

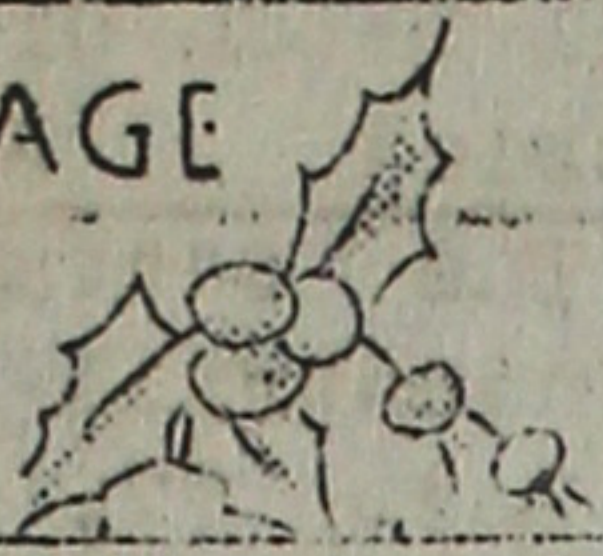
TOPAZ TIMES Christmas Edition

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MESSAGE



By Charles F. Ernst
Project Director

When we consider that Christmas signifies the Creator's great Gift to the whole world, we then have the proper universal concept of the Christmas season.

But Christmas is not a thing that comes super-imposed upon us. Rather it develops to its true proportions as each one of us makes our contribution to the season.

There is very little of the sense of the material in the life of Christ in whose honor the Christmas season is observed. It is, however, full of incidents of genuine giving of self through day by day consideration of welfare and happiness of others--all of us.

Many of us may not be able to express our friendship through material gifts, but all of us surely can give substantially each day our friendship and kindness.

Experience shows that such giving gains accumulated strength--the more friendship, the more kindness we give, the more we seem to have.

In this spirit let us all wish for each other and for the whole world the lasting gift of Christmas--the hope of universal Eternal Peace.

EDITORIAL



On this day a world depressed by the trials of suffering humanity turns to seek the light of

hope first symbolized two thousand years ago by the Star of Bethlehem. In those times when the shepherds kept lonely nocturnal vigil over their flocks, the First Noel, heralded throughout the universe by the gleaming gem of the skies, summoned the wiseman of Israel to Bethlehem to absorb the permeating radiance of the Holy Infant.

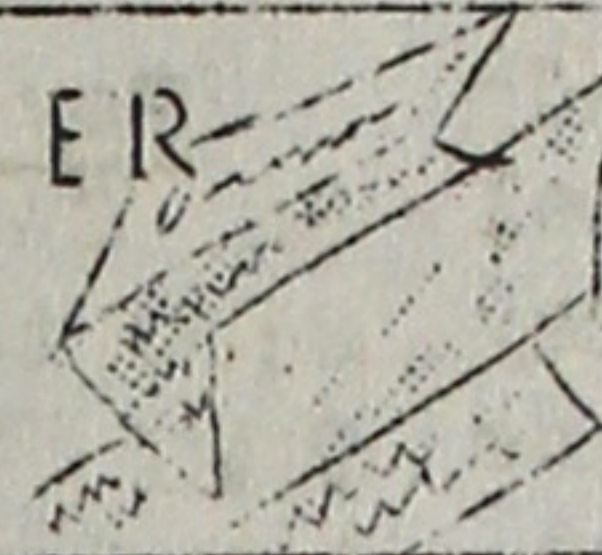
In those crystal moments of the past, new hopes for an enlightened world were found, and these through the ages since have not faded into oblivion. Rather, in their survival, the spirit of Christ's Nativity has attained greater meaning as we on this Christmas Day seek to dispel from our minds discouragement, greed, and the work of Hate. Indeed unforgotten and still sought by us, the creatures of modern civilization, are the wisdom of His teachings and the warmth of His tender love for humanity.

The tramp of armed men whose marching shadows darken the pages of time, the thundering juggernaut of war whose paths of destruction scar the face of the earth, or the blackness of souls possessed fails to crush the inspiration that we each year find in this Holy Day.

Let us resolve that the deepest recesses of our hearts shall be opened from this day to the spirit of the Yuletide,

and that we shall in keeping the messages of our true Prince of Peace strive for the everlasting materialization of His words: "Peace on Earth, Good-will to Men."

LETTER



Accompanying 4 cartons containing 250 Christmas gifts from faculty and wives (Caucasian, nisei and issei members) of the Language School in Boulder, Colorado, was the following letter addressed to Dr. Carl Hirota, chairman of the Community Council of the City:

"Dear Dr. Hirota: Just to notify you, as advised by Teiko Ishida, that we have sent you four cartons by Railway Express this afternoon (Dec. 12th, Sat.) for your Community Xmas! The gifts, contributed by the faculty and wives of the Language School here in Boulder (both caucasian, nisei and issei members), total 250 articles. They are already gift wrapped, and the type of toys and number thereof are as enclosed. Each of the four cartons are numbered and a list of the contents is placed inside to facilitate your distribution of toys.

"We do hope that the 250 articles arrive in good shape, and on time. The few of us here in Boulder all wish each and every one of you as merry a Christmas as can be had this year!!!

"And Dr. Hirota, would you send a note of acknowledgment to the Faculty and Wives and Children of the Language School in care of me. I know that especially two little children of one of the teachers, who opened their little piggy banks in order to share Xmas with someone in Topaz, will be very anxious to hear from you.

"Sincerely yours, Mrs. Kathleen Date,
1136 Euclid Avenue,
Boulder, Colorado."

The gifts were turned over to the Topaz Christmas committee and distributed to the children.

FIRE PROTECTION



"Let us make this a safe Christmas", is the message to residents of Topaz from Samuel B. Owen, chief of the Fire Protection Division. Fire hazards will increase with the approach of holiday festivities and the peak of the severe weather season, and to offset these factors greater vigilance is essential. Owen advised that no candles be used for decorative purposes on the Christmas trees and all inflammable decorations be placed at a safe distance from coal stoves and electrical fixtures. Any loss of human life or property will be a tragedy not only to persons directly concerned, but to the whole community.

Several members of the fire department will be present at all of the Christmas programs to direct fire-prevention measures.

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Events

Hospital Entertainment:

The spirit of Christmas will invade the sanctum of the City hospital. With Goro Suzuki and Teizo Sato as co-chairmen, a program of entertainment was made possible for the hospital patients on Christmas Day from 2 to 4 PM. Headline acts feature Cecilia Miyamoto, violinist; Tom Nikaido, Japanese songs; Kataoka, alto saxophone; and Goro Suzuki, emcee and vocalist.

On Dec. 27 from 8 PM, the hospital staff, numbering almost 250, will celebrate and recognize the untiring sacrifices of all the personnel. Goro Suzuki will emcee the program which will embrace the following entertainers: Cossacks, Ernestina Teranishi, violinist; Tsutako Toba, pianist; Toshio Suzuki, harmonica; and Ichiro Sasaki, ventriloquist and magician.

Dr. W. S. Ramsey and Miss Hannah Kringlen will assist in the entertainment. Mrs. K. Obata will voluntarily head the refreshment committee.

City-wide Bridge Tournament: Under the direction of Ken Yabe, bridge instructor of CAS, a city-wide bridge tournament will be held on Sunday, Dec. 27, from 2:30 to 5:30 PM at Rec 20. Everyone regardless of ability or ranking is invited to participate in this tournament. No preliminary sign-up will be required.

Dance--Dec. 26: On the night of Dec. 26 from 8:30 to 11 PM, a large crowd will be expected to jam DH 1 to dance to the strains of all the name orchestras. Beautifully decorated and carrying the Christmas motif, the "Swing and Smooth Dance" will put the accent on "sweet swing". Goro Suzuki will emcee the program.

Over 250 new records have been obtained by the CAS for all future dances. Stags and couples are invited.

Jitterbug Hop--Dec. 28: The jitterbug king and

queen will be officially recognized on the night of Dec. 28 at DH 1 when the Jitter-hop contest and dance will be held under the chairmanship of Goro Suzuki. The starting time will be 8:45 PM. Everyone is invited to attend.

Boy Scout Open House: On Sun., Dec. 27, from 2:30 to 5 PM and from 7 to 9 PM the newly organized Boy Scouts of Topaz, under the leadership of George Suzuki, will have an Open House at Rec 42 for the public. Toyshop handicraft and various displays will mark their formal opening.

Basketball -- Topaz Hi All-stars vs Delta High School: Two all-star quintets of Topaz High will tangle with the visiting Delta High this Saturday afternoon from 2:30 PM at Rec 34.

In order to present an all-star representation, all the interested participants turned out at Block 34 on Wed., Dec. 23, after school hours to try out for one of the positions in either the A or B team. The coaching staff, comprised of Isamu Yamakawa, Mits Saito, and Kim Obata, selected the players for their all-around ability.

Glider Exhibition and Model Airplane Flying: Besides football, issei competitions, bridge tournament, judo tournament, softball championship for older men, and church activities, a glider exhibition and model airplane flying will be one of the important activities on Sunday, Dec. 27.

In charge of the glider exhibition are Kenneth Ozawa and Henry Fujita Jr. Different types of gliders constructed of balsa wood will be flown. A gasoline propelled motor model airplane will also be flown at that time. M. Yamashita is in charge of the model plane. Starting time will be 2:30 PM at the High School Plaza.

Topaz Fairs: The affair will be held at Rec 20 from Dec. 30 through Jan. 1. It will be a combination hobby show and entertainment. All the objects

constructed at Tanforan and Santa Anita, plus handicraft objects made at Topaz will be on display.

Industrial Football League: The second round of the Industrial League on Sun. Dec. 27, will bring together 4 outstanding teams, which will vie for the final consideration.

At 2 PM the Fire Department will try to smother the unquenchable Maintenance while the Commissary, fresh from a 19-0 victory over the Time-Keepers, will collide with the strong Hospital squad at 3 PM. Scene of the contest will be the High School field.

The final round will be played on Jan. 1 pending the outcome of the two frays. Tick Akiyoshi is the co-ordinator of athletics.

All-star High School Football League: Ward 2 will encounter Ward 4 to determine the contender for the championship on Sat., Dec. 26, from 2 PM at the High School field. Composed mostly of former Commandos members, Ward 2 will be favored over Ward 4. The winner will play Ward 1 on Jan. 1.

Menu

FRIDAY, DEC. 25, 1942

BREAKFAST (9:30-10:30)

½ Grapefruit; Dry Cereal; Ham and 2 Eggs; Hot Biscuit; Oleomargarine or Jelly; Coffee, and Milk.

DINNER (4:30 - 5:30)

Soup; Cheese; Stalk Celery; Pickles; Head Lettuce Salad with Dressing; Roast Turkey with Onion Dressing and Brown Gravy; Candied Sweet Potato; Green Peas; Rice; Bread; Orange Marmalade; Fresh Apple Pie; Apple Cider, and Tea.

MOVIES: Films by Paramount Pictures, 20th Century Fox, and United Artists are now available.

Two Paramount films will be shown next week: "Caught in the Draft" and "Gracie Allen Murder Case" 20th Century Fox's "Rise and Shine" and "Wild Geese Calling" will have matinees from 2:30 PM on Thurs., Fri., and Sat.

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PTA MEETING A SUCCESS

Sponsored by the Topaz elementary school in its initial endeavor to promote parent-teacher associations, the open house held on Thursday night from 7:30 to 9 PM was pronounced a success, according to the education department.

With individual open house held in each classroom, an attendance of 85% of the parents was reported by some of the teachers. Each classroom presented a display of the work of each child as well as group projects.

The rooms were decorated on the Christmas theme with window trimmings and streamers.

BOOKKEEPING ADDED TO EVENING CLASS

The adult education division initiated the following classes into its program of evening classes: Elementary bookkeeping on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 32-5-E with Robert Maggiora, high school instructor; advanced bookkeeping on Tuesdays and Thursdays with George Reid, chief accountant.

Registration is being accepted at the adult education offices at 8-7-F.

The student body constitution drawn up by the student delegates has been completed after 3 weeks, and the faculty board has sealed its approval. Members of the Constitutional Committee included Moss Ashizawa, chairman, Norman Hirose, Sachi Kawahara, Masa Kitagawa, Ryozo Kunekawa and Paul Tani.

"I feel that the students have done an outstanding piece of work in respect to student government. Everyone on the committee should be personally commended," said Principal LeGrand Noble.

As a result of a high school census report through the cooperation of the administration, an investigation will be made by the faculty through home visits to determine why certain children between the ages of 6 to 18 are not attending school, which is contrary to the state laws of education.

The first Topaz high school newspaper, a 4 page edition, was published by the journalism class under the guidance of Miss Ora Bills, instructor.

Temporary editorial staff consists of Kay Sekimachi, Albert Nabeshima, George Yoshioka, and Masaru Kate.

Though the country's outstanding universities long known for their superior departments in scientific or technical fields are either in defense zones, doing war research, or have completed the quota of nisei enrollment, there are other schools with good general and specialized departments open to nisei, according to the Student Counseling Bureau. Information is available at Rec 23.

FACULTY APPOINTMENT MADE

New assignments for the Topaz City High School administrative staff activities were announced this week by Principal LeGrand Noble.

Appointed acting vice-principal in charge of the departments of student registration, credits and graduation, was Sumner Hale, director of physical education. Henry Tani of the education department will be responsible for the requisition of supplies and the supervision of buildings and permits. Victor Goertzel, director of guidance and placement, was selected chairman of the graduation committee.

New offices will be instituted as the need develops, stated Principal Noble.

Community Welfare

A new vital approach towards social welfare--contrary to the common belief that it is relegated exclusively to the relief of the financially or emotionally distressed, but with stress on the prevention of social ills in terms of the interdependency of each individual in a community--will be attempted in practice by the Community Welfare Division. It is their hope to assign one social worker to each block, responsible for the welfare of every family in that block.

Residents may soon expect an initial introductory visit from their worker--periodical, perhaps monthly, visits will follow thereafter, and if there are any questions or services desired, he should be consulted. Reversely, the worker will make every attempt to "feel the pulse" of the people and hopes to receive full cooperation in this matter from the residents themselves.

At the first visit a mimeographed statement in English and Japanese, indicating the purpose of the Division and the services available, will be left with each family.

"For the community to function normally with the minimum of friction," it reads, "the individuals who make up such communities must live together in a normal and happy frame of mind. It is only natural that problems of all kinds arise from time to time. And the well-being of the community depends on how quickly and how smoothly a satisfactory solution can be found for them.

"The Community Welfare Section of the Division of Community Services of the City of Topaz has been established and is now practicing to help the residents in every way possible to work out their problems."

A full explanation of the assistance and advice handled by the Division is listed, and the statement ends with: "No problem is too small to call to our attention, and no problem is so big that we will not do our utmost to facilitate its solution."

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Christmas Reflections

BUDDHIST CHURCH

SUNDAY: YP Service at Rec 28 from 10 AM with Rev. I. Kyogoku, sermon, and Sutemi Sugaya, chairman; Sunday School Year-End Service at DH 32 from 2:30 PM.

CATHOLIC CHURCH

SUNDAY: Mass worship at Rec 14 from 8 AM with Father Stoecke; Meeting at same site from 3 PM.

WEDNESDAY: Rosary Prayer at Rec 14 from 7:30 PM.

PROTESTANT CHURCH

FRIDAY: General Communion Service at Rec 22 from 9:30 AM in English and Japanese.

SUNDAY: Communion Service at Rec 22 from 9:15 AM with Rev. J. Tsukamoto; Sunday School Classes from 10 AM at Recs 5, 22, 27 and DH 32; YP Morning Worship at DH 32 with Rev. Nishimura, speaker, and Rev. H. Toriumi, chairman; High School Fellowship Installation Service at DH 32 from 7:30 PM with Rev. G. Aki, chairman.

WEDNESDAY: Mid-Week Worship from 7:30 PM at 32-12.

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

SATURDAY: Sabbath Worship at Rec 14 from 9:30 AM; Meeting at Rec 14 from 10:30 AM; Missionary Volunteer Society at same site from 2:30 PM.

CHRISTMAS, 1942

By Rev. Joseph Tsukamoto

Christmas will soon be here, that season of festivity and joy, when the warmth of hearts and homes mocks the cold of snow and wind outside. Hushed anticipations of luscious cakes, turkeys browning in the oven, and gifts around the brilliantly-lit tree, keep the young ones spellbound. Even the older people are enveloped in the dreamy, magic charm of the day.

Such a Christmas will not be our happy lot this year. With the world ablaze with hatred, and men gone mad with dreams of lust and power, and still others striving to stem the flood gates of a hell unleashed by counter pressure of men, guns, planes, and ships, we cannot dwell on the thoughts of gifts, feasts, and festivities.

We cannot lift happy hearts when we think of our separated loved ones who shared the joys of the season in times past.

We return soberly once more to that first Christmas of poverty and squalor, to the side of the manger, where the Christ-child lay quietly in the protecting bosom of His mother. In the unpleasant sight and smell of a common barn in Bethlehem, we return again, to find the true spirit of the Yuletide season. Not in gifts and gaudy Christmas cards, but in the all-embracing beauty of holy prayer and worship, the simplicity of love and service, in the glory of a righteous self-sacrifice, we find God's greatest gifts to man.

BUDDHISTS

OBSERVE

HOLIDAY

As their contribution to the holiday festivities, Topaz Buddhists are planning customary year-end observances this Sunday from 2:30 PM. A presentation of a two-hour program of story-telling and entertainment will initiate the activities. Holiday presents will be distributed to the Sunday School students at this time.

CHURCH

ELECTION

SCHEDULED

Twelve officers for its Board of Directors will be elected Sunday from a list of 23 nominees, it was announced by the Buddhist Church. All Buddhists, citizen and non-citizen, are privileged to vote at the polls, which will be set up at Rec 28 from 9:30 AM to 5 PM.

The following church leaders were nominated earlier in the week: Masuji Fujii, Yoshitomi Fukushima, George Hagiwara, Katsuji Harano, Albert Hirota, Vernon Ichisaka, Itaru Ina, Shigeru Kosakura, Jack Machida, Masato Maruyama, Mitsugu Matoi, George Matsumoto, Yutaka Nakayama, James Nishimura, George Ochikubo, Hayaji Oda, Eiichi Sato, Sutemi Sugaya, James Yamakoshi, Frank Yamasaki, Tony Yokomizo, Toshio Yoshida and Gi Yoshioka.

The Christmas Program sponsored by the Protestant Church, which is open to the general public, will be held at DH 32 from 2:30 PM on Friday and Saturday. To accommodate everyone, it is requested that Blocks 2 to 31 attend on the 25th, and Blocks 33 to 42 on the 26th.

YULETIDE PROPHECY

In triumphant release throughout the gallant years,
The Christmas spirit breathes, undaunted by dark settings,
And the valiant living pursue the Light o'er Judea's vale,
Not with frankincense and myrrh, but gifts of valor,
For in each star, the glow of rampant faith,
And hearts beat out defiance to the modern Herods,
That fettered minds will taste of freedom's lure,
To pass ne'er more through the valley of suffering,
In vacant awe at wanton flow of blood, of tears.

The stars are silent now; and ere evening's calm retreat,
The Yuletide echoes resound from destiny's chambers,
Of peace and rest on healing wings, sweet yield.

- Harumi Kawahara

