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## COMMENCEMENT RITE HELD

### DR. OERTEL LAUDS NISEI STUDENTS

A cash prize of five-dollars will be awarded by C. E. Mapother, store executive, to the person suggesting a suitable name for the store. Any number of suggestions may be deposited in a box in the store. In case of ties, a drawing will be held. The deadline--Saturday, midnight, June 6, 1942.

In a unique commencement ceremony, brought about by evacuation, 36 Placer Union High School and nine Placer Junior College Japanese graduates of 1942 received their sheepskins last Monday morning at the Information hall.

The informal graduation was made possible through the cooperation of the WCCA officials and Placer Union High School authorities, particularly Charlotte Madeley, girls vice-president, who motivated the idea.

The exercises opened with a violin duet by Kumiko Nakamura and Nellie Takamoto. Dr. Ernest Certel, principal of the Placer Union High School and Junior College, was then introduced by Mrs. Charles Madeley, who acted as chairman.

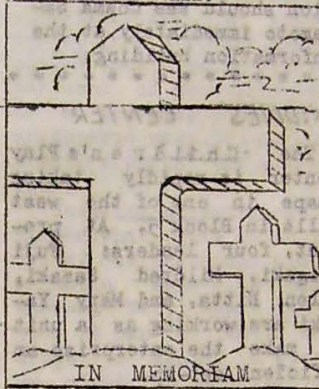
JAPANESE STUDENTS PRAISED Dr. Certel explained that the Japanese students were deserving of the recognition, honor and privileges extended to other fellow graduates.

"During my tenure at Placer, fine response was (Please turn to p. 4)

### A MESSAGE

Fellow Arbogans, I am pleased with the spirit of cooperation and the good neighborly policy of this evacuation center community as a whole. My sincere wish is that this "lifting" morale will ever increase and that it will ever exist and spread to other centers.

The organization of the hospital has been completed. The personnel has been set up for work. But facilities and equipment are still lacking. Therefore, we are not adequately prepared to give 100% satisfactory service. (Please turn to p. 4)



Today we honor our dead existence did the thunder-bolt of reverence strike with such force. Casting aside a casual pretended tribute, we realize with a wrench of the heart what it means to pay humble homage. We have brothers in the American service. Individual grievances are forgotten. Whirlpools and cross-currents of antagonism in a world blinded with fury make our task difficult, but circumstances either molds or breaks a man. The Nisei is challenged. Can you accept this joust? It is a tournament of the love of life, of faith, hope, and charity.

Thus learned, we honour our dead.

### INFORMATION

All those with questions regarding housing and employment should see Fred Ohnoki in the information building. All complaints should also be taken there.

### NEWCOMERS WELCOMED

As the first dust covered Greyhound, "The Yosemite," rolled to a stop in front of the Information station, hundreds of Arbogans came running and stumbling from all parts of the center to welcome the newly arrived evacuees from Sacramento County.

It was not unlike Hollywood premieres. Amid the hubbub of a milling crowd, we stood expectantly staring at the (Please turn to p. 4)

YESTERDAY a government agent was available in the Visitor's hall to register workers interested in beet production. (see page 3)

### AMATEUR SHOW SUCCESS

A program of Japanese folklore music and dance was presented last Wednesday night at the Recreation hall under the direction of Mr. S. Abe. Both Issei and Nisei jammed the hall to witness the first entertainment program to be presented on a large scale.

Sahomi Tachibana, who studied Japanese dancing extensively during her stay in the Orient, was the feature artist of the evening.

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## ARBOGANDERING

CHAMPAGNE speeches still pas edition safely guided ges, we fold our wings and settle down-to sober and-eaders....

INCIDENTALLY, our community is nestled in the heart of the world's peach bowl center, hence-the new adorn-ment.

NCT mentioning the hot spells(canteen statistics; almost a thousand popcicles swished across the counter in less than two hours--fast work, fem- clerks!) or the gales (pee-wee editions of hurricanes --battered hats) the climate is okay! Taking an average, of course.

CONGRATULATIONS! Graduates--to you our hats are doffed--smooth and brawny arms extended; and heartfelt praises for the brilliant accomplishments. Carry-on!!

WELCOME to Our-Boga... fellow Arbogans hailing from points neighborly of Sac'to County! Jine' the big feily--and the byword ALL FOR ONE--ONE FOR ALL.

### STORKTISTICS



F.O.B. ARBOGA

On May 23, at 3:30 p.m. a fast pursuit ship of a stork insignia zoomed over Arboga. It tipped its wings in recognition over Hotel MacArthur located in Block 1 10-B and continued flight to Marysville. Within a few minutes, Hare Maeda received word that his wife, the former Mary Takamoto, had given birth to a baby girl, named Beverly Kiyoko. All is well!!!

On May 28, at 5:05 a.m. a similar plane dropped out of formation and made a bee-line for Block 1, 11-A. Chest expanded the proud father, H. Moriguchi, non-chalantly passed cigars to the press and remarked, "It's a boy." The little fellow named Norman Yoshituki is the first to be born at the Center Hospital. Both mother and child are doing fine.

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All men subject to selective service registration should see Cosma Sakamoto immediately at the Information building.  
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### KIDDIES' CENTER

The Children's Play Center is rapidly taking shape in one of the west halls in Block 5. At present, four leaders: Fuji Shigaki, Mildred Sasaki, Helen Nitta, and Mary Yazaki are working as a unit to make the enterprise an efficient set-up.

### LESSONS FOR D'DANCE

Hopes for non-dancers took a sudden upturn, as classes for beginners in both ballroom and the modern interpretation of D'Dance sponsored by the Recreational Staff, were announced by Naoko Nakamura. The limbering-up procedures are set at an early date, and all interested aspirants are requested to register at the Rec. Hall.  
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## FREEDOM OF WORSHIP

This coming Sunday the Buddhist Memorial Day services will be held at the Information building from 2 p.m. Rev. K. Iwao will conduct the rituals. All are cordially invited.

The first Buddhist Sunday school and church service of the Marysville Assembly Center was held successfully last Sunday with Rev. Iwao delivering his sermon to a large crowd.  
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Commencing this Sunday, May 31, the regular Sunday School of the Christian Church will be set for the hours 9-10 a.m.

Preaching services are scheduled from 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. Rev. Sasaki, of the former Florin M.E. Church, will deliver the main sermon.

The first gathering of the Christian Young Peoples' church, held last Sunday evening in the Information hall, was presented before a large crowd.

"Discovering God," the theme for the sermon of the evening, was delivered by the Y. P. director, Sam Takagishi.

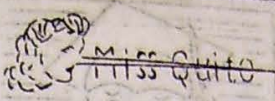
The success of the evening service was aided by the capable chairmanship of Mary Yazaki and the quartet of Kumiko, Msakura, Helen Nitta, Sam Takagishi and Mitsuru Ogawa featured a few well selected numbers. The climax of the service was highlighted with a songfest enjoyed by all.

On May 31, another Y.P. gathering will be held. EVERYBODY WELCOMED!!  
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### SWING BAND

Spurred on by the Service Leader, the Cur-Boga modern orchestra held its first session Monday nite. Old hit-parade pieces were dug out and given a sound "thrashin'." At any rate, all participants had a hilarious time and thoughts are directed to the next "jam" to be conducted at the Recreation hall. The flavor will definitely improve because a piano made its debut yesterday.

# SPORT SHOTS!



The construction of the long awaited playgrounds at the east and south ends of the assembly center, have been progressing rapidly during the last few days. A large crew of willing workers have been cutting the grass to pave the way for the leveling of the fields. Four softball and two hardball diamonds are scheduled to accommodate the boys and girls.

The service director indicated that plans are rapidly being formulated.

Milt Takahashi, member of the Cal Aggie mitt team, has been showing his skill as a pugilist with his nightly exhibitions and instructions on boxing. Takahashi was the regular 120 pounder for the Aggies and has another year of eligibility.

Goh, shogi, and cards are the most popular forms of relaxation among the Isseis and many Niseis.

According to the hometown Auburn Journal, Eyo Kashiwagi, Akira Ichikawa, Mits Omoto, Marvin Urabe, will be the recipients of varsity awards as members of the championship Placer High School varsity baseball team. Jimmy Suzuki, Jack Hayashida, Kay Hada, and John Kashiwabara, all vital cogs on the Placer JayCee ball club, will also be given awards.

The ARBO-GRAM staff heartily welcomes suggestions and opinions on center life. Please restrict letters to 100 words or less, and leave it at the press room.

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Nurses were perplexed the other morning as Mike Kashiwabara, athlete renowned from Penryn checked in for a "Phiz Exam." "Just a precaution against measles," so says Mike.

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BEEF-WORKERS NOTICE: The sign-up will continue Monday, June 1, 1942.

During a lull in the press room, we began to reminisce. Various thoughts were volleyed pro and con. Among the choice bits of lip, the finest of manufacturing gourmet hamburgers took a beating. Dissention ended the mashed meat conversation. We couldn't decide whether one should devour a juicy morsel amply coated with Bermudas and wind up with a mouth wash before beating a line toward female companionship. Or vice-versa, grab a burger minus onions thus losing eighty per cent of your prestige as a gourmet. Question unanswered was, is any man creature worth the sacrifice?

Speaking of lovelies, I wonder what Miss Quito is doing? She certainly added aromatic zest to this smoker. Well, there isn't much we can do until she drops in again. I guess we might as well fold up our tents and pound the keys on some trivia.

WOW! Hold everything!

## TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS!!

Scavenger hunt for the younger set..... Assemble at the Recreation hall at 7 p.m. Kazuko Nakamura, in charge.....

"Join the Gang," Dance Tonight, at the Visitor's hall commencing at 8 p.m. EVERYbody welcome!! (Charge D'Affair-T'nt)

THE PEN IS MIGHTIER..... An organization of pencil swingers, type pounders, word twisters, and gray matter irritators will be formed to expound "dis and dat." In conjunction with writing, a study of drama in its varied moods will be attempted. Without reservation we ask all those who are interested to signify their intentions by contacting either Hiro Kashiwagi or Hiro Sugawara in the press room.

WHAT DO YOU THINK of naming the streets and byways in our center?

One of our gang members just brought in a special delivery postmarked Water-ga. With anxious hands we gently tore the envelope apart and this is what it had to say:

Dear Fellows,  
Sorry I kept you all waiting so long, but last night as I was ready to take flight, I thought I caught something and shot it off, when I went to see the doc he told me it was a severe cold and advised me to stay here overnight. I'm flying south to Santa Anita in a day or two to regain my health. Guess I'll crash the Pacemaker and maybe "chew the cud" with Seabiscuit. So keep your heart warm--- Adios!!

With Love,  
M. Q.

How about it Pacemaker? Set the pace with the Ar-boga Miss and start romancing.

## big sister

(Lil' sis came dashing into our office waving her arms in typical adolescent defiance yelling that big sis was unfair. We asked her to calm down and present herself in a more orderly manner--hence the following.) Editor.

Nei-san darling,  
Thanks for the charm hints, but really, we have been doing everything according to ole' man Hoyle and then some.

Gee! Can't you give us some hints about dates? Do you think it's wise to eat a lot? How about fixing splitting nails? It's really awful!

Gosh, we sure feel nostalgic for the good ole' soft-ball games we used to have. How about chewing the rag with those who are responsible to get going. If you don't do something, big sis, we might invade your sanctum and strut our stuff; then you'll be sorry. So, more and bigger recreational liveliness for the gang, neh?

Love,  
I-mate

# HOSPITAL

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 vices. However, no sick individuals will be slighted. We shall care for them in the best way possible with the materials at hand. The staff will do their utmost to preserve and care for the health of the community.

The clinic hours are 9 a.m. to 12 noon for any emergencies, and special clinics from 1 to 3 p.m. These hours prevail during week days. A doctor will be available for major emergencies. All sickness no matter how trivial, should be reported to the hospital. This fact is especially important in view of contagious diseases, where "alert" attention is necessary for community health.

The hospital corps is responsible for the sanitary supervision of the entire center. This includes mess halls, kitchens, privies, showers, laundries, and grounds. Sanitary squads visit all of these places each week.

The staff is also quite anxious to make a survey of all children in the center. All children from birth to three years of age who have difficulty feeding or other problems should be brought to the hospital either on Tuesday or Thursday from 1 to 3 p.m. for a complete checkup. The nursery school children, 3-5 years of age shall be checked at the school with the help of a registered nurse.

Patients coming to the hospital are requested to bring their identification number (I.D.) and their family number (WCCA). These are essential in keeping our hospital and emergency treatments in complete order to satisfy federal requirements.

Dental staff will be on service in the office from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily except Sundays. The dentists have been very kind and are donating the use of their instruments until such equipment arrives from governmental sources.

I am indeed very grateful that I have been given



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 given to me from the Japanese students. They are honest, faithful, and virtuous--those qualities bring out rewards," stated Dr. Oertel.

"Circumstances have changed our routine. I hope the day will come when prejudice and hate will be overcome by friendly relations among peoples."  
**GREAT RECORDS**

Compiling outstanding scholastic achievements were Donald Uchikura and John Kashiwabara of the Placer Junior College. Both were awarded Alpha Gamma Sigma, National Junior College Honor Society, life membership pins. Uchikura and Kashiwabara were Valedictorian and salutatorian of their class respectively. Uchi-

# FLORIN

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 closed doors of the caravan wondering who would be the first to alight upon Arboga soil. At 9:45 a.m. our curiosity was appeased. Dressed in woollens, straws, bandanas, furs, slacks, and carrying "bentos" a family of six (number 7609) of Florin passed inspection and were further escorted by a Boy Scout to their newly created residence. At 10:25 a.m. sedately and quietly, Fumio Sekiguchi's family settled down to a newly acquired life in 4-30-E.

the privilege to serve this community and humanity. You may rest assured that the entire hospital staff and their corps of workers stand ready to help you, alleviate suffering, prevent diseases, and care for the sick.

M. A. Harada, M. D.  
 Hospital Superintendent

kura attained the high average of 2.55 throughout his two years in college. Dr. Oertel and Blanche Hupe, senior class advisor awarded the diplomas to the following high school and junior college graduates:

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Kiyoshi Abe, George Antoku, Ray Fujimoto, Haruye Furuta, Miyoko Gekko, Sumi Goto, Kiyomi Hata, Akira Ichikawa, Tom Kashiwabara, San Maeda, Ryo Kashiwagi, Yasugi Kubo, Tom Kurahara, Emma Kuwahara, Haruye Miyamura, Haruye Mizure, Mary Muraoka, Kay Nakadoi, Haruye Nakamoto, Masako Nakamoto, Naoko Nakamoto, Iwami Nishimoto, Tosh Makishima, Irene Ohnoki, Kazuhara Omoto, Minoru Sasaki, Tom Shimizu, Ruby Sugawawa, Nellie Takamoto, Mae Tomita, Tom Tomita, Paul Tsuetaki, Koichi Uyeno, Sue Yamamura, Walter Yoshikawa, and Teruo Yoshimoto.

**JUNIOR COLLEGE:** Harry Iseki, John Kashiwabara, Masako Kubo, Ida Osoto, Michiko Mayeda, Masako Nakadoi, Sarah Takamoto, Don Uchikura, and Masako Uyehara.

Death came quietly to Kichiro T. Takahashi, pioneer merchant of Loomis, at the Sutter Hospital in Sacramento on Friday. Our deepest sympathy and condolence to the family of the deceased in their deepest hour of bereavement.

# ITEMS

**BOY SCOUTS** are still in the process of organization. Thomas Sasaki has been acting as scout leader under Cosma Sakamoto.

**EVERY Sunday** will be designated as visitor's day. The hours are between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. as stated by the administration.

**IGH SPEED TORIO'S** ankle injury proved less serious than at first feared, and he is now up and around.

**POPULATION: 2442**