Yukimi Nishida flaunted the most outstanding performance with her accurate left hand shots.

Unfortunately, the team did not emerge victorious in any of the League games; however, much experience was acquired. With this experience and the joining of many new enthusiastic players, the Hubbettes contemplate a prosperous season.

# Personal NEWS



"There is nothing good nor bad,  
Thinking makes it so."

—Shakespeare



## Guess Who of N. C. Personalities

1.—A newcomer to the Cabinet and he's sure to stay—he's an active Bussei in the N. C. District as well as the Stockton League. Arrangements for the Weimar and Bret Harte benefits are some of his accomplishments . . . he's a young hopeful for the N. C. mainstays.

2.—A petite miss with the brains behind that innocent face of hers . . . she is a popular newspaper personality and has been a very active Bussei for many years tho' she doesn't look a day older than sweet sixteen.

3.—A quiet spoken girl with no affectation whatsoever, a quality which makes her so popular among girls as well as boys . . . she has been corresponding secretary and music chairman before this year and is quite responsible for turning this issue of Bussei Guide into such a highly acclaimed publication.

4.—He's been a stellar figure in the Stockton League as well as the District for a long time . . . in fact, his name and the Research Chairman mean the same thing around the District circle.

5.—Practically the perennial men's athletic manager and oh such physiques (be still my heart!) . . . but lay off, girls, he belongs to a certain Katie of Spud City.

6.—She has one of the loveliest voices and how she can speak! She divides her time between Sacto where she works and Lodi where she lives and you can't pass anything over on that five foot of charm and brains.

7.—He has been, is and will remain for years to come as the most active Bussei in N. C., a born leader if we ever saw one . . . has a rich vibrant voice and a personality plus. (I'll bash your false teeth in if you can't guess this one.)

8.—A former star forward on the State's outstanding girls' basketball team who recently came back from the Orient and is now ably managing the girls' athletics.

9.—He hails from Florin and you don't see him very often but he is active also in the Sunday School Division . . . he has a brother whose name you see in the bylines of newspapers quite often.

10.—He was a co-editor of the District publication and is a whiz in both Japanese and English language which enabled him to hold various offices in the Cabinet . . . you never saw him without a spotlessly clean white shirt . . . is or about to be married to a former Sacramento girl.

11.—A Capitol City miss that once won the District Oratorical contest in Japanese and is a conscientious worker and a capable leader.

12. a—) These three have the same surname and another thing in com-

b—) mon (they all are active Bussei) but no relation to each other.

c—) (a) He wears glasses, is very witty, and was the secretary of District for many years. (b) She was one of the queen candidates last year and head of the girls' league coupla years ago (executives run in her family). (c) He is a Delta leader and has the prettiest schoolgirl complexion (pardon the feminine touch) . . . he was the Japanese secretary sometime ago.

13.—Too bad (not only for the girls but for the District) he's married now . . . He is a veteran cabinet member and such a brilliant basketball star for the Tokay City.

14.—His breezy writing (oh yes, you've read his letters almost every other month) just about tells the whole story . . . he is a very likable chap with a good sense of humor and such a great help when you're in need of a friend . . . just ask the Marysville kids if I'm not right.

15.—We suspected something like it when she resigned from her post which she held for years and we hated to lose her but one's loss is another's gain and that lucky man! She'll be a beautiful bride soon.



16.—He is the babyfaced Morgenthau whose services are indispensable (he goes one better than a thirdtermmer when it comes to serving in the Cabinet) now that we gotta think of raising dough again.

17.—She's the president of her hometown chapter and a familiar face at various N. C. activities . . . she was behind the success of our first subsidiary publication.

18.—She was an able District vice president not so long ago and is now a music chairman which is very much in her line since she possesses one of the nicest singing voices . . . and the way she puts her soul into those songs—well she just melts your heart.

19.—She is a charming Delta girl and has been our Cabinet member several years . . . she sings very sweetly . . . she is heading the membership drive at this writing.

20.—Although he's connected with forensic, he's really the "Silence is Golden" boy . . . he's been an officer of the District several times but so inconspicuous you'd never know he's there until you turn around and then you can't miss him cause he's nice and tall and his luminous eyes and ready smile just attract anyone's attention, 'specially girls.'

21. The following people are conspicuously missing from the N. C. activities all on account of our deah ole Uncle Sam:

a.—About 5'7" of vim, vigor and vitality, dark slightly curled hair and very witty . . . a lady killer from the northern section. P. S. He was a corresponding secretary once.

b.—A jitterbugging gent with the mischievous looks that sometimes remind one of Mickey Rooney . . . His name suggests a somber color but he's really full of pep and was active in the Capitol City.

c.—A tall and handsome athlete that used to attend almost all the dances around neighboring towns and used to play basketball for his home team, and was seen participating in league activities while he was heading the Y. B. A. of a town whose name suggests a land of timber.

d.—A Spud City lad who was the president of his organization once and who really is warmhearted and down to earth beneath that mask of dignity . . . his first name is Pancho in English.

22.—She has wit, humor, beauty and personality plus and hails from the "Strawberry town"—commutes to Sacramento every day where she has a secretarial job. Also holds the title of Recording Secretary in the Eence Cabinet—her boss is certainly lucky!

- 22. Ella Yoshinaga
- d. Frank Yanari
- c. Frank Yagi
- b. Akio Imai
- 21 a. Akiji Yoshimura
- 20. Masao Wakai
- 19. Alice Sofuye
- 18. Haru Ogawa
- 17. Toshiko Oga
- 16. Eddie Nakano
- 15. Yoshiko Nakamori
- 14. James Nakagawa
- 13. Jimmie Ishida

ANSWERS

- 1. Uraka Adachi
- 2. Sammie Chikarashi
- 3. Evelyn Dare
- 4. John Fujiki
- 5. Art Hisaka
- 6. Sumi Hiramoto
- 7. Noboru Honda
- 8. Aya Inamasu
- 9. Herbert Hirohara
- 10. Harry Aoyagi
- 11. Satomi Ishihara
- 12 a. Yasuo Honda
- b. Hatsue Honda
- c. Kusuo Honda

Florin Y.M.W.B.A. Poisonality Parade

AMY YOSHIMURA . . . Our faithful president. HIDEMO KODAMA . . . Faithful forever to Y.M.B.A. ELLA YOSHINAGA . . . Miles of smiles. CHARLES NISHI . . . In Mormon state with Mormon taste, too? LOIS YOSHINAGA . . . Daydreaming? LEO YASUKAWA . . . Considerate, reserve and has more smiles than time. DOROTHY YAMAGUCHI . . . Ice cream of 'Lil Tokyo'? KAZU YOSHIHATA . . . Good looking with personality par. ANNA YOSHINAGA . . . Say what's this we hear about the yodeler? YUJI SAWAMURA . . . Fleet foot-a star to come. MATSUYE NAKAO . . . Quiet and industrious. TOSHIO KOYAMA . . . My "Chevy's" blue but not me. EDNA YOSHIDA . . . Reducing techniques a problem. GEORGE KAWAGUCHI . . . A regular "fella." MASAKO SUGIMOTO . . . Miss your private? KANAME NAKAO . . . On the loose, but watch out for that girl. ALICE TOKUMURA . . . Dancing with passion. JAMES NAKAGAWA . . . Harnessed for life. LUCY YOSHINAGA . . . Gets the itch in the hops. TOM KISHABA . . . Brilliant is his head—less the pomeade. JANE SHIOHAMA . . . Got a crush. KIYOSHI NAKATANI . . . Grows berries and bristles. GRACE MATSUZAKI . . . There's smiles in her voice. PVT. CHARLES NAKAYA . . . Reached for a star, Mary, in vain. CHIYOKO SUGIMOTO . . . Voice like a nightingale. HENRY YOSHINAGA . . . Stupid but smart. MYRNA TANAKA . . . Seamstress by leisure. JAMES FUKUHARA . . . majors in art and measures ladies by their legs. ROSIE HIRAGA . . . Smiles that never fade. HERB HIROHATA . . . Dull man by a girl. MARY YOSHINAGA . . . Puts T.N.T. in the boys' hearts.

YOSHITO TSUKAMOTO . . . Believes stability crumbles with irritability. KATIE HAMATAKA . . . Very much inclined in basketball. WILBUR KURIMA . . . Heart revolves like a door admitting new love as the old exits. MAE SAKAKIHARA . . . Cute isn't the only word. CHAMP SHIOHAMA . . . He's in his early flirties. BETTE MAEDE . . . left in the lurch, eh? PVT. GEORGE HIRAKAWA . . . His furlough a complete book. GRACE YOSHINAGA . . . Loves to giggle. HENRY SHIOHAMA . . . Has the contagious chuckle. SALLY KAWAMOTO . . . Still on the loose. ISA TSUKAMOTO . . . Freckled face with air-cooled teeth. SUMIYE NAKAMURA . . . Emily Post has nothing on her. RAY TAKETA . . . Wishes for a hurried recovery. BESSIE HIROHATA . . . Short and sweet. BILL TSUKAMOTO . . . He's a sport in every way. ALICE KADOKAWA . . . Matrimonial discussions already? JAMES ISHII . . . A career with Uncle Sam or one gal. MARY KATO . . . First prize or second to none. PVT. TED MIYATA . . . Sings—"The Gal I Left Behind," in Illinois. MARY KAWAMURA . . . Sad in my solitary life. PHILLIP SAKAKIHARA . . . Ahhhh—Romeo. IRENE FUJII . . . In the prim of life. WALTER MIYAO . . . Rusts in his laurels. MARY HAMATAKA . . . Rates a boy in Lodi. ERNIE KURIMA . . . He's the still-life of a party. ATHLYN NISHI . . . Gets around too. PVT. WALTER YAMADA . . . Learns to write letters to gals. LILLIA YOSHINAGA . . . Wants to go back to school, TAKASHI SENDA . . . Can make casaba talk. JEAN MAEDA . . . Does your wink work on any yet? PVT. ROY YOSHINAGA . . . Still rolls his own. NORMA TERASAKI . . . Talks like an Army machine-gun. ROY TANIGUCHI . . . Man of few words—but watch out girls. FLORA SHIOHAMA . . . She puts the flame in the grapes of Lodi. TED FUJII . . . With a dehydrated smile.



BERTHA KADOKAWA . . . Staying up late and waiting. HIRO TA-  
HARA . . . They all say "He's a good catch but she beat us to it." MRS. EMILY  
TABORA . . . Married life? S-W-E-L-L! FRANK KAWAGUCHI . . . Your  
specs plus personality equals popularity. BILLIE HIRAGA . . . Co-ed with  
destiny. ISAMU KOYAMA . . . "Smoke the smoke the experts smoke"—alfalfa.  
GRACE KODAMA . . . Her smiles work. Keep it up. SAM NAKANO . . .  
"Pin" is his John Dee—rents a booth by the month at Wakanoura. MYRTLE  
TANAKA . . . "Precious" of the Bluettes. PVT. DAVE KATO . . . The Army  
can't keep his weight down. EVELYN SENDA . . . "I wanna diamond ring"  
—Daddy. BILL OKAMOTO . . . With a pocketfull of nickels, tense over a pin-  
ball machine. CLARA OCHIAI . . . Where do you keep yourself. JESSIE MIYAO  
. . . Mumbles, grumbles, fumbles, and crumbles when with girls. JEAN NAKA-  
MURA . . . Heart goes like a woodpecker. ISAO HIRAGA . . . Likes gals, but  
from a distance. MARY FUJII . . . Destined for big things to come. FRANK  
HIROHATA . . . Dresses to kill. MARY MIYATA . . . Spirits tip-toed. JIM  
YABUMOTO . . . Takes life as it comes. MARIAN MORITA . . . Priceless  
things . . . Comes in small packages. BEN SAWAI . . . A good listener. MERRY  
YOSHIMI . . . Silent on bull sessions. FRANK YOSHIMI . . . Helpful with a good  
measure of smiles. DORIS HIRAGA . . . One chin, going on two. FRANK  
UYEMURA . . . Studious, and makes farming pay. LUCY HIROHATA . . .  
Makes figures pay. MASATO NAKANO . . . Fruits aren't the only thing I  
love. ALICE HIRAGA . . . An eye-lasher. HARRY UYEMURA . . . Busy, but  
always has time. AYAKO SHINTAKU . . . Lovely, cute, and with an envious  
smile. TOM TANIHARA . . . Tall, dark, and handsome. JANET UYEMURA  
. . . A worthy prexy at the helm. JOE KADOKAWA . . . Carburetes his soup.  
PEGGY YASUKAWA . . . Young Y.B.A. speaks. BEN NAKAYA . . .  
Speaks frankly. SETSUKO GOISHI . . . Smiles for every customer. YOSHIRO  
HIRATA . . . Confusing Confucious. SALLY ASADA . . . Passes the shops  
window-wishing. HERBERT NAKANO . . . Silence is golden. ROSIE MORITA  
. . . "Hot stuff" disposition—par excellence. PVT. JACK NAKAO . . . Wonders  
of the gals he left behind. EVA YOSHIDA . . . Glad to have you with us. JOE  
KURIMA . . . Florin's No. 1 eligible bachelor. MAXINE MIYAO . . . "June  
Storey" of Florin. LARRY SHINTAKU . . . Vagabond lover. DOROTHY OKU  
. . . Has talent like the "SUBARU SHOW." PVT. DONALD ISHII . . . Poker  
prohibited to privates. DOROTHY MARUKI . . . Eye-lashes that sweeps the  
men's hearts. HARRY TOKUMURA . . . "Naniwabushi" with a loose tonsil.  
FRANCES ODA . . . Boys all tip their hearts to her. SID YAMAGUCHI . . .  
They're laying for you—good looking. MARY TAKEDA . . . Is it telepathy or  
can you read the boy's mind. DAVE YOSHIMURA . . . To pack his clothes  
is to strangle and bury them. HARUKO NAKASHIMA . . . Queer enough—her  
unique hairdress—the que to popularity. JIMMIE ODA . . . Knows he's grown  
—he smokes, and inhales. HISAKO FUJII . . . Getting to be domestic. HIDEO  
SHINTAKU . . . Works as a worm in an apple. CHIYOKO GOISHI . . . A  
lady of few words. RICHARD OCHIAI . . . In riches in Richmond. MRS. CHI-  
YOKO MARUKI . . . In Lil' Tokyo and with hubby Johnny. FRANK MAT-  
SUZAKI . . . Farewell to the roll of night owls. JEAN NOBUSO . . . Gone  
with the wind. ASAO INOUYE . . . Can't swim but knows all the dives. MRS.  
AIKO MIYAGAWA . . . Happy isn't the only word. ICHIRO MIYAGAWA  
. . . Slim and tasty as pretzels. MAE OHTA . . . Absence makes the heart grow  
fonder. PVT. EDWARD KODAMA . . . "They feed and treat me good."  
LORRAINE MUKAI . . . Is also hard on the heart. JAMES ABE . . .

Third time is a charm but don't do it. MAY MATSUZAKI . . . Giggles with  
a killing toothache. GEORGE TANAKA . . . Has for lunch a cold shoulder  
and an earthquake in his heart. HELENE MIYAO . . . There is silk in her voice.  
TOM YAMADA . . . Out of circulation—permanently! MARY YOSHIHARA  
. . . Attends Sunday school. PVT. BILL KODAMA . . . The man is conspicuously  
missing. KIMIKO UROKOGATA . . . well taken care of. PVT. WILBUR TA-  
NAKA . . . Left a girl he loves so truly. MARGIE FUJINAGA . . . How you  
rate in the grape fields! JIM TANIGUCHI . . . Has enough troubles to be a  
radio serial. EMIKO SHINTAKU . . . Girl with few words. PVT. TOSHIO  
HAMANO . . . Initiative—regardless of the obstacle. "MOON" HERB KU-  
RIMA . . . Sells insurance of assurance to whatever the occurrence.

THE END.

THAT'S ALL FOLKS

THERE ISN'T ANYMORE TO IT.

### Florin Junior Y.W.B.A.'s Buzzes

Here we are! Come on gang! Let's go. What? Oh yes, I see. Let's stroll  
around the school ground of E.G.U.H.S. First we see SALLY ASADA, always  
dressed neatly. Now whose zat? Oh! AGNES TANGE with a pile of books; I wonder  
if she ever ate any bookworms. Hope not. Now, I see that girl, KATIE MAEDA  
with??? And AYAKO SHINTAKU whispering a few words as usual to that one  
and only. Oops—sorry we almost missed you, I mean HELEN TOYE, MINAKO  
NAKAO and TERI TANAKA the "Green Freshies." Let's get more pep. Wait!  
Gee, what a beauty! I mean MAY MASTUZAKI hit a homer. What's up now?  
Birds flying in the air? No! Just ROSIE HIRAGA and HELEN KAWANISHI  
playing badminton. Siren? No—it's FRANCES KOZUMI in the water.

Now we'll snoop back to Florin, we see ALMA SAKAKIHARA doing okay;  
so is ANNA YOSHINAGA—their motto "Love is Grand." Shhh—a little secret  
I'll tell you, "MARIE ISA got a boyfriend all to herself." Out in the field, is  
UMENO MASTUI working as usual, don't work too hard. AGNES FUJII is get-  
ting quite tall, her motto is "Silence is Golden." Here trots the youngest of our  
members—NANCY KOZMI and KAZUKO SHIIZAKI sure do mind their  
business. Here's IRENE MIYAO if you want a good cook, especially you boys—  
she is one. Golly—here's EVA YOSHIDA, the shortest member and is becoming  
a basketball star (keep your eyes on her, boys) and yes, our precious guard, too—  
LILLIAN TANIGUCHI. ELLA NAKAO is always doing her rumba. Does she  
rate? Ah—here's the girl we waited for, the nightingale, HELEN MIYAO. Who  
do we have here, NANCY FUKUHARA, the yell leader who can be heard over  
a mile. Oh dear, come on out and see us sometimes JANE and JUNE OHTA—  
we're lonesome without you. My! My! What now? Oh, yes, nice going ELSIE  
KAWAKAMI, keep it up I mean the treasure work. Now, may we introduce  
Martha Raye of Florin, LILLIAN GOISHI. How's that town girl coming along? I  
mean, ANNIE SAWAI. Heavens—we better not forget that Taisho beauty, SALLY  
FUKUHARA. When anyone comes to Florin, don't miss to see that young sales-  
lady, MARY GOISHI. Who's zat now? Oh! it's PEGGY YASUKAWA—very  
active member, going steadily about in everything (get it) just everything. Hold  
your breath, it's JANET NAKANO, a wonderful Japanese dancer. The last but  
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TAD OKIKAWA—(Silence is Golden) is certainly rollin' in dough! How do you do it? On top of this, he has to join the Army—Wish you luck, Tad!

RYO HARADA—Most eligible bachelor, doing a swell job of mastering his younger brothers on his farm!

Youngest and most ambitious—it's Adonis TOSH YOSHIMURA, don't get too serious, Tosh! How about giving the girls a break!

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MINORU HARADA, swell fellow always in good humor and always ready to lend a helping hand.

MAS UYESUGI—(our official noisemaker)—Fullback for Colusa Hi Varsity, only a Sophomore, too!—Some ability!!

Attending business college in Sacramento, HELEN SUGITA. How are you getting along? You must write to us sometime!

Sweetness and dependability, it's our Sunday School Superintendents, TE-RUYE KANAGAKI and ALICE KAKITA doing a swell job. Keep it up girls!

ALYCE SAKAMOTO—quite thrilled when she hears from a certain fellow from Sacramento—by the name of ????? Oh, just skip it!

GEORGE MARUBACHI—seen quite often around Colusa, having a wonderful time with his melons, etc., and—???? You guess!

Future farmers for Colusa Hi—HARRY MATSUYAMA, JIRO OKIKAWA, and GEORGE SUGITA.

SUYEO KANAGAKI—always studying, an honor student. Well, I don't blame you!

HARADA sisters—YOSHIKO, one with incessive laughter—and KAZUKO, the quiet one.

TOSHIE ISHIGAKI—good natured one, always at the meetings.

Man-about-town—well, it's ISAMI HARADA.

We must come to a close before any damage is caused, so until next year for a bigger and better personals.

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Some busy (??) little girls in blue  
Sat down to write a line  
And it grew and it grew  
Til it formed a story new . . .

PALL-A REVIEW'S RITES  
Listen, my children, and you shall hear  
Of the midnite "rites" of Pall-a Review,  
On the thirteenth of October, in forty-one;  
*Hardly* these women will be alive  
When remembered for this famous day and year . . .

Remember that line on Prexy CHIKARAISHI  
In that column by beedee Nay?  
Then the writers are wont to say—  
'Tis old the barber's tale of HELEN ISHII . . .  
DOT FUJIMURA, ambitious worker, but, lo!!  
People are saying, "Really, who F.O.??"  
It takes an ELSO or ROSE ITO  
To make something nice out of an 'i-to'.  
Understand? Do hook two and chain two!  
And at State Fair VIRGINIA INOUYE, pray, with who??

V.P. KIYO HATTORI—hear her say—  
"Definitely, you're O.K.!!"  
YAE SAKAI has her divine (bracelet) charm;  
He's tops yet—so no alarm!  
Petite FUMIKO KUMARU not quite like Ginger Rogers,  
No Tom; no Dick; but . . . er, we're the Bukkyo Dodgers!  
At work KIMI YAMADA types so and so senior;  
And at play she seems to sign a junior??  
SHIZU TANAKA, they say you're going steady.  
My goodness, are you getting ready?

ELAINE HISAKA and JUNE UTSUMI are quite a peach pear,  
In fact such frans are mighty rare.  
At one last dance was KATO YUKI.  
She blushed and blushed til we sed, "Lookee!!"  
EIKO KIMURA with all her smiles  
For a butch that travels the miles.  
The ITO'S with their GRACE, DORIS, and JUNE belle  
Like Eleanor Powell, can swing it swell.  
"Someday in Lil Tokyo," states TANAKA RUTH.  
No line, but help us, if it ain't the truth.

MERI, MERI (OKAMOTO), quite contrary;  
Change your beaus; we're getting weary.  
At St. Joseph's—DOT KATO'S an O.B.  
That's something we can't quite be.  
MAGGIE HAGIO and her jitterbugging mind,  
Keep your eyes on that tomato rind!!



MIYUKI OSHITA, NEL OTSUKA, and FUMI MIKASA are another  
find;

They also peel tomatoes to put to bind.  
The TSURUMOTO sisters, MARY and FLORENCE,  
We never see, so wonder where and whence.

UYEDA SUGAKO, HATTORI CHIEKO, KAJITA SHIGEKO,  
YANO TOSHIKO, and NISHIOKA CHIZUKO  
Are quintuplets that are kashikoi "kos."  
LOIS UTSUMI and MIYAKO KIYOTAKE having made their "dough"  
Are presently attending a school to sew.  
LILY YAMASHITA and her dainty fingers  
Bake cookies, their taste that lingers.  
ELSIE HAYASHI enjoying the dance.  
Let us in. Did you get a chance?  
Of course, my dears, to learn how to prance.

Latest song hits are music in the air,  
But can sometimes be a nuisance in our hair.

JANET HIGASHI'S notes are low.  
Title is, "You'll Never Know."  
TOBY TAIRA is now a patriotic soul  
She hits "O, say, Ken you see?" on a sole.  
HATSUKO YAMANAKA is just this—  
The sweetest Bussei Katie Smith.  
For FUMIKO YASUI we duly let  
Her hum the tune of "Red Sails in the Sunset."  
LILLIAN SAKO and "I'm in the Army Now!"  
Are still a marching pair, and how!!

We *have* to hear AYA INAMASU with her drawl,  
Singing "Let's Get Away From It All."  
"The First One to Say Good-Morning"  
SALLY YANARI is out spud-ding.  
In TAKAKO FUJIMORI—there lies  
A song so matching, "Beauty's Eyes."  
GRACIE HAGIO, can we dare  
To mention this song, "Do You Care?"  
"Guess Who" seems to rhyme with you,  
ALYCE IKAWA, please tell us who?

Little Miss Irish—ANNIE KUNII  
Couldn't be little Annie Rooney.  
TERI TSUNEKAWA yells, let her be  
With favorite song "Everything Happens to Me"!!  
Reserve tickets have these two  
MILLY MIRIKITANI and KATE OGATA too;  
We're still waiting to throw that shoe.

YO NAKAMORI and ALICE MURANO in lace fine  
Will by this time in white and glory shine.  
For a wedding march will tune  
The November month that comes too soon.

TERRY HONDA, no longer a miss,  
Is with bigwig KOYAMA in married bliss.

Past Prexy STEL YONEMURA marched up and down the aisle;  
Now, a MRS. TAD AKABA, if wanted you must dial.

Perhaps you're itching  
To know who wrote this,  
But we're not spilling  
Who the nasty author is!

With all this pun and jest and fun,  
Like Paul Revere we're fast on the run.

#### FINALE

*With deepest apologies to the real author,  
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*Hello everybody! Here we are again picking on the French Camp Bussei  
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can handle things so perfectly. By the way, he's an ideal 'senior' for serenading  
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said, John?

My, Oh my, why all the fluttering like a butterfly and grinning from ear to  
ear, JEWELL FUJISHIGE? Oh, we get it—you *AM* gonna' drop that Miss title—  
Well, may we wish you loads and loads of best wishes 'til death do us part.

Was but not any longer—Bachelors TAD TOMITA, KEN WATANABE  
and HENRY KOREKIYO upped and got themselves a wife, and may you live  
happily ever after.

HIROSHI SHINMOTO—wonderful physique, handsome and wavy hair—  
that's all we can say.

MARY MAKISHIMA probably will be one of the town's richest gals if she  
keeps on working the way she does. Teach us your methods, Mary, and we'll  
follow your example.

Bespectacled TOSHIE TOMITA getting prettier and prettier nowadays, can it  
be a tall, dark and handsome? You make us think so cuz recently you've been  
so domestically inclined.

Slap-happy JOHN KONO—for goodness sakes, why don't you get serious?  
Oh well, you're young only once, neh, and there's nothing like taking advantage of  
anything is there? Right? Right.

Where there's YOSHIKO ITAYA there's always SHIZUKO ITAYA the in-  
separable sisters.

We miss you at our meetings—AYAKO TSUGAWA, FUMI and KENZO  
SHINGU. Come up and see us sometimes, won't you?

MICHIE IWATA—one of the club's prettiest girls—we hope you remain as  
natural as you are cuz we like it. This can also be said of her kid sister, SATSUKI.

Uncle Sam will be needing these gals, EDNA and MITSUKO FUJIMOTO,  
YUKIE TANAKA and MITSUE TOMITA—all nurses at the San Joaquin General  
Hospital. Some girls are so ambitious, we really envy them.

MISAKO TANAKA—how would you like to own a grocery store in the near  
future?

JIMMIE SHIMASAKI sure changed in the last few years—he's a real gentle-  
man now and can he swing a mean step? He seems to be the main topic when  
girls begin to talk. Lucky man!



Two prospective June graduates—CHIYO FUJIMOTO and TERRY SHIN-MOTO. What next?

RUTH MAKISHIMA—Now that you're out of Hi School what are your intentions?

Now for a bit of CAN YOU IMAGINE:

LILY TAKESHITA so quiet, one hardly knows she's existing when she attends meetings?

SHIGERU NAKATSUI with curly hair?

TOYOKO ITAYA overweight?

TSUTOMU HAMAMOTO and YOSHIO HIRANO rivals?

MITSUME TANIGUCHI doing the rumba?

SHIZUE HOTTA serious?

SADAME TOMITA with dutch hair cut?

NOBORU TAKEMOTO—a rowdy?

DOROTHY KANEKO always talking?

YOSHIE HISATOMI in love?

TAKAO SHINMOTO reading detective stories?

JOHN SHIMASAKI—ace card player?

REN YAMADA without a girl?

Orchids to SETSUYO YOSHIMI who is always so willing—we certainly miss you.

TAMAOKO YAGI, we certainly miss your 'pig tails' but La Mour! Your curly hair kinda' gets the boys. Give them a break.

GEORGE OGINO, the Japanese Tyrone Power. You're the idol of the F.C. girls.

TAKEO TAKEMOTO asked a girl one day for a date. You can have it, the girl said. So—Takeo dressed up in his best and went after his date. Well, the laugh's on Takeo—the girl gave him a handful of dried dates (fruit).

ATSUSHI TAKATA: You are the salt of the earth.

FUMIYE and YOSHIE TANIGUCHI, wished we had as much clothes as you girls have.

Mechanically-minded KONICHI WATANABE, how about fixing our Model T? You know, kinda' streamline it.

SACHIKO YOSHIMI—always so pleasant and sweet. Need we say more?

TOSHIHARU HOTTA admires but one girl—he claims she's witty—she's sociable, and why go on—she's the apple of his eye.

Always studying—KANAME FUJISHIGE is destined to become a painless dentist very soon. More power to you.

Why don't you boys walk sometimes and make use of your legs, SHIGERU HISATOMI and SAKAE NAKATSUI instead of riding around all the time? Some day you won't be able to use gasoline so freely on account of the National Defense and then what???

AIKO and MARY NAKATSUI—regular stay-home girls.

ROSE WATANABE—she sings like a nightingale.

Does anyone know anyone with 'Green Eyes' cuz it seems to be the favorite song hit of GLADYS MAKISHIMA? Ah, me!

KIYOHARU HOTTA, if you continue to grow any more you won't be able to get in through the door of your house.

Again we have come to the end and until the next time—Time Marches On—No bad feelings we hope!!!

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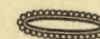
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## Cortez Y.B.A. Personal News

Speaking of Army boys, our Prof., EDDIE NAKAGAWA now stationed at Camp Grant, Illinois, and our romeo HIDEO ASAI at Camp Roberts, San Luis Obispo. Don't let them boss you around.

From Bing Crosby we hear him singing "Just a Little Bit South of North Carolina," but just wondering if it isn't "Just a little bit far to Berkeley, California." Am I right, BUICHI KAJIWARA?

Baby of the family who's quite grown up now. A good attender with eats or no eats—"Ole Faithful"—HIROSHI ASAI.

FLORICE MORIMOTO before but now its Mrs. SAM KUWAHARA. Her name has changed but not her home town. Best of luck, Florice.

Ah—a typist—HELEN TSURUMOTO, a graduate of business school. Her keys stick. That's all right, Helen, it's not your fault. It's national defense.

Collecting the eggs before laid—prices are so undependable. I think I hear BEN and SUSUMU YENOKIDA cackling with the hens!

Known as "Bromo"—KENSO MIYAMOTO makes himself quite useful around the church and club meetings. Suppose there's—maybe—a romance in thin air!

FLORENCE MORIMOTO is an active member—maybe she's affected by thin air, too!!

I'm speechless when I see ALBERT MORIMOTO'S ten for penny smile.

YOSHIO ASAI—probably will be one of the richest men of Cortez, if he keeps on working like that. Follow his steps and you, too will jingle!!

"I'm Somebody's Baby," sings LOIS MORIMOTO—the distance makes no difference.

FRED MIYAMOTO and JACK NAKAGAWA are two ambitious students attending Modesto Junior College. We really need great men!

TOMIYE BABA—a dressmaking specialist now. Ask her to cut out your patterns—any shape, any size. She'll make it fit. Anything is her motto.

MINORU YENOKIDA—happier man everyday. Come on "Min"—it's now or never!

Forever working—we know who it is—SUMIKO NISHIHARA—But who's the lucky man?

A man who believes in neatness is HARRY MORIMOTO. Always tardy but never late!

Joe, Joe, broke his toe, working in his toma-toe. It's JOE NISHIHARA of Cressey. Don't work too hard, Joe.

The KUBO Bros.—YOSH and SHIZ—They're the club's dependable members.

He lives in Winton, has a ranch in Cressey, is a member of the Cortez Y.B.A. but spends all his spare time in Livingstone. Why, BOB MORIMOTO?

MARGARET, HISAKO TANIGUCHI—call her "Peg" for short. She may be small but she can handle big jobs and how!

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## Via The Grapevine

AMERICA!! FREEDOM OF THE PRESS—one of the many liberties of free America. Thus, we journalists and commentators can take the privilege of writing and saying whatever we please. But, please have mercy on us.

Yes, it is—of course, Lodi is even on the map. A small city on Highway 99, located between Spud City Stockton and Capitol City Sacramento, often spoken of as the greatest little big grape center in the world. The population is approximately 12,000 and more, and included in that large figure is a group of active Y.W.B.A. girls.

For instance, there's our most efficient president, TOSHIKO OGA, who can well handle our club affairs besides being a capable State worker. One can see her driving to work every morning and riding with her are SUMIYE HIRAMOTO, who also works for the State and incidently is the Big Sister advisor of the Jr. Y.W.B.A., and doing very well too; and KIYOKO INAGAKI, another white collar miss, who is our club treasurer—one of the most capable we've had in years.

We knew it—she used to say that it couldn't happen to her, but we were aware of the fact that she'd be a victim of Dan Cupid's arrow. FUSAYE KABA is the young lady concerned and has uttered the not-so-often-said three letter word, YES, to a certain 5' 8" of San Juan. Best wishes, Fusaye.

Speaking of Dan Cupid's victims, ALICE OUYE, who is an expert in dress-making, will be an expert in home making when she becomes Mrs. Frank Taniguchi.

MARY WAKAI, one of the quietest members of the Y.W.B.A. can handle any man's job. In other words, there's no type of work she can't do.

Dimples and smiles, what a wonderful combination! Owned and operated by MARY OSHIMA, the Miss Cheerful of Lodi.

Many a wedding has taken place here and we don't know why it was, but maybe they felt a draft someplace, but anyway the point is, each time you'd find reliable GRACE KAGAWA playing the Wedding March. She now claims she can play it backwards. Pretty clever, we say.

They say HELEN MASUI now has a cedar chest too gorgeous for words, and according to friends she has a nice collection of little this and thats. Could there be something going on that we don't know about?

One day we were talking about names and MINNIE FUNAMURA, who's always helping at home, doing the cooking right on time, etc., said that of all the names, she liked those common ones the best—for instance, like GEORGE.

Ever since YORIKO OGA attended the C.Y.B.L. Convention in Los Angeles, all we hear from her is L.A., L.A., L.A. Must have had a swellegant time there or something????

LORAYNE SUGIMOTO is not only our religious chairman, but also a capable Sunday School teacher here. She teaches her girls crocheting, something worthwhile learning.

A lover of flowers and books, that's MISAO HIRAMOTO. One of her favorite reading matter is the Reader's Digest, where all the facts are written in condensed form, and thus, Misao's always up to the minute in world news.

How do you manage to keep yourself so girlish looking, TERRY OGA? Not a day over sweet sixteen.

Still the debutante and vogue of Lodi is KIYO MATSUMOTO, fresh back from L.A. after graduating from the Woodbury College there.

When GRACE and DOROTHY FUNAMURA harmonize into a song, they're swell like the Andrews sisters minus one.

We wouldn't care to use our "doggies" either, BETTE OUYE, if we had a beauty of a car like yours.



Always crocheting in her spare moments, that's BESSIE ISHIDA. A boy scout is always prepared—why not a girl scout "prepare" too. Right, Bessie?

DOROTHY MASUI is on the run now that the grape season is in full swing. You see, she helps her sister, Helen, jerk the sodas.

Quite a few of our local boys go to BESSIE TAKEUCHI'S for their haircuts. You guessed it the first time—it's the feminine touch.

TAMIYO FUJINAKA is back from 'Frisco, having graduated from the International Sewing School. So—she now sew-s.

Also having attended sewing institutions are MITZIE MATSUHIRO and MASAKO MATSUURA, both of whom are swell girls and never too busy to lend a helping hand.

The OUYE sisters, MAE and ESTHER, seem to have a formula all their own when it comes to entertaining boys—especially Florinites.

Well, that's all, we've been stopped—something gone haywire far beyond our control. Sabotage! sez we. Phooey! sez they. Anyway, till next time, be good and good-bye.

### Tit a Tats of The Sacramento Jr. Y.W.B.A.

Hello everyone! How are you all? You know what?! CHIZU FUJII sure can act! She was the talk of the show, when we had our Fire Side Chat. SUMIKO WASHINO, FUMI OKUMURA and MARIKO SUZUKI, our vice-president, are the merrymakers of our club. We have some nice quiet girls in our club, too—Who are they? Well, MARY OKITA, MITSUYE KAKIGI, SUMIKO SASAKI and YOSHIMI KIMOTO, just to mention a few.

Want to hear corny jokes cracked right and left? You should hear AKIKO KOYAMA—poor kid—nobody wants to laugh at them! By the way where's EIKO YOKOTA nowadays? Heard she was working . . . Imagine! We hear the same about our singing-bird, LOIS KITAZUMI. Our prexy, MIYOKO MANO, is getting to be like an old maid ever since she formed the choir . . . she thinks she can lead, so let's just let her think so! Our Japanese beauty, LILY HIGUCHI, seems to be getting along fine, neh? Didja' ever hear our new organist, MICHIKO KIMURA play? Which reminds me of KIYOMI KANEGAWA and AYAKO SATOW, also talented in tickling the keyboards. The best secretary we ever had! . . . Guess who? . . . None other than CHIEKO ISHIKAWA! She's prompt, neat, sweet, and capable all rolled into one. Her sister, FUMIKO seems to be taking after her! SUMIKO SHIRASAGO, our capable treasurer can keep track of every penny but you ought to hear her gigue—it's loads of fun.

Ever see TEIKO ISHIHARA'S hair out of place? Never! Always tidy . . . that's her! TSUYAKO KAIHARA and KIMIKO OKAMURA certainly have what it takes when it comes to beautiful legs! MIYEKO KAIHARA is very slim . . . I wonder what kind of diet she goes on . . . Are you going to let us in on your secret, Miyeko? Say—NORI OGATA and ALYCE NISHIMURA seem to be laughing all the time . . . What's so funny? . . . You know that it's fattening to laugh . . . that's why we don't laugh. Smart, eh? The most willing helper is none other than MUTSUYO TSURUDA . . . always willing and dependable. The two sweet girls in our choir are YURIKO TOKI and AIKO NAKAMURA . . . always willing to help and besides they're lots of fun, too. That's how we like them, neh? MACHI MATSUDA must be quite busy these days . . . we hardly see her any more. We'd like to see more of REIKO ENDO, MASAKO DOI and MIYUKI KIKUMOTO . . . do you suppose they're just lazy? MITSUYE TANAKA is trying out for our choir . . . Think she'll make it?

This is just about all the snooping we're going to do for now . . . We'll be back again so Look Out!

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## Proverbs Raid the Marysville Y.B.A.

"Acquaint thyself with proverbs for of them thou shalt learn instruction." Although the connection of each proverb or quotation with a member of our organization is not to be taken too seriously, yet there lies in the passages themselves much to be learned and gained. We are presenting actual and effective quotations; and whilst the main purpose is for amusement, it may also justify the saying, "There is no proverb which is not true."

"True patriots, we; for be it understood, we left our homes for our country's good." Only with the loyal thought of serving their country did our draftees, JOE HIRABAYASHI, BEN HONDA, JAMES KURIHARA, KAZUO MATSUMURA, FRANK OKIMOTO, DEN OSHITA, GEORGE TAKETA, and AKIJI YOSHIMURA, go forth to answer the selective call of the nation. Not for a moment did they begrudge the fact that all which was familiar to them was to be left behind as mere memories. With allegiance in their hearts, loyalty in their souls, these boys are giving their utmost for America's sake. We salute you, Men of the Stars and Stripes!

"Matches are made in heaven," so 'twas once said. It goes without saying that HATSUE HONDA and FRANK NAKAMURA—two of our most valuable nisei—make a handsome and perfectly matched couple. Hatsue and Frank both have given many years of commendable service to our organization.

"In her tongue is the law of kindness."—ALICE ISERI.

FRED WAKAYAMA, who has personality and a perfect physique, believes in "Early to bed, early to rise, makes a man healthy, wealthy, and wise," for he's now a fruit grower and doing just fine.

Don't look so forlorn, JOE MAKINO, for "Every mountain has its valley."

"To know the road, ask of those who have traveled it." DAN NISHIDA, who has held the post of presidency for the past two years, has felt the "bumps" along the way, but he has demonstrated his executive ability in no small degree. We hand it to him for the fine work he has been doing; and we're all behind you, Dan.

"So womanly, so benign, and so meek."—EVA TANIMOTO.

"The stronger always succeed." ICHIRO YOSHIMURA, we hope to see you a great orchardist some day.

"My book and heart must never part." LOUISE NAKAGAWA declares that reading is her favorite pastime, although "other things" occupy her too.

"But oh, she dances such a way; no sun upon an Easter day is half so fine a sight."—MOMOYE KITAHARA.

"Music will not cure a toothache," but we do contend that GEORGE NAKAO can get results with his playing on the clarinet. Have you ever tried serenading, George?

"Modesty is the beauty of a lass." MARY KURIHARA, can that be the reason for your shyness?

"I have a heart with room for every joy."—TOSHIKO MORI.

"Envy never enriched anyone," but who can help but envy MARY OKIDOI, our efficient corresponding secretary, who is known widely for her beauty as well as brains. "Beautiful but dumb" does not apply here by any means!

To BETTE SHIDAWARA, who has been ill, we say chin up, "Every cloud has a silver lining." We hope to have you back with us soon.

"No really great man ever thought himself so." Of NOBORU HONDA we can say this. He's proven time and time again his true greatness and yet no issue is made of it. "None but himself can be his parallel."



JOE NAKAO, "Patient waiters are no losers," is a proverb just for you.

"Young fellows will be young fellows." HARRY FUKUMITSU, FRANK KOMATSUBARA, TED WATANABE, GEORGE SHINTAKU, and KAKUJI ISONO all fall in the category of "Youths."

"Action speaks louder than words." Yes, GEORGE FUCHIGAMI says little but we can always depend upon him to do much.

KAZUYE HATAMIYA, always so well groomed, says, "Employment is enjoyment." We agree with you that it is with such a position as yours.

"Patience is a flower that grows not in everyone's garden." However, in TAKAKO FUCHIGAMI'S, they thrive in abundance.

"Share and share alike." MARY and GRACE SHINGU are two who hold much sisterly affection for each other.

"A good name keeps its luster in the dark." But the HONDA twins, GEORGE and TOM, have had no trouble keeping their names in the limelight all throughout their high school careers. Personality plus, these two were the outstanding students at the Biggs High School in all activities.

"Speech is silver, but silence is golden." So quotes MARY HATAMIYA, one quiet and bashful member.

"With loads of learned lumber in his head," TOM TAKETA will be able to tackle anything when he leaves Yuba Junior College next year. He's an indispensable member of our cabinet, and widely known for his athletic ability as well.

"Pretty to walk with and witty to talk to." SHIZUKO YOSHIMURA can bring sunshine and gladness to anyone's heart. You'll make an A-1 nurse, Shiz.

"All's fair in love and in war," JUNE HIRAOKA. But you've got stiff competition.

"Honest labor bears an honest face."—ALBERT OKAMOTO.

"Music is the universal language of mankind." Thus speaks AMY NOMI, who was one of the very few orientals in the high school choir.

"Her charms strike the sight, but her merit wins the soul." That isn't the half of it where TAMAKI HATAMIYA, our young though very capable cabinet member is concerned. What with unsurpassed looks, brains, famed artistic talent, a '41 sedan as a graduation gift, and much more, she must have been born under a lucky star, too.

It must be that ALICE FURUTA believes in "Absence is best," for we hardly see her at the meetings.

"Love makes all hearts gentle." So it does of JAMES KITAHARA, whose flame is but some fifty miles away. Yes, so it does!

"She's as good as she is fair." We refer to KAYOKO UCHIHARA.

When we think of AMY OKIMOTO, we can believe that "All good things come in little packages." Her comeliness has long been recognized.

In JOE NAKAMURA we see "An affable and courteous gentleman." He's Marysville's most eligible bachelor, the proprietor of a large grocery store.

"Happy am I, from care I'm free. Why aren't they all contented like me?" recites JOE NISHIHARA. We assure you we would be gay, Joe, if only we had a 1942 Plymouth sedan to boast of too.

"Not much talk, a great silence," describes MARY MORITA and MARY OKI, both students at Yuba J.C.

"Swifter than the arrow from the Tartar's bow," is our new and popular member, PAUL YOSHIKAWA, when it comes to "You-know-what."

"The best of friends must part." TAKAKO FUCHIGAMI and KIKUE HATAMIYA found this to be true when the latter placed her name on the rosters as Mrs. Tad Tomita in July. He couldn't have asked for more, we say.

"Earned with the sweat of my brows," says GEORGE HIRAOKA, who is able to display with pride the "fortune" he made this season. Nice going, George.

"Strange to the world he wore a bashful look."—GEORGE YOSHIMOTO.

The well-known saying, "Of stature short, but genius high," is one that befits KAZUME OKUNO, one of our dependable members.

When she received her call for a State position in the Capitol City, SADAME NOMI did not let opportunity slip between her fingers for she was well aware of the fact that "Opportunity knocks but once."

"The mildest manners and the gentlest hearts." The NAKASHIMA sisters, YUKIKO and YASUKO.

Be patient, MIKE TANIMOTO. "Everything comes to those who wait."

"Many hands make light work." We can always depend on ISAMU IWANAGA, TSUGIO MATSUMURA, IKUTO NABETA, JOE NAKAMURA, and KASTUMI KAWASAKI to cooperate in all of our undertakings.

"For every why he had a wherefor."—JAMES NAKAGAWA, willing, able, an asset to any club.

Always a good helper, SHUNICHI TAKAOKA, "In whose little body lodged a mighty mind."

Two of our most popular members, HARUO YAMAMOTO and JUNE WADA, cast their reflections in the "Mirror of constant faith."

Have you noticed how attractive KIMIKO KINOSHITA is getting these days? "A hint to the wise is enough," boys.

"In many the tongue outruns the senses." But not so with YONEO HONDA. Yoneo and common sense go hand in hand.

SETSUKO HAYASHI certainly "Minds her P's and Q's." Probably that's the reason she's liked so much by everyone. You know, she's the lucky lassie who has just returned from an extensive tour of Japan. We're really glad to have her back!

"Education makes the man." So believes FRANK OKI, a graduate of the Yuba J. C. You must have great plans for the future, Frank.

"Youth will have its swing."—GEORGE SHINGU and KIMI.

"A stitch in time saves nine," JOHNNY NAKAO. Need we say more?

"From little sparks may burst a mighty flame." JEAN MORITA, EMI MAKINO, NOBUKO MANJI, EMMA NISHIDA, and JOYCE KURIHARA, we expect great things of you mighty tho' petite scholars.

"Everyday brings its work."—GEORGE MARUBASHI and DEN SATO.

"Handsome is as handsome does" applies to FRANK HATAMIYA, who is now attending University of California at Davis.

With the thought that "My care is for the future," KIYOKO NOMI, SUMIKO NISHIHARA, and KIYOKO TOYODA are diligently studying at school.

"Divinely tall and most divinely fair." 'Tis this we can say of MITZIE INOUE.

"By heaven I do love," says MAMORU TANIMOTO. June's a lucky girl.

Although "Every shoe fits not every foot," MITSUO KAGEHIRO is trying his best to fill the pair left by AKIJI YOSHIMURA, who, we all know without saying, has now the title of Corporal.

"Just and mild."—DOLLY KITAHARA.

"Silence has many advantages," believe SETSUKO MAYEDA, ROSIE MAKINO, and MARY KAWAKAMI.

"The truth of truths is love." Especially where Sacramento is concerned. Right, GEORGE IWANAGA?

"Never shirk the hardest work," must be SAM KURIHARA'S slogan. He can always be depended upon to do anything asked of him—hard or otherwise.



"Thy modesty is a candle to thy merit," TOSHIKO HATAMIYA. She's known for her forensic, stenographic, literary abilities; and yet so modest and likeable.

"She was ever fair and never proud." MAE SHIDAWARA, our new member, is quite the one of whom we can say this.

"Her air, her manner; all who saw admired." Such delicate ways of MARY NAKAMURA are always welcomed into any group.

"A handful of common sense is worth bushels of learning."—YOSHIYE NAKASHIMA and AMY HOSHIKO.

FRANK KINOSHITA chose this passage with discretion, "My heart is ever at your service." Are you listening, my Lady Love?

"There's nothing half so sweet in life as love's young dream," is there, MAY NAKAO?

"Night after night he sat and blurred his eyes with books." That is probably the way FRANK SUENAGA became such a good accountant.

"For he's a jolly good fellow." We think of YOSHITO YOSHIMURA in just those terms.

SAM, TOM, and GEORGE NAKAGAWA believe that "Labor is the best sauce." They are tillers of the good earth and seem to be enjoying life.

"Nothing is impossible to industry." Nobody can say SAM SUENAGA, GEORGE MORITA, and JIM NAKAMURA are not industrious boys.

"Music's golden tongue" is put to use by YAEKO SUENAGA who loves to sing and can.

"Light as any wind that blows, so fleetly did she stir." You should see YUKIMI NISHIDA on the basketball floor. She's our ace player.

Since JOE HIRABAYASHI has left to answer the selective call, "Absence makes the heart grow fonder," doesn't it, AYAKO YOSHIMURA?

To a hard worker and a capable man, GEORGE KINOSHITA—"He that labors and thrives spins gold."

"Soft words win hard hearts." Are you aware of that proverb, YUKIO IWANAGA?

Where MIYEKO SATO and MOLLY NAKAMURA are concerned, "It's easier said than done." Miyeko is an eloquent speaker in English; and Molly holds her own as a forceful Japanese orator.

"Beautiful flowers are soon picked." MIYOKO HAMATAKE, who is as kind and sweet as they come, will soon be answering to the name of Mrs. Harry Aoyagi. Here's to smooth sailing on the sea of matrimony.

"First impressions are most lasting." Especially true did we find this in the case of SAM and GEORGE KINOSHITA from Chico whom we are proud to claim as additions to our organization. In them, we see great possibilities.

"Birds of a feather flock together." Friendly MASAKO MANJI, petite MISAKO OKIMOTO, and charming ALICE YAMASAKI—all topped with personality and attractiveness in abundance—are three of our young socialites.

"Together we stand; divided we fall." From the very beginning, the Marysville Y.B.A. members have quoted this in unison. Splendid leadership by those who were able and cooperation from those who followed have made our organization grow by leaps and bounds. With the aid of our kindly advisor, REVEREND SASAKI; and the guidance of our LORD BUDDHA, hand in hand we hope to progress—to recapitulate His teachings.

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Ho! Ho! Ho! I'm the "Little Tattle Tale" of our capitol city. Now would you like to listen to little "Elmer's Tune?" You're bound to hear a tuneful little earful—???? "My Little Tattle Tale Heart" is an open book to you. Take a peek and you shall hear the "Music Makers" of Sacramento Sr. Y.B.A. members. But first of all, I must admit "I'm crazy." "Yes, indeed," but after all—it's just in fun. What I say, if "It's True," it's just mere coincidence. Ho! Ho! Ho!

Pity the man who has no sense  
Humor or otherwise worth a pence.  
His life's dull and unhappy too.  
Come, join this madness, won't you?

Now, I'll unfold my tale to you  
Just follow it as I cast the spell.  
Pretend you're with me, too,  
On this unholy mission, I now tell.

Ah! Look down there in yon Melody Lane. We can see TOM UCHIDA with "A Rose (Washi-no) And a Prayer" hoping for the "Heaven for Two."—We hope he finds it soon.

There's JACK OSHITA. He's the "Little (?) Man With a Candy (Ka-shi) Cigar," leaning there against the lamp post. Wonder what he's waiting for?

What is all that commotion going on? What are all the girls milling around? Well, if we want to find out, let's go and see.

"I'm not "Bragging," we hear a masculine voice say amid the babble of feminine ones, but "Dame Rumor Hath It" that "When I Love, I Love." Oooo, just listen to those sighs. But, continues TADAO TANAKA, until then "We'll Have a Lot of Fun," eh girls?

"Who Said Dreams Don't Come True," we see AYA NISHIMURA demanding of what looks like—Yes, "I See a Million People." I've got "The Things I Love." Ho! Ho! Ho! By the time you read this in print, she'll be Mrs. Mas Yokoyama.

We find YASUO HONDA gazing dreamily at the moon hanging overhead. Say, Yas, "What's The Good of Moonlight When You Haven't Got a Girl to Love?" "Did Anyone Tell You" that you're missing something awfully important?

Star bright, star light, the last star I see tonight.

I wish I may, I wish I might, have the wish I wish tonight. Only I have "Three Wishes" tonight, wistfully prays PEGGY KAWATA. I wish for "The House On Chapel Row," "You and I," Kiyō, and a "Home in the Hills."

Oh, pray don't be blue, TOMO UYEDA, "Wait Till She Sees You in Your Uniform!" Then—she will say, "I Love You More."

"What Mends a Broken Dream?" asks a voice at our elbow. Why, hello! There's YURI MATSUDA faithfully sewing away with her thoughts a million miles away. That's easy, we can say "Find Yourself A Melody," Yuri and let it carry you to a "Harbor of Dreams." But unfortunately, she cannot hear us.

There goes the champeen girl bowler—YOSHIKO INABA. "Wasn't It You" who had that "Uncertain Feeling," Yoshiko? It's not uncertain now, is it?

We see HATS (Hot Dog) MORIMOTO sneaking into the living room and then bursting out with "Hey, Stop Kissing My Sister!" But, doggone it, can't see the other party, SUGIYE. That leaves me "Disillusioned," but guess "I'll Have To Dream The Rest."

"Oh, Look At Me, Now." I'm here "High On A Windy Hill" Mister—oh, oh—Yes, siree!! There's TAMI and JOE "Kneedeep In Stardust" waiting for that fatal day when they'll hear the "Wedding March." Nice Dreaming Baby(ies)."

The cast I spell enables you to read people's minds, too! Here we go.

"The One I Love Belongs To Somebody Else," laments YUKIO SHIMODA. But, "Perhaps," LILY KUROKO may be thinking the "Same Old Story."

"Peeking in thru the window of their home on "No. 10 Lullaby Lane" we can see newlyweds, BUGS and EDNA. They're "Two in Love," so let's leave them alone.

"Time Was" when LUCY TANAKA used to practice "Rhumboggie" all day, but now, she concentrates on shorthand and "Blue Hawaii."

"Everything Happens To Me," mournfully cries MAS ISHIKAWA, our faithful and capable secretary. Maybe that's the reason why I'm always "On The Outside Looking In."

"Accidently On Purpose" we eavesdrop on TOKO'S phone call and we hear him say, "Hy Cy, (Sie) What's A Cooking?" Incidentally, folks, "Love Can Do The Darndest Things" to a man!

"They're Making Me All Over In The Army," reports Private HARUO OKAMOTO as he sheds "Silent Tears." He explains, "There's Nothing The Matter With Me!"

Sh—We're not supposed to know about it, yet. But—SUMIKO ODA and HIROKO MAEDA, how did you enjoy your "Blind Date"(s)?

HISASHI NAGAI and KANJI NISHIJIMA are both wondering "When Are We Going To Land Abroad."

"What cha Know, JOE?" (TAURA) We don't hear much from you. Guess you are working too hard to bother much with social affairs. But all work and no play makes Joe a dull boy, you know.

On winged flight we reach the city's capitol, we enter the State Personnel Board where we see nimble fingers fly—and "Just Like That" (A snap of a finger) ARDENE KITAZUMI has done her work. Just give me "My Start" she says, and I'll get my work done. We can willingly and readily believe that, Ardene.

With a bat of an eye, we find ourselves in an entirely different surrounding. We see the peaceful countryside, and there, "Leaning On The Ole Top Rail," is old "Ragtime Cowboy Joe" (MATSUNAMI).

Some few miles away we come across HARRY KASHIWADA who claims, "It's So Peaceful In The Country," "When You're Alone."

Don't you agree that "Two Dreams Met" when YUKI HOSOKAWA met her one and only? But shucks! "Just Like That" he had to be caught by the draft and injected into the army. Oh well, those days you've had, "It Was Wonderful Then" neh, Yuki?

"I Know Why" YOSHIRO MATSUBARA, our genial Prexy is always "Talking To The Wind." His mother tells us that he was talking in his sleep and mumbling that "A Pretty Co-ed Has Gone To My Head." And Golly! Is she p-e-a-r-l-y.

We see some of our local girls have just received letters from their fellas in camp. "Goodbye Dear," (Aki) reads one. "I'll Be Back In A Year," so till then "Goodbye, Now" Signed KUNI NAKAO. P. S. I'll always be thinking about



you "Til Reveille," and then "I'll Dream The Rest." Another lucky girl is MICHIKO DATE. "There's Nothing The Matter With \$21 A Day Once A Month," writes "Blackie" IMAI. But I wish there'll come a day when I could omit that 'once a month' stuff. Then, I wouldn't have a "Worried Mind."

"The Things I Love" are all left behind 'cause, "I'm In The Army, Now," says GEORGE MASUDA, in his many letters home.

TOM TAKATA writes that he's been transferred to "Just A Little Bit South Of North Carolina," and he's a bit lonesome for his old civilian life.

"Throwing Pebbles In The Millstream," while singing the "Hut Sut Song" CARNEGIE OUYE is sighted writing about "Heaven On A Post Card." To whom Carnegie? We needn't ask, cause we know, (S.M.) but thought others might be interested.

Oh, look! There's that amorous SACHIKO HIGASHI, standing on a soap box and earnestly trying to convey something. Let's get closer—that is just as close as we can, to listen. "I Don't Want To Set The World On Fire," she repeats, but I sure would like to have someone "Love Me A Little, Little." Oh, gosh, gee, I could do better than that, don't you think folksees? I'd love her a lot, lot. Do you think I'd stand a chance? Nope, I can see her heart belongs to someone already. O gee—shucks.

"Dancing In The Dark" with someone tall, dark, and handsome, YOSHIKO FURUKAWA was sighing "All Over The Place," "Ay, Ay, Ay," Yoshi.

Here's an excerpt from a letter to CHIYO SATO from "Guess Who." "I've Got A Bone To Pick With You," Chiyo, for skipping away to "San Francisco" without letting me know. After all, "You and I" were meant for each other. But, let's not quarrel, "Let's Be Buddies."

Hey, "You Forgot About Me," and you can't do that! Pipes up a voice from nowhere in particular. No, SHIG SASAKI, we can't forget you, can we? You, known as "A Romantic Guy, I" should really get a little more attention. Come on girls, you heard his plea. I think you can expect some results, Shig.

Ho! Ho! Ho! "You Talk Too Much" TERUYO, "Yes, Indeed." But sometimes "You Say the Sweetest Things." Ah—me!!

There's timid, but a very wonderful girl, HIROKO KEIKOAN who's "Afraid To Say Hello." But, "Oh, Lady Be Good" and let yourself go. If there are any boys in the crowd, perhaps they would like to know where some girls are available. Sunning themselves on the porch SHIZUKO MATSUO and SUMIKO TAKEMOTO are having a little light chat. "What the Country Needs" is "A City Called Heaven," Serious-thinking Sumiko strongly emphasizes. Shizuko agrees, "You Started Something," there, but I guess "It's Too Beautiful To Last."

It's "Never Too Late To Pray," teaches SACHIKO OSAKI, and in her religious belief, MIYOKO SHIMADA also lends her voice in advising the guys and gals.

One of the astonishing news of all we've discovered so far is CARUSO NAKASHIMA'S favorite song "Stardust" is now changed to "Let's Get Away From It All." Then Sloppy is heard chanting, "Look At You, Look At Me," a perfect combination of "Loveliness and Love."

TAKA HONDA'S favorite diversion is "Loafin' On A Lazy Day" "Under Blue Canadian Skies" dreaming of "Moonlight and Roses," so we found out.

Ah—there's beautiful FUSAYE SAKUMURA busy flitting about like "Fire-flies on Parade" from one love to another. We can understand why, there's no meeting night for her.

"Peek A Boo To You" SACHIKO HIRONAKA, "Where Are You?"

Now, I shall break the spell, you see.  
All the folksees can now see me.  
A bird, a man, a beast, what could I be?  
That's forbidden to tell without a fee.

Ho! Ho! Ho! Do I see faces blue?  
And red and green colors, too?  
Now—my friends-er-neighbors-true?  
I shut my mouth and bid adieu.

Ho! Ho! Ho! and Away!

There's goes our elfish imp, Elmer, never to return twice anywhere. This is station S-A-C-T-O signing off. Your announcer has been Zyxwvtsrqponm Lhjhg-fedcba. All comments and views expressed by Elmer on this program are his own and does not reflect the views of this network.

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Hey, FRANK YAGI, our one and only selectee, don't flirt with the colonel's daughter! Don't forget the K.P.

It has obviously been noticed that when the Woodland boys haul tomatoes to Sac'to, the restaurants with pretty gals get the majority of the business, eh, BEN OGATA?

Little ISAO TOKUNAGA seems to get around pretty fast—how do you do it, Isao? (Couldn't be the Packard, could it?)

YOSH NAKAGUMA, we don't see you often—what's doing now, feeding your tomato worms?

TOM MURAKAMI had better take his gal out once in a while or you'll lose her. The girls are fickle, you know or did you.

MAE TERAMOTO, the boys are missing you from our club meeting. They seem to like your smiles!

Not mentioning any names, it seems that several of the tomato haulers want to eat at the Sakura Cafe—by the way, she's back in Woodland now!

Say, we hear YOSHIKO TOIZUMI, now attending Sac'to J.C., is really dolling up—do you think she met her Prince Charming?

What is this we hear about, TAKESHI TAKEUCHI, looking for a wedding ring? (Couldn't be the draft, could it?)

HARRY OGATA, maybe you should have taken up beauty culture for women, instead of barbering—there will be more women than men when the draft gets the men (And much more pleasant, too!)

GEO. YAMAZUMI, the man about town, can't seem to make up his mind on any particular gal at present. Better make up your mind soon, don't forget the draft.

AIKO TOKUNAGA attended J. C. sewing school; packed pears, tried civil service—maybe career girl?

Big sister, HARUE OGATA, better keep your little brother Ben home once in a while! All we know is that he only eats breakfast at home!

Say, HISAKO NARAHARA, don't be that way—give the boys a break! You know they are all waiting for that moment!

If we had an orchestra we would have a duet in SADAKO NAKANO and her petite cousin, LOUISE NAKANO.

Don't you think you're getting farther away from North when you work in Sac'to CHIYEKO TOIZUMI?

MISAO SUEOKA, with her charming personality, is a great help to us.

MAE MAMETSUKA seems pretty gay these days? Did the love-bird get you? (We know so!)

We find our handsome Cassanova TED TAMAI sure gets around. Some of the boys want to know how you do it, TED?

We don't know what to say of the MURAKAMI sisters—they've been such "ojo sans."

JOJI SUGIMOTO seems to be bubbling over these days. What's got you Joji?

SHIG NAKAHIRA, you're so quiet, the gals at J.C. couldn't make you out—you're not a woman hater, are you? (We really don't think so.)

AKIRA YAMAZUMI, the spark plug of our basketball team, seems pretty much preoccupied these days.

TOMIKO NAKAGAKI, we hear you're a good cook—are you preparing for something?

Say, JIM KIMURA, remember you're our athletic manager, we'd like to see you make our team come out in the race, anyway!

We find GEORGE FUJIMOTO is back in California—what is the matter, George, gals up in Washington too slow for you!

SHIG NARAHARA, last but not least, our president claims he's pretty busy working in the fields, but we notice that his car is never in the garage.

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"Youth is a blunder;  
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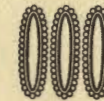
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Sprawled on the green lawn in front of the Main Garrison were YUKI ADACHI, CHESTER FUKUHARA, MASAYUKI HAMADA, and HIROYUKI KOYANAGI ogling at the coy lovelies promenading the gravel pathway.

Perched atop the steps of that building were NORIO FUKUHARA, KAZUYE HARADA, BERNICE HIMOTO, FUMIKO HIROSE, CHIZU KOBATA, FUMIKO HIRAKAWA, SHIGERU KOYANAGI, HATSUZO MIMURA, and HATOE NAKAMURA with their shoes off, fanning their barking "dogs" in the breeze. MASAO HIMOTO, LOUIE ODA, HIROSHI OTO, TOSHIO OTO, and TERUO SAKATA held their noses and passed like greased lightning through that crowd, unknowingly tripping on the threshold of the doorway and mangling each other.

Gosh, Mom the mess hall was jammed with soldiers and their friends! Needless to say, strange gurgles and splashes sounded all along the table-tops; but the worst noises were camouflaged by the tete-a-tete of three familiar figures, none other than the dashing handsome BILL YAGI flanked on either side by fair damsels, TAKIKO WATANABE and NANCY AOKI. Wonder what blitzkrieg method NANCY uses.

Seated across from them were HIROSHI HAMADA and ROY HIMOTO, guzzling spun steaks (hamburgers to you), slopping catsup all over the maps of GEORGE MATSUMOTO and KIYOSHI ITO.

Out in the kitchen, with his head caught in the swinging door, MASATO EGI talked himself blue in the face trying to sell the Army his crop of beans. No soap—First Cook and Mess Sergeant JIMMIE NISHIDA just pushed harder from the inside.

Traveling on to the practice grounds, I spotted FUMIO NISHIDA, genius extraordinary, pouring out a steady barrage about guns, range finders, trajectories, and shell charges, to the annoyance of ISAO OTO and JACK ODA, who with all that knowledge could have commanded a battery of 75's.

Private SUMIO OTO rumbled by the rifle range in a jeep filled with MASAYE YAMAUCHI and ALICE ODA. Just at that moment Corporal RUSSELL YAMAGA, hurtling headlong toward the jeep in a troop carrier, turned to yoo-hoo at CLARA IWAOKA astride a 155 mm. howitzer, munching a hot dog. Corporal YAMAGA swerved to avoid the collision and gave CLARA such a scare her hair turned white.

Well, whad'da ya know, Joe! DORIS YAGI, occupied in wishful thinking, was standing beside a parked reconnaissance car when a screwball sez, "Wow! What a classy chassis!" Wonder which he meant—DORIS or the car?

KAZUMI HATANAKA and LOUIE HAMADA played Jan-ken-po in the guard house after having thrown a hornet's nest through an open window in the medical building. As a result, they were charged with disturbing the peace, and victim SAM TSURUTA'S headlamps puffed up like yaki-mochi.

Close to supper time, on an isolated bench for two, MABEL HAYASHI sat eagerly hanging on to the words of a certain lanky youth. I'm sure it was G.Y. YURIKO ISHIZUKA and HISAKO HIROSE talked tomatoes amidst the blare of instruments at the band concert.

Having put on the feed bag, I sauntered into the Recreation Hall. There stood DOROTHY AOKI under the ping-pong table, winking with machine gun rapidity at ELMER IOKA, the cub reporter with a nose for sports.

Privates TATSUO EGI and TOM MIZUNO were withering under the cross-fire of none-too-pleasant adjectives hurled by AIKO KOBUE and NANCY YAGI, the aftermath of a slick card game.

MATSUE KOGA thumbed a Brides' Book in a corner. "HARRY" up thar, time's a-wastin'.

YOSHIKO OTO and TAEKO OHARA deserted ping-pong to fight it out with tooth and fang and brute strength for that winning point.

Tickling ivories with a boogie beat was MIDORI HIROTSU, accompanied by rhythmic claps from the gnarled hands of the hick from the sticks, ALICE SOFUYE.

Attracted by the mellow music from a radio, I scrambled on to the dance. It was some'n to watch TOKIE HATANAKA, FUMIYE HARADA, and FRED WATANABE, stomping around like a tank unit to the torrid conga syncopations.

HELEN KUSABA did a solo in her own inimitable way demonstrating outstanding mannerisms of certain dancers.

DONALD HORI, master of the terpsichorean art, floated dreamily by with TOSHIYE MIYAZAKI looking down into his smiling eyes.

HERB HIROTSU, neat and trim as a Garand rifle, sweetly hummed "Trust in Me" as he glided along with a ring-tailed doozie, a Delta beauty with leg art.

Upstairs in the darkened movies, duty confined Private TAKURO ASAI to (close) quarters with that streamlined torso gal, ELSIE YAGI. Slumped in his seat beside YVONNE KUBOTA was "Casanova" JOE YAGI. Strictly private, but definitely.

It was quite late when everyone gathered to sing the national anthem and trek home from a perfect "V" Day.

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## Vacaville Y.W.B.A. Personals

Ring, Ring, Ring. Well, there's a telephone call. Whose there? Yes? Oh, it's the Bussei Guide Editor! You want the news? Well, here they are, so clean your ears.

Well, we'll start out with our debutante and our most beloved prexy NANCY MORISHITA.

Next comes our Vice President CHIZU MATSUURA. She always comes handy when we need some assistance.

Our sweet secretary KIYOKO TERMAYE is always on her duties. We also overheard you raving about a certain handsome young fellow in Penryn.

The song, "Oh, Johnny! Oh, Johnny!" is rather old, but it's on the top of MARIE NAKATANI'S Hit Parade of heartthrobs.

Why are many Japanese girls in Vacaville wearing fancy coiffeures? Well, MISHI SAKOGAWA'S new beauty salon is the reason.

Whenever you visit Vallejo, don't forget to drop in at the Little Giant Grocery Store where SHIGEKO ICHIMOTO works for her brother. She'll serve you with a smile.

Tall, very attractive and charming is our dependable member YOSHIKO FUJIKAWA.

KIKUYE KAKIUCHI'S willingness to help is always appreciated by our club.

Why is KIYOMI MASUDA so anxious to go to Clarksburg during asparagus season? Is it because of work or a certain beau?

Oh! Oh! MICHIKO NISHIMOTO a certain private will be jealous if you go around with a fellow who owns a blue Oldsmobile.

Have you seen the green coupe whizzing down the Japanese town, nowadays? The car belongs to a certain Private now serving in the U. S. Army. The driver is none other than our own member MIYO FUJIKAWA.

Beware! CHIZUKO MAKINO, about your romance, cause you have a rival in the Junior group.

Wonder why MASAKO ICHIMOTO changed her haid-do from "braids" to "curls." Is it because of a certain Sergeant in Uncle Sam's Army?

Who is that grocery man from Alameda who is popular with LILY KAKIUCHI? Let us know if you find out, won't you?

May Sano is known as a quiet, but dangerous type of girl.

Here comes the Andrews Sisters of Vacaville—SALLY, CLARA, and JULIA SEIJI. It's exaggerated a little, but they make a good trio.

KIMIKO TAKAO, we don't see you very often nowadays? Is the sewing lesson keeping you busy?

We are missing our reliable MARY TOGAMI who is working at the State Capitol.

Well thought of and adored member is MOLLY ICHIMOTO.

We are going to miss SUSIE TSUDA, our active member, who is planning to attend sewing school in Sacramento.

We very seldom see NANCY SEIJI at our meetings. Nancy, drop in sometime and see what's happening.

CLARA TOGAMI is busily occupied with her housework because her elder sisters are all away.

Which is better SHIZUYO, selling fish or country life?

Whenever you see HISAKO YOSHIHARA you will always see her studying.

Is SUMIKO YOSHIDA lonesome because her heartthrob (Jungle) is in Martinez?



Why the nickname "Professor" JITSUKO NISHIOKA? Is it because of her intelligence?

MARY NAKATANI is practicing housekeeping. Is it because of her future? YUKIKO HISAOKA is another girl who is in Lodi. My! My! Of all the chances the Lodi boys have on Vacaville girls during grape season.

Why is there a smile on FUMIKO WADA'S face nowadays? Is it because she receives many letters signed "buckingly yours"?

Real "Ojo-san" FUMI YAMADA has changed to a regular farmerette this summer. Can you imagine that she picked prunes?

FLORA TOGAMI will leave for Oakland to attend sewing school and Frances will enroll in business school.

Our glamour girl NORMA TSUJIMOTO cannot be missed by anyone.

KIKUYO "BABE" SHIMAMOTO is trying to take after Alice Marble, the champion tennis player.

We are all missing you, HATSUYO HATANAKA. I heard that you're always in Woodland.

Wedding bells will be ringing soon for SUMIKO HANDA. She'll soon be changing her name to Mrs. Ben Matsumoto of Alvarado.

SHIZUKO NISHIMURA was happily united with Mr. Tokunaga of Stockton.

And last, but not least is our beloved new advisors, REV. KIMURA and MRS. KIMURA, who recently came from Seattle.

And so—it is often said that long distance calls amounts to a large bill and that is why we are saying, "Good-bye now, we'll be back in a year."

### "Vaca-Y.W.B.A. Gals"

By KAY MASUDA

*Vacaville Y.W.B.A.*

Here's a poem about the Y.W.B.A.  
Girls so pretty, young and gay.  
No matter where you go, you'll find these three  
Jolly Chizu, lovely Norma and gay Nancy.  
Happy-go-lucky person you'll always find  
Sweet Flora who's really very kind.  
Yoshiko who's never a snob  
In the army is her "heartthrob."  
Young Babe who's so quiet and shy  
In that certain car she goes riding by.  
A girl with lovely voice that sings  
Is Sally who makes your ears ring.  
Our dear member Sumi, you'll want to know  
On the matrimonial trail she will go.  
Clara and Julia are singers, too  
With them one never feels blue.  
A girl of sports and full of joy  
Shigeke who's popular with every girl and boy.  
Miyo who's always so simple and sweet  
Here is a girl you ought to meet.  
Frances who's always willing to do her share  
There's hardly anyone whom we can compare.  
Have you ever visited Mishi's Beauty Shop  
It's the place to have you hair on tops.  
About this poem if you have anything to say  
Just come to me, you'll find it's only Kay.

### In Vacaville

Since this year's publication is dedicated to the service men of Uncle Sam, I wish to say hey-hey to our boys who are either doing kitchen police or marching. Our boys over there are GEORGE HONDA, MAKI NAKAMURA, TOSHIMARU KOMURA, TAD KIMOTO, WALTER FUJIKAWA, TORU AOYAGI, and JOE DEGUCHI. My information from them is very good as they're enjoying working for Uncle Sam. I wonder?

Once a year, I go-a-snooping-around to scrape up a few scoops for the "Bussei Guide" and so, here I am snooping in a nice sort of a way and in a quiet sort of a way, but, on second thought, I'll have to watch my step as there may be an "Errol Flynn" in our midst—although I admit I am no Jimmie Fidler. I'd be in a tough predicament, if there was an "Errol Flynn" in our club because Fidler had his wife to protect him—but, woe is me, I have none!

I guess my nickel's worth of gossip won't be noticed, since there is much of it going around here in our little town. Besides, what else is there to write which would be interesting enough to waste a few glancing moments.

Vacaville has its share of romance as you may not have dreamed of in a quiet little hick town—but, I do not wish to do them injustice as there is nothing else more beautiful than romance! (I wonder) "Babe." Tsch, tsch, I won't make it public, I'm your friend.

Every Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights, our lady of the town, "Mae West" KAKIUCHI is very interested and seen hanging around Ichimoto's Candy Store. Speaking of Ichimoto, it reminds me of our "Man-about-Town," GEORGE "Little Giants" ICHIMOTO is certainly busy now-a-days "chasing . . . fooled you, not rainbow . . ." "Skirt." His partner in crime is "SAK" YAMASHITA. How's the sixteen years-old? For one of our members, I am on the verge of nervous collapse, worrying for him since the Government is putting taxes on everything, and who knows, they may have a tax on wearing out the asphalt on the highway between Dixon and MIYOKO-san. Take it easy ole' boy! She will be yours very soon beside you as Mr. and Mrs.

The newly-wedded members around here in our neck of the wood are: Mr. and Mrs. SHUN AOYAGI and Mr. and Mrs. ALBERT "Pop" HAYASHI . . . How's married life?

To our moonbeam girl, our own nightingale, JULIA "Dimples" SEIJI, keep up the great singing voice—honey child!

This year's Nisei gridiron heroes on our local high school varsity are "Minor" SANO, FRED MAKINO, MOTOI NAKAMURA, and MIYOJI "Shrimp" YAMADA. MOTOI is trying hard to have the coach purchase new equipment. He has everything except sliver-proof pants—benches are very rough, he tells me. Believe it or not our MIYOJI may be small but when he is in the line up, he's backing up the line! He's never missed a tackle. Maybe, he has an advantage over the taller opponents by running between their legs!

Before I do meet an "Errol Flynn," I'd better close, since I believe in keeping my mug intact and besides it's unlawful to waste any blood during our country's National Defense. I'll be looking for you at the Lodi conference!

### Vacaville Y.W.B.A. Juniors Personals

Lodi is a bigger town but Vacaville seems to be better now, KAORU MATSUNO? Is J. S. the reason?

Tall, attractively built and very charming is HELEN MATSUURA, our Vice President.

We miss you at the meeting, KIYOKO TAKAO. Come out and see us sometime won't you?



Wonder where HELEN NAKATANI goes every Saturday night?

Listen folks! Whenever you're in Vacaville, listen to POLLY TOGAMI squawk.

MIYO YAMADA, our sweet treasurer, is really going places. (Get it?)

HISAE YOSHIHARA, why do you want to break your glasses so often? Could you see the boys better?

Why are you so quiet and bashful KIKUYO TAKAHASHI?

What happened to your left eye, MIHARU HOSHINO? Did you wink at the boys too much?

UMEYO TSUJITA, our reliable and dependable prexy, is always on her duties.

MIYOKO NOJIMA is quiet and nice, and has a very high soprano voice.

A very good singer among the junior group is none other than YOKO MATSUDA. She is also known as a "hotstuff."

My! MOMOYO TSUJITA, you seem to enjoy High School life very much. Do you really?

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in until his son begins acting like an idiot.

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## The End

You may furiously stamp your feet  
And tear your sparing hair.  
You shout up and down, "It's not fair!"  
But an end's an end  
And you can't do anything there.

Like life's grim curtain that falls  
To signal the end of a show  
And like all good things which must go,  
This last leaf marks  
The last of the news, you know.

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## Editor's Note

With the timely dedication to our fellow Bussei members in Selective Service for Uncle Sam, we present you with the third edition of the Bussei Guide. Just as these boys are serving our country to the best of their ability, we must do our part and carry on with the Bussei activities so that they may have encouragement in knowing that we, at home are doing the next best thing.

The Staff and I have endeavored to present you with a publication that may prove worthy of your reading. We sincerely hope that through this medium you may recall happy Bussei memories, inspirational district activities and remember friends, as you turn back these pages in years to come.

With the publication of a subsidiary literary organ to the Bussei Guide, the N.C. District has added another milestone in their progress of literary achievements. The Lodi Y.B.A. deserves a hand for their commendable work in publishing the first district quarterly . . . a name yet to be chosen.

Inasmuch as it has been the untiring and unselfish efforts of the staff members, which has been instrumental in presenting this Bussei Guide, we owe our deep gratitude to the contributors of special articles, to each chapter for their splendid cooperation and most of all to the many generous contributors of advertisements and complimentaries. . . We say Thank You for making this publication possible!

EVELYN DATE,  
Editor.



*Memorandum*

*Memorandum*



*Autographs*

*Autographs*



が輝いて居ります。然し斯の如き理想への追求は此小き吾々の躰、此小き吾々の力を以てしては、容易に到達し得るものでなく、如何に吾々が猛虎の勢を以て騰躍せんとし、蛟龍の力を以て飛躍せんと欲しましても彼方よりは烈風となり、驟雨となつて吾々を薙倒し、墜落せしめます。斯の如く現實と理想との衝突予盾は吾々の心胸に千波萬波の狂瀾を喚起して遂に煩悶と苦惱に至らしめるのであります。若しも其處に於て斯の如き理想の追求は永久に達する事の出来ない努力に過ぎないからと云つて、唯單に自己の現實的情欲の満足は之れ又永遠に救はれない人格の墜落であり、より大きくなり、より伸びんとする欲求に炎えて居る吾々がより小さく萎縮するものではありますまいか、あの岩石の上、不遇の地に何處からともなく飛散して來た一粒の種子は己の天分を全ふせんが爲には、あの堅牢な岩をも打割て思ふ儘に根を張つて繁茂して居るではありませんか。

あります。人生の目的はもつと／＼貴く價値の有るものでなければならぬものであります。夫れは眞善美の完成であると思ひます。其の眞は勉學に依つて探究せられ、善は道徳に依つて實踐せられ、美は藝術に依つて表現せられるものであります。就中此の中に於ける善は、唯物主義に囚れて居る現代吾々の心の中に最も欠乏してゐるものであり、道徳感念の廢退であります。現代吾々の最も急務中の急務は眞と美を培ふと共に此の善を層一層に培わねばならないと思ひます。夫れには先づ己れの生に目覺めなければなりません。吾々は得難い人間として生を受けた事を喜び感謝せなければならぬのであります。佛教道徳の極地は此の有難い勿体ないこの二つより外はないと思ひます。吾々が正直に己れの生に目覺める處、そこには合掌の精神が湧き此の精神の具體的露れが道徳の實踐となりて善が培はれるものと思ひます。それには御佛の放ち給ふ御光に輝かされて吾々は合掌の精神を培ひ善を培ひて人生の目的を一步たり共完成の域に近づけやうではありませんか。

Following is the Japanese section

For you to look and see.

You'll be happy as a bumble bee

If you read Japanese.

But that's all!—For others like me.

... Sachiko Marlean Higashi



ツヨクムネにきざんでくいてほしいとおもひます  
ミナサンをオクリだしたアトのものは、ミナサン  
がマジメにチカラヅヨク、それぞれのクギをうつ  
てゐてくださることをシンジキタイしカンシヤし  
てゐます。いまミナサンがやつてゐられるシゴト  
は、ミナサンのテによつて、はぢめてデキること  
であり、ほかのヒトではデキないトウトイクギを  
アメリカといふタテモノにうちこんでゐるのだと  
いふことをワスれないでください。

ニッケイシミンとして、またブツセイとしてホ  
カのジンシユではマネのデキないダイジなクギを  
シツカリもつて、それをアメリカのブンカにサ、  
グてゐられるミナさんに、ココロからカンシヤす  
るごどもにサラにイツボンのクギのタイセツサを  
ツヨクくシつていたとき、メイくのミチにマ  
ジメにジンシンをもつてドンくススンでいただく  
やうおねがひいたします。

(をほり)

## 過去を思ひ出す心

南加佛青 折葉 滿

過ぎ去つた事を静かに思ひ浮べて見る  
事は、誠に懐しいものであり、又それは  
或意味に於て自分に多大なる力と成つて  
呉れるもので有ます。

私共人間は時間と云ふものの中に包ま  
れて此の人世を歩んで居るので有ますが、過去の  
有ゆる姿は、私達を無限の懐しさへと導いて呉れ  
るので有ます。樂しかつた事、悲しかつた事、辛  
かつた事迄も何んとも云へない懐しい思ひ出とし  
て、自分を激勵してくれるので有ます。

私は近頃、さう云つた感情めいた氣持が静かに心  
の奥から湧き起り、將來に輝しき大なる理想に向  
つて行進する、自分にどつて或る機會に過去を振  
り返る事は、許されてもいゝ事であり、又必要な

事でもないか等と考へさゝれるので有ります。

路上に『止め！進め！』の信號のある如く行進  
するには先づ『止め』より始まるのではないでせ  
うか、人生はオギャーと生れた時より寧ろそれよ  
り前の結婚に始まると云つた觀念——  
又往々にして人は週の始まりは月曜日より日曜  
へ、と云つた觀念にて、物事にかゝつて居るが、  
目的もなく、止まつて考へる事無しに仕事につく  
と云つた觀念は、私には不審に思はされるのであ  
ります。寧ろ私は一週は日曜日から、と云つた觀  
念にてどりかゝる事が、正しい進み方ではなから  
うか、と思ひます。

こう云つた觀念、即ち『止め！進め！』『人生の  
出發は結婚から』『一週の始まりは日曜日から』と  
云つた心持ち、更に換言すれば或る機會く毎に  
踏み止つて過去を反省し、思ひ出す事が我々の生  
活に必要なのではないでせうか、兎に角責任を免  
れて來た、過去をふり返る事は人の心を和げるも  
のであると思はれます。【完】

一九四二〇一七



## 感想

バカビル佛青 青 柳

世は河の流れの如く、一刻一瞬をも停止する事  
なく日に月に進歩し發達して其のごまる處を知  
りません。殊に現世の如き變轉極りなき世に生を  
受けた吾々は、若しも如何なる方面にも自己の發  
達を中止し、培ふ事を停止するなれば、停止した  
瞬間が早や衰退の域に向ひ奈落の底に墜落する第  
一步であります。

あの人目をうつどりとなさしめる華麗な菊花は  
元々美しくしきものでは無く、過ぎし時は荒漠たる  
野邊に荆棘や蟋蟀を友とした可憐な一輪の花であ  
つたので有ります。吾々は不完全なる人間として  
現生に生を受けたものである事は今更絮説する迄  
もありません。その不完全なる我々は培ふ程度如  
何に依て菊花の如く美はしき人間、所謂人格者に  
近づき得るので有ります。

斯く感じ來る時、吾々の前途には赫々たる光明



聞き知つても居ると思ふが、今や實際的に、知恩報徳の意義を、身口意の上に現はし得る立場となり、又同時にその時代は己でに今來てゐるのであ

る。故に敢へて四恩を揚げて、以つて奮起を促す次第である。

## 佛青と芬陀利華

樓台

水谷 悟峰

佛青そのものが、地上に於ける尊嚴なる一存在であるとするならば、そは力づよき念佛のうちに生きぬくからでありませう。經典の中に『念佛者は人中の芬陀利華』だと述べてあります。

芬陀利華とは梵語のブンダリカの音譯で、白蓮華と言ふことであります。多くの花の中で、何といつても清淨に氣高く見わたるのはこの白蓮華でありませう。かの大自然の夏の曉に先じて、千古の沼に音をたて、咲き出づるこの白蓮華を想へば崇高な感じを起さずにはおれません。手に念珠を持ち、合掌念佛者たる佛青はこの白蓮

華の崇高に喩えられるものであります。その清淨な花。今を盛りと咲き誇つてゐる花の姿、日の出に先きがけて、音を立て、バツと聞いた刹那の風情であると言へます。然も蓮華はさういう清淨崇高な花であるに拘らず、低い湿地に生へ、汚い泥中に咲く、念佛者も亦名利の林、愛慾の池の只中に生じて、なほ清淨に生きるのであります。佛青の佛青たる尊嚴は、各自が自らこの白蓮華の自覺を持ち、現世に生々と生きるのであつて、佛の大慈廻向のまことを受けて、芬陀利華の如く潔白に、崇高に、素純に、清々と生きるからであ

りませう。若き佛徒はあくまでも、芬陀利華の理想實現に生き、我が北米佛教の第一の確固たる礎とならねばなりません。

眞夏の曉に先じて、バツと音を立て、咲く蓮華

はいかにも氣高い、それが白蓮華であれば尙更清淨の感が深い。そいう白蓮華を見た刹那、私はそこに若き念佛者の姿を思ひ浮べ、たゞ尊い感じに打たれるのであります。信頼する北米の若き佛徒よますく、自重自愛あれ

—(完)—

## クギをうちこむもの

ほうじょう ゑじつ

ムカシからタクサンのヒトタチが、チカラをつくしてツクリあげてきたオウキナリツバナタテモノに、たとへチイさくてもよい、ダイジなクギをイツボンうちこんでしんでゆきたい——

こんなキミのことが、あるウタヨミのウタつたウタのなかにありました。ヨのナカのことはミナけつしてヒトリのチカラではデキアがらぬものです。ミンナのチカラがヨリアツまつて、はちめてリツバにデキアがつてゆくのです。ミンナのチカラがツヨクカタまればカタまるだけ、マジメで

あればマジメであるだけ、リツバナシゴトがシどげられてゆきます。ウタヨミのコトバをかれはミンナがジブンのクギをマジメにイツボンづつココロをこめてうちこんでゆくことです。ワキミをせず、ただヒトスヂにジブンのシンするホウコウにむかつてススンでゆくことです。そしてジブンのシゴトにヒトツツのホコリとジシンとネウチをミイだしてゆくことです。

どくにイマ、アメリカのクニにメされてアメリカのヘイタイになられたミナサンは、このことを



## 卷頭の辭

ここに一千九百四十一年の秋を迎へ、我等佛教青年は極みなき精神の躍動を覺ゆ。本年は多くの我々佛教青年會出身兵士あり、深く敬意を表する。彼等は米國日系兵士として、邁進すべき實に意義深き年に向つて居る。我等はこの意氣の下に或は學問に、或は運動に、一段の拍車を加へねばならぬ。時恰も超非常時、我等佛教青年にとつては自覺と實踐の時代である。此の秋にあたり、佛教青年の結成の重大なるは論をまたず、實に我等若き佛青の活動如何は佛教將來の發展の上に多大の關係を有すると共に、國際關係の危急を告ぐる現在に於て、國際的平和親善の上には大なる意義を有するものと信ずる。我等は一堂に會して心の握手により、親善の實を試みる我等佛青は立派なる米國日系市民であることを忘れぬ。

何すれど、かやうな事に恐れよう。唯正義により一路邁進、佛教青年日系市民の使命達成に突き進むのみである。

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## 恩意識と第二世佛教徒

櫻府佛教會 佐々木千象

米國に佛教東漸して以來、早や五拾年に垂とする折りから、第一世は漸く老境に入り、それだけに第二世の平均年齢は二十才を越し、而も在米同胞の三分の二は、第二世で占められる様になつた今や將に第一世と第二世の轉換期が來てゐるのである。

拾年、拾五年前までは、我々同胞間に於て

「如何にしたら善良なる第二世を作ることが出来るか」と云ふ問題が多かつたが現今はその表題が變はり「如何にしたら第一世を慰め得るか」と云ふ時代になつてゐる。それだけに第二世の使命は加速度の重大さが迫りつゝある。此の時に際し第

二世佛教徒として特に体得表現して貰ひ度い事は佛教の報恩の思想である。只に權利、義務の主張と個人主義的思想になり勝ちな社會に育つ者に取つては、務めて恩意識を強調する必要があると思ふ。佛教の中にはこの意識を具体的に四恩で以つて説いてゐる。

一は「父母の恩」これは申すまでも無く父母より受ける數々の廣大な御恩、二には「衆生の恩」我々は孤立して生きる事は出來ない多數の社會人より受ける力によつて、はじめて自己の存在が成立つのである。三に「國恩」我々が安全に侵される事なく、生命財産を守護される事は國家の御恩である。第四には人生を淨化し永遠の生命と救済を賜はる「佛の御恩」である。

勿論この四恩の意義については、すでに諸君は



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