

RETREATERS' REPORTER

Sixth Annual Lake Sequoia Retreat
Camp Redwoods

July 26-30, 1951

Guest Speaker

Inspiring this Sequoia Retreat with his wonderful sermon was Rev. Henry Mitchell, native of Columbus, Ohio, graduate of Lincoln University of Philadelphia, and the Union Theological Seminary in New York City. Rev. Mitchell has been a College Chaplain and an English Instructor in North Carolina College in Durham.

He is now the field representative of the North California Baptist Convention in Oakland.

Comments from the Clergy

Rev. H. Mitchell: Hank and I have enjoyed thoroughly our fellowship here. It will be one of our treasured memories.

Rev. Geo. Uemura: The cabinet members and the leaders of this year's Retreat should be highly commended for the excellent work they have accomplished. This year's Retreat was the best. It was filled with inspiration and warm fellowship. It is my sincere wish that everyone will return home with the same enthusiasm and work for the Master for the building of his Kingdom.

Rev. Kanow: The purpose of all Christian retreats should be to help each person to have a real personal experience with God, and to be aware that all Christians are one in Christ. I believe that the Lake Sequoia retreat has offered in its program the opportunity all those who sincerely desire to grow in Christian nurture.

Rev. Nakamura: This is the first time I have been at a Lake Sequoia retreat and I am very much impressed.

Rev. Ozaki: I think this was the best Retreat planned and carried out by the Young People.

Mrs. Ozaki: I liked being with Young People to share the enthusiasm.

Mrs. Auernheimer: I have enjoyed very much of this Retreat. God's presence has been very real in the inspirational messages, the fine fellowship, and the co-operation. I think we should find inspiration for a year of real Christian living and witnessing.

Roy Sano: To see Young People come in contact with each other and with Christ is always a thrill to me. I see it here.

David Shigekawa: This conference has increased my vision for winning Nisei for Christ.

Comments from the Big Wheels

Norman Sakamoto: It was a lot of work but enjoyable working with everyone.

Lillian Wake: It's been a wonderful experience planning and working on the Lake Sequoia Retreat. May I take this means to thank each and everyone of the staff for their wonderful co-operation and grand work. To you campers thanks for your grand spirit in work and play. We trust your spiritual need was met. May you return to your respective communities ready, willing and able to carry on for the cause of Christ.

Again may I say I have enjoyed this experience. I wouldn't trade it for anything.

Yosh Nakauchi: As one of the co-chairman of this year's Retreat I would like the privilege that was mine in carrying out my duties. Through the experience I have gained I have grown in stature and in wisdom in helping others to know about Christ and his redeeming love. In a few days that we have spent in this mountain top I hope that the campers have gained something and the Power of our Lord. I wish to express my thanks to Rev. Mitchell for the inspiring messages which he has delivered. We are most grateful to other members of our Cabinet for their faithful service in opening our eyes to Jesus our Lord and Master.

To the Campers themselves I would like to say that the success or failure of this Retreat depended wholly on you. It has been a privilege for me to be of service to you.

MOONLIGHT HIKE ON A
MOONLESS NIGHT

A group of five trail blazers returned to camp from a scouting trip around wild and ferocious territory of Lake Sequoia. It is to these brave pioneers that we owe our many thanks; for they disregarded their own safety in the face of unaccountable dangers of the wilderness so that the rest of us might have a clearing and a campfire. To these heroic men and women, we dedicate the following article.

With a bright and full moon shining above (over some other part of the world), the hikers, armed only with harmonicas, flashlights, and ukeleles, started on the long and perilous journey. The trip was not without incident. I'm not mentioning names but our pretty female co-chairman and a certain handsome minister from Berkeley were involved. It seems that our lady stepped on a gigantic, poisonous, 4 inch snake (a worm), let out a blood-curling scream, and jumped on the startled minister. After a life and death struggle, our hero minister emerged victorious over the villain snake and all was well.

Reverend Mitchell (say, haven't we encountered him somewhere else in the article?) spoke on "Mementos out of my life"--and there were some mementos too! Like the time a snort won him 80 dollars and the time he spent an entire weekend in Wash. DC with 35¢! The most beneficial portion was on the art of trapping a mate--which I am sure everyone was and is and will be very interested.

The return trip was in fine fashion--except for a few who went on one of those shortcuts and wound up 45 minutes behind the rest of the pack. And with these remarks, we close--Ugh, Ugh? Ugh, Ugh. UGH!
Jo Hirasuna and Mich Takahashi



Question: What did the genius say to the moron?

YOUTH IN THE WORLD TODAY

The Youth of today are faced with a great responsibility.

With the realization of the need of Christlike living, the speakers for the retreat brought their messages in order that it may be applied to our own personal life.

The main emphasis of the messages were to bring out our relationship with Christ, which necessitates a decision--whether to accept Christ or to reject Him.

The right decision will help us to meet the responsibilities and challenges faced by our youth today.

"If the negroes were sold on the idea of Christianity as much they were on jazz, what they could they could have done for Christ."

If we were so much a part of Christ as Christ is a part of us, we would see real spiritual awakening for the Japanese.

Is not Christ the only answer to the problems of Youth in the world today?

David Shigekawa & Roy Sano

CANDY FOR TAK

The skit night was a big success. The Iroquois, Cherokee, Navajo, and Sioux tribes did well in displaying their budding talents.

With a Whoop and a Holler the first skit was presented with the Iroquois performing. Certain well known personalities and incidents were acted out. Johnnie Sato ought to be on the stage, don't you think?

The Navajo visited the old country and came back with a very cute little Japanese show. They also presented a three act play titled "The Third Party."

As it turned out, the Sioux are just one big happy family. They proved it by trying to blow up Yosh Nakauchi who is the father, in order to wake him up in time to go to work.

Paul Hiura will make a wonderful dentist some day. He and Tak Tsutsui gave excellent performances, for the Cherokee, with dubious support from yours truly.

It seems that Tak really had a toothache after that. How come, Tak?

With Rev. Henry Mitchell and Bill Muramatsu judging the skits the Cherokee were announced as the winners. They received a great big box of candy, which mysteriously disappeared by morning.

After the skits Paul Carano showed some slides taken in Guam where he is a teacher.

Jo Anne Hirasuna

Treetop Activities

Friday night in groups, Eager Beavers from Cabins 3,5,6, 7 and 8 planned to take a morning hike at 4:30 in the morning. Without any objections from the ministers and breaking no rules, they departed at 6:00 A. M. Saturday to the waterfalls East of the Camp.

After cutting away through the jungle-like brushes and twigs, and dodging all the trade-marks left by horses on the dirt trail, we finally reached the base of the fall and to everyone's surprise we had a morning worship service. Since there was nothing to do, we asked Michio Takahashi to give us a sermon and that lasted for about an hour or two.

Being religious in mind (?) and soul, the group anxiously hurried back in time for the morning watch in camp. No one was hurt nor lost since all the hikers were brave and courageous, especially Kiyo Masuda who took only ten minutes to take one step up the hillside.

There's nothing to say about Saturday night since everyone willingly hit the sack about 10:30. Well, there may have been one or two wandering around the lake -- that was only for a few minutes, (until 2:00 A.M.) and, I am sure Mrs. Auernheimer was quite comfortable in Cabin 6, knowing all her "children" were fast asleep by 10:30. (My watch read 2:00 A. M.)

The cabin 8 girls were pleased when Johnny Sato and Jim Ryono brought them two plates of toads-a-lacking and snake-do-sol. Ruth Ogawa did not want to leave anything so what she couldn't eat, she kept in bed to keep her warm. She may have been warm but I'm sure she and the rest of the girls stayed up all night listening to JoAnn Hirasuna and Barbara Toshiyuki talk in their sleep. That reminds me, Joe Sato in cabin 5 talked in his sleep and they heard him say something about Rev. Mitchell giving the boys in that cabin a lecture for not going to sleep.

Of course Rev. Mitchell got what he came here for -- nine hours of sleep every night. The boys in his cabin cooperated very earnestly..... Bill Muramatsu from the N.C.Y.P.C.C., who came here with invitations to Camp Asilomar, enjoyed himself last night by snoring the tune "On Top Of Old Smoky" with some Reddley guy in cabin 3. (They were off-key just a little.)

- - Mas Nitta

Our New Cabinet for 1952

Co-chairmen:	Mac Hase,	Treas. George Katsuki
	Ruth Ogawa	Historian. Pauline Mayeda
1st V. Chmn:	Ritz Konatsu	Camp Manager. Mas Nitta
2nd V. Chmn:	Yosh Nakauchi	Registrar. Lillian Wake
Corres Sec:	Yuri Watari	Reisen Inouye
Rec. Sec.	Cherry Ogawa	Food chmn. Honey Watari
		Dorothy Nagata

Publicity. Michio Takahashi

Yes, our Annual Central California Lake Sequoia Retreat has come to a successful, fruitful, and joyous ending. Although it seems very sad to bid Adios to all our Christian Friends for another year, we can surely never forget the pleasant fellowship we had with one another during the few momentous days.

The whole program--singspiration, worship and vesper services, and the moonlight hike were truly an inspiration--an inspiration which may someday help us to lead someone to our Master and Saviour. Our wholehearted appreciation and gratitude go to all who had a part in this retreat, chiefly to our hard-working co-chairmen, Yosh, Nakauchi and Lillian Wake and also to our competent cabinet members. We know it took many hours of hard work and planning, but their fruits of labor is truly noteworthy.

Our special heart-felt thanks go to our main speaker, and guest, Rev. Mitchell, who enlightened our Retreat with his wonderful, inspiring messages and we thoroughly enjoyed his being with us.

God Bless you all until we meet again next year.