

WHITE RIVER CHAPTER OF THE JAPANESE AMERICAN CITIZENS LEAGUE
VALLEY CIVIC LEAGUE

Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Another outstanding group of Sanseis has graduated from Auburn and Kent Meridian High Schools. Although the group is small in numbers, they will be leaving behind a record of scholastic achievement and activities in various school organizations. Among them they have served as leaders in major school organizations. As we look back to the days when we attended high school, today's Sanseis are indeed fortunate, with many barriers removed and opportunities in many fields opening up. True, competition is keener with more and more high school graduates attending colleges. In this age of fast changing progress in science and technology, one realizes more so the need for an education to meet the challenge of a changing world.

To Sharon Natsuhara, our congratulation for graduating with honors from WSU and for being the first local graduate to teach in a local high school.

We are proud of all you graduates and best wishes and success in whatever new endeavors you enter.

A memorandum was received from National Headquarters urging all JACL members to register so they can vote in the coming presidential and congressional election this fall. It is our duty as good citizens to exercise our precious franchise to vote, and vote for candidates and issues of our choice.

President, Koji Norikane

A short business meeting was called to order by President Koji Norikane on Friday evening, April 18 in the Buddhist Church after a delicious pot-luck dinner was served by attending members and their families.

Mr. and Mrs. John Kitagawa and Mrs. Kiyomi Mizoguchi were introduced as joining our group this year. To date, there are 65 members in our organization.

George Kawasaki reported that only one application for the chapter's \$100.00 scholarship award had been received so far. He reminded senior parents of the 7 national scholarships offered to non-JACL members.

Koji Norikane announced that the graduation banquet is to be held the evening of May 22nd at Rosie's Highway Inn. Tickets are to be \$3.00 per person or \$5.50 per couple.

Dick Naito of the Nisei Veteran's Organization in Seattle invited all interested valley residents to the 1964 Reunion at the Olympic Hotel during Seafair week, July 31 to August 4. Mac Shoji elaborated on the Teenage group program which would be held in conjunction with the reunion. Further information concerning the "package plan" and (continued on page 2)

entire range of the Issei, from the completely unknown to the prominent, from the unschooled to the well educated.)

Of the 54 ISSEI names in the valley, 20 are men and 34 are women. Seven men are 80 and over with the oldest nearly 88. Three women are 80 and over with the oldest at 85.

Mr. Chiyokichi Natsuhara will be 88 this month. He arrived in the United States in 1898 and has lived in Auburn since 1902.

Mrs. Sen Maekawa is the oldest of the women at 85. She came from Japan in 1911 to Auburn and has lived here since.

These two are the oldest of the men and women. There are others who came earlier and others who have lived here longer. This survey is going to bring out many interesting facts and figures.

Frank Natsuhara

STUDENT ACTIVITIES IN AUBURN: - -

With the school year coming to an end, there has been much activities of campaigning and elections of the various clubs at the Auburn Senior High. For the Seniors, the long awaited day of graduation has finally arrived. All the Seniors are are looking forward to Commencement Exercises on June 4th and the Senior Cruise which follows. (Ed. note. This was written before graduation.)

At the annual Class Night the officers of the 1964-65 year was announced. Eddie Arima was elected as Student Body VicePresident, and Ellen Nishimoto as Junior Class Secretary-Treasurer. Joyce Hamamura was selected as a B-squad cheerleader.

At a recent awards assembly, various scholarships, awards and athletic letters were presented. In the area of sports, David Murakami and Eddie Arima were presented with the wrestling letters. David was also given a trophy for having the highest grade point average on the wrestling team. Bill Maebori was awarded the inspirational trophy and a letter in tennis. Last fall, Dale Nakai won his football letter.

Eileen Iida, the recipient of the JACL Scholarship, was presented the Archie Dubey Award. Each year a boy and a girl of the Senior class are chosen by their classmates to receive this award. This award is based on personality, character, scholarship, citizenship, and service.

Jona Nishimoto was the recipient of the \$200 Girls' Club Scholarship; and was also chosen as Girl of the Year of the Girls' Club.

A P.E.O. Award was given to Arlene Murakami based on scholarship, character, and personality.

Jona Nishimoto

BRIEF REPORT ON KENT STUDENTS:

Even though the seniors were out of school a week earlier than the other students, they were busy with the Senior activities. Baccalaureate Service was held on May 31. One of the highlights of the week was the trip to Victoria on the Princess line on Monday. Steve's Gay Ninety's was the location of the Senior Banquet. With the Commencement Program, held at the French's Field on Wednesday, June 3, ended the twelve (continued on page 5)

long years of study. Paul Hiranaka, Carl Tamura, and Chris Onchi will further their education by attending the University of Washington this fall. Ron Okitsu plans to go to the Automotive Vocational School in Oregon.

Paul, Carl and Chris were graduated as top ten percent and were on the top twenty.

American Legion Scholarship and University of Washington awards were won by Chris Onchi, at the commencement. She was one of the Rotary's Girl of the Month.

Following were recipients of the Varsity Letters: Collin Hiranaka, Paul Hiranaka, Gerald Kouchi, and Ron Okitsu. Paul also wears black belt (shodan) for judo.

Need some suggestions for community services. Drop the suggestions to the President.

Save your old newspapers. Suggestions have been made to collect newspapers for YMCA. Thank you!

The following is a reprint from the Auburn Citizen's Editorial, verbatim.

CREED'S MESSAGE STRESSES HARMONY Guest Editorial

(The following statement, the Creed of the Japanese American, is run this week as a guest editorial. Editorial judgment in the office of The Auburn Citizen was unanimous in regarding the Creed as an outstanding statement on racial harmony. It is particularly important that the Creed be published this week prior to Memorial Day which reminds so many Americans of the tragic war between this nation and Japan

a war which would have been unnecessary if both nations had subscribed to the principles set forth in the Japanese American Creed.)--Editor.

It is then followed by the "The Japanese American Creed". Have you read it lately?

ODDS & ENDS.....With the end of the bowling season, we see that the high average, clutch bowling team sponsored by Charbonniau Optometrists is again the champions of the Intercommunity League at Kent Bowl..... they have quite a collection of trophies...the sixteen team intercommunity League has five Nisei teams plus two other teams with a Nisei member...truly a cosmopolitan league...probably no other league in the Northwest like it...League prexy is Kay Yanagawa...Trophy winners were: Team Hi 30, Rozy's Lunch, Individual Hi 30, Stan Tsujikawa, 645 and Hi average Toke Toyoshima, 183...Winners in "B" division were George's Appliance Hi Team 10 and Hi team 30...Up at Secoma Lanes Ben Nishimoto and Yosh Fujita of Pistilli's Homes finished the season with averages of 191, third highest in the Secoma 900 Classic League, tops for Nisei bowlers in the valley...Veteran bowler Kart Funai sez: I sure would like to see the Nisei bowlers give a testimonial dinner to sports writer Royal Broughan, of the P.I. and others who campaign to let Niseis into the American Bowling Congress back in the mid-thirties...While rubber necking at the Auburn High School trophy case, I see that little Denny Kiyohara left quite a name for (continued on page 6)

reduced prices may be obtained from newly-appointed Veteran's chairman, George Kanda.

Sachi Nakayama was named chairman of Community Services and she urges all voters to be registered in order to participate in all 1964 state and national elections.

The meeting was adjourned for an evening of Bingo in the social hall.

Michi Maebori
Recording Secretary

GRADUATION BANQUET - - - - -

The annual JACL Graduation Banquet was held at Rose's Highway Inn on May 22 with approximately 75 persons attending.

The honored graduates present from Auburn Senior High School were: Miss Shirley Hamakami, Eileen Iida, Arlene Murakami, Jona Nishimoto, and Linda Nishimura; from Kent-Meridian Senior High School were: Paul Hiranaka, Ronald Okitsu, and Miss Chris Onchi. Miss Sharon Natsuhara, graduate from Washington State University, and Carl Tamura from Kent-Meridian Senior High were unable to attend.

Frank Nishimoto, Chairman of the affair, was the Master of Ceremonies.

The evenings entertainment included violin and piano solos by 7 year old Nathan Sysrig and the Magician act by Wesly Orendorff.

The guest speaker was the distinguished Dr. Lindbloom, the President of the newly-formed Green River Community College in Auburn. His topic

was "The Changing Times of Educational Needs" and also spoke on the curriculum of the college.

Frank Natsuhara presented the JACL Scholarship to Miss Eileen Iida.

Jona Nishimoto, representing the graduates, gave the response.

The chairman, Frank Nishimoto wishes to thank the committee members and others who helped make the project a success.

The committees were: Alice Nishimoto, place cards and flowers; Tom Hikida, programs; Kaz Tsujikawa, place; Toki Nakai, invitations; Frank Nishimoto, Character and Spiritual; Willie Maebori and Koji Norikane, tickets; and Frank Nishimoto, entertainment.

Miss Sharon Natsuhara, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Frank Natsuhara of Auburn, was graduated from Washington State University with a degree of Bachelor of Schience in Home Economics Education in a graduation exercises which was held in Pullman on May 31. Sharon will be one of the first to graduate from the University, under the Honors program started at the university four years ago. She was elected and is a member of the following honoraries: Phi Kappa Phi, an all college scholastic Honorary, Omi Cron Nu, Home Economics Honorary of which she served as a Secretary, and Pi Lambda Beta, an Education Honorary.

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She has signed to teach Home Economics at the Renton High School this fall term.

The Valley Civic League gratefully acknowledges generous donations from the following: Mr. & Mrs. Frank Natsuhara on the occasion of their daughter Sharon's graduation from Washington State University, Mr. and Mrs. James Onchi for their daughter Chris's graduation from Kent-Meridian High School and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Nishimoto for their daughter Jona's graduation from Auburn High School.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST DISTRICT CONFERENCE:

PNWDC held their quarterly meeting on May 17 at the Davenport Hotel in Spokane. Your correspondent represented the White River Chapter.

The May 22 issue of the Pacific Citizen gave the important matters discussed at this meeting. Brief outline for those who did not read the article:

1. Appoint a civil rights committee in each chapter.
2. Request from the National \$1000.00 to continue the fight for repeal of the Washington State Anti-Alien Land Act.
3. Indorse Takashi Kubota for National First Vice President.
4. Favor the no quota plan Kumeo Yoshimari.
5. Retain the 51 weekly P.C., but do away with the refunds for the holiday ads, and not to increase the dues for purpose of subsidizing the P.C.

The Oratorical Contest was one of the highlights of the meet. Very well Chaired by Drs. Mark Kondo and George Watanabe. The contestants represented the follow-

ing chapters: Hood River, Gresham, Portland, Tacoma and Spokane. Jerry Ota from the Gresham won with a inspiring oration and a young nisei from Spokane gave him a very good run for the title. All the contestants were outstanding. We should be proud of the commendable performances of all youths. The judges had a difficult time deciding.

Left here on Saturday with group of Puyallup Valley members; stayed at the Town Centre Motel across the street from Davenport. Since we were hungry for Japanese foods, we did find a Sukiyaki restaurant.

Attending PNWDC meeting will give any members better knowledge of what goes on in JACL. Urge you to attend.

The next meeting will be held in Hood River, the Apple Capitol, of the Oregon State sometime in late October or November.

Willie Maebori

ISSEI STORY - - - - -

A memorandum was received recently from Mr. T. Scott Miyakawa, Director, Japanese American Research Project, UCLA. (Quote: In a few days, we shall begin interviewing The Issei selected for the Survey).

Some Issei who have been chosen may not understand why and may modestly claim he was never "prominent." Please explain to them that we selected our respondents by established survey research as important as every other Issei. We must carefully include mathematically determined proportion of the (Continued on page 4)

himself at Auburn High....walked off with all the major trophies in football and wrestling in 1963 plus the Key Club Award.

NINE RULES FOR HAPPINESS:

1. Keep skid on your tongue; always say less than what you think. Cultivate a low, persuasive voice.
2. Make promises sparingly and keep them faithfully, no matter what it costs you.
3. Never let an opportunity pass to say a kind and encouraging word to or about somebody. Praise good work done regardless of who did it.
4. Be interested in others; interested in their pursuits, their welfare, their homes and families. Let everyone you meet, however humble, feel that you regard him as a person of importance.
5. Be cheerful. Keep the corners of your mouth turned up. Hide your pains, worries, and disappointments under a pleasant smile.

6. Preserve an open mind on all debatable questions. Discuss, but don't argue. It is a mark of superior minds to disagree, and yet be friendly.
7. Let your virtues, if you have any, speak for themselves, and refuse to talk of another's vices.
8. Be careful of their feelings. Wit and humor at the other fellow's expense are rarely worth the effort and may hurt where least expected.
9. Pay no attention to ill-natured remarks about you. Simply live so that no one will believe them.

--Washington State High School Principals' Assn.

"Great works are performed, not by strength, but by Perseverence.

--Selected

Mr. & Mrs. George Kanda

