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MATSUMOTO TELLS WAR EXPERIENCES

Pfc. Frank "Tiger" Matsumoto, former member of the 442nd Combat Team and holder of three Purple Hearts, the featured speaker of the assembly held on January 26, related to the assembled student body many humorous and tragic war experiences and incidents concerning his trips to Naples, Rome and Vatican City.

"Tiger", formerly of San Francisco, spent nine months overseas. He was wounded in one of the drives in the Battle of Leghorn. After his hospitalization he was returned and given an honorable discharge. He also urged the students to write to their friends in the Armed Forces.

NEW COMMITTEE TO PLAN ASSEMBLIES

A new committee consisting of six teachers and five students has been organized to aid in preparing more successful assemblies.

Complaints have been made concerning the lack of organization and cooperation in the planning of most of last semester's assemblies.

The teachers participating are Mrs. Crane, Mrs. Henderson, Mrs. Dingley, Mrs. Ostlund, Mrs. Matthews and Mr. Bishop. Mickey Suzuki, Ryozo Kumekawa, Joker Hada, Sadame Hara and Amy Hironaka are the students on the committee.

The assembly plan will be the same as last semester's, with classes, clubs, and various other organizations sponsoring the assemblies.

INAUGURAL BALL HONORS NEW OFFICERS

The semi-annual Inaugural Ball, held in honor of the new student body officers on Saturday evening at Dining Hall 32, was acclaimed a huge success. Approximately forty couples, of which 95 per cent were high school students, attended. Ryozo Kumekawa, Mickey Suzuki, Mary Tsuchiya, Tatsuo Sono, Clem Nakai, Joker Hada, and Wyno Nagasawa were the honored students.

JOURNALISM CLASS VISITS PRINT SHOP

January 31 eight girls from the Journalism class went to the Chronicle Publishing Company printshop at Delta. Mr. Frank Beckwith, the manager, explained to us the workings of the Inter-type. The inter-type is the machine that makes the type. This machine consists of ninety keys and works like a typewriter. As soon as a key is hit, certain letters are dropped from an enclosed case above. These letters fall into a slot which carries it to the mold which is made up of lead and tin. The letters cut and make the imprint on the mold, then the hot type comes through a channel, and the letters are returned to the enclosed case.

The inter-type can make eight styles of type, such as large, bold, small, or light. Different styles of type are secured through use of magazines containing them which are fitted in the machine. Odd or unusual styles are set by hand. This is of course a laborious process.

Without the invention of this machine, modern methods of printing would not have been possible.

The paper is put on top of a flat platform. From there the gripper takes it down to the rollers. Beneath the roller, the form under which the paper

It was stated by chairman Mickey Suzuki that the outcome of the Inaugural Ball will determine future dances and socials. He wishes to express his thanks for the cooperation that students have given him.

NEW TEACHERS

JOIN STAFF

Something new has been added to the faculty list of Topaz High School. Yes! four new teachers have suddenly appeared upon the scene.

Mrs. Matthews hails from Edmond, Oklahoma, where she attended Central State College. It is hard to believe, but it is true that she taught MECHANICS at an army camp to some of Uncle Sam's G.I.'s. Her extreme interest and hobby is dramatics. "I like it very much here, and I think the students are all nice," she is said to have commented.

Mrs. Thornton, from Ardmore, Oklahoma, received her education in Oklahoma, Chicago, and also the University of California. (continued on page 2)

passes is laid. A rolling motion of the semi-circular drum prints the matter. The rollers carry the printed paper along and it is deposited at the foot of the press.

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Dear Editor : February 1, 1945

As the war continues to drain many of our real friends into the melting pot, it brings closer to us the real meaning of human comradeship. I am referring particularly to the former students of Topaz, who are constantly going into the armed forces and many others who are leaving to meet bigger and greater challenges with a courageous outlook toward success!

Today another student took this road toward greater knowledge and success. We will all miss him because he was not only a brilliant student; a regular guy. Harumi Kojimoto left for Illinois today to enter college. The Rambler will surely miss his sports writing. Moreover, his sincere and smiling personality will always be remembered. To him we wish life's richest rewards. R. H.

KEEP IT UP !!

Topaz High School is achieving its objective of running in a smooth pattern. Everyone is doing his best to bring about desired betterment. All this is sweet; sure, there's room for improvement, but we are getting there!

But, this won't last just as it is. We all know that the centers are going to stop existing one of these fine days. So, residents of this "camp" will be moving out--it doesn't matter where, but they'll be leaving. Included in this bunch of "terminal departures" will be a number of our present leaders of various activities. Okay, the W. R. A. is feeling fine because there are fewer residents in Topaz to send out, but we are minus some leaders. Someone must fill the vacancies so that the faculty is not forced to take complete responsibility, a condition which will be made necessary if we do not offer some form of student control.

We can't just sit back and let the other fellow do everything. Each of us has a future in which he must make his place. One must push himself ahead, strive for higher goals. If he doesn't, someone else will. Everyone should know how to lead and follow other persons if he is to adjust into a new community satisfactorily. In a way, we have lost about three years, as compared to the outside tempo. Because of this we must be versatile if we are to fit into the life on the outside. To meet this demand, we must be able to fill vacancies.

With this in mind we must not get discouraged when the executives evaporate from under our noses. We must in return just buckle down, take the lead ourselves and finish the last semester in style. Who knows? One of us may end up in politics or something along that line.

Dear Editor,

Last year the girls sponsored the "Girls' Drag Dance." Why don't they make it traditional and have another one this year? It sure makes the boys feel good when they are asked.

Dateless Guy
Dear Dateless Guy,

I agree with you, and according to G. R. rumors, we shall be satisfied in the near future.

Dear Editor,

As a student, let us give the new teachers our fullest cooperation and make their stay an enjoyable one. F. S.
(cont'd from page 1)

Her experiences in teaching are great; she has served on high school faculties, and at the University of Oklahoma for eight years. Her pet hobbies are writing and music. In commenting on our school she said, "I am very much intrigued and interested in the school."

Miss Long hails from the University of Oklahoma in Norman, Oklahoma, where she majored in history.

Having had the experiences of teaching for two years, one year to Indians, Miss Long is sure she will enjoy teaching Social Science and English here.

The last but not the least new faculty member is Mrs. Daggon from Memphis, Tennessee. She earned her B. S. Degree at the George Peabody College in Nashville, Tennessee. Mrs. Daggon was a faculty member in a high school in Memphis for eighteen years. Like Mrs. Matthews, she is very much interested in dramatics.

CLASS BRIEFS

The Junior Class is holding a stag and stagette affair at Dining Hall 32, February 9, 1945, from 7:00 p.m., it was announced by Nancy Takahashi, Kei Nakano and Shadow Sakurai are in charge of the refreshments, Duke Hirano, Public address system; Records, Hid Kashima; Bids, Abu Keikoan and General Arrangements, Rose U.

With Grace Mori and Tak Eshima as co-chairman, the sophomore class will sponsor a party, stated Ken Sato, class prexy.

AN INTERESTING VISIT

During our visit to Mr. Frank Beckwith's printing shop, he showed us many interesting items in his collection, including numerous pieces of Topaz stones, olden coins as well as the modern European articles arrowheads and utensils fashioned by Inidans in this vicinity, petrified rocks, guns and pistols more than 100 years old. He showed us the "first" newspaper--stones with Indian pictures writing.

Those of us to whom Mr. Beckwith showed his outstanding exhibit wish to express our most sincere appreciation. Mr. Beckwith is famed especially for his remarkable discoveries of marine fossils of incalculable antiquity. One rare specimen which he discovered now bears his name in the annals of science.

DAMBLING REPORTER

School, as we observed, isn't so bad as it used to be---why? If you would sorta' stop, look and listen once in a while you'd know. Since you kids all need glasses, guess I'll have to let you in on it all.

While ringing the bell, Pee Wee was craning his neck to see Betty, but instead saw the new two-some, Abu and Shadow, looking into each other's eyes. Since the holidays, love has bloomed even more than in the Spring---could it be the weather?

While changing classes, the long "married" couple, Ami and Tats, grinned happily at each other as brother Tosh and Grace T. were matching their accuracy in basketball.

The forever popular Alice Matsubara was followed by the eyes of three of our great lovers, Harlem, Beau-Jack and Tut, while Jay Dee and Betty looked on knowingly.

SPOTLIGHT

This week's spotlight is focused on Ryozo Kume-kawa, our versatile and conscientious Student Body Prexy. He stands 5' 6" tall and his weight is... (censored!) Ryozo has been very active in many organizations and has served as the Jr. Glass Prexy, Editor of the Ram-bler, and is now the Ramblings head.

His favorite food is none other than that famous brain food, ma-gu-ro-no-osa-shi-mi.

He goes for the sweet singing of Dinah Shore and the crooning of Perry Como.

He attended Polytechnic Hi in San Francisco before Evacuation and since the lift of the West Coast ban, he is planning to go to the University of California.

For information concerning women in his life, please consult the F. B. I.

As usual, Lee was asking for suggestions and fighting over them, but here's hoping Etsuko Kayumi sweetens him a little.

The low junior boys, Mickey Tanaka and Mac Kato, were raving about Emi Doi and Mary Hironaka.

As usual, Mits was putting on a big "shi-bai" in class, but who was amused?

During P.E. Nancy and To Tomioka seemed terribly absorbed in their conversation, and Etchie and Ossie were having a big joke all of their own.

I'd better leave now or else I'll be run out so----so long, kids, till next time.

FASHION

Good clothes that will look it an last are the kind for you and me! So after reading this list I think you'll get the idea of what I mean.

Our winter wardrobe starts with a boxy coat and one like Florence Miho's is a swell example to start with. It has raglan sleeves and the slit pockets give a pea-jacket effect. The box coat is the campus darling and no girl should be without one.

The next "must" is a suit and everybody for certain would more than approve of Mayumi Shiozawa's. Colored green; it looks very neat and tailored.

With blouses and sweaters next on the list you'll surely take your hat off to Peggy Shiozawa's pleated blouse. It's trimmed with lace on neck and sleeves and looks oh, so dainty. Sweaters! and more Sweaters!

Wouldn't you do almost anything to own as many as Emi Doi? Her colors range from dark hues to light pastels.

Add to this list that favorite of jackets--the blazer like Ets. Kayumi's and your wardrobe is well completed.

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- oshiko
- reamy
- gotist???
- enjoyable
- ance-crazy
- omph-boy
- dorable
- mad???
- ignorant???

DEDICATION

- Till Then.....Sets Yamane to Sammy
- Let Me Love You Tonight..Tets Aihara to Akira Morimoto
- Don't Fence Me In.....Masako Tsuzuki to Sus Iwasa
- I Need Someone to Love.....Harbo Yuki
- The Very Thought of You.....Gus to Dot
- I am a Little On the Lonely Side.....Tak Enomoto
- I'm Confessing Now.....Sakae Horita to Sally S.
- I Dream of You.....Ratcho to Kumi
- Always.....Mits and Dickson
- Dearly Beloved.....Mac Kato to Mary Hironaka

★ VARSITY ★ SPOTLIGHT

Today the Varsity Spotlight presents an athlete from the proud city of Alameda. He was born on September 26, 1927, is seventeen years old, a senior in high school.

An all-star on the Topaz Varsity Basketball team, he plays a brilliant game at guard position. He's five feet eight inches tall, and can jump as well as a six-footer.

He likes popular music and rates Dick Haymes as his favorite singer. He has the appetite of a horse and raves about "China Meshi". He says that he likes physics the most. Likes Anderson as his favorite teacher.

(Maybe he's nuts!) No, he isn't nuts; he is none other than "Akio Potae Alan Nakata." (Take a bow, Alan.)

Double T's Outclass Delta, 22-10

With flashy red and white outfits, the Delta six met the Mess shirt and jeans Double T's of Topaz High, on the local floor the afternoon of February 2.

Sharpshooting Bubbles Keikoan, Wyno Nakasawa, and Grace Tsujisaka led the attack against the Deltans, holding them to a 22-10 score.

The smooth playing Double T's easily overtook the Deltans. The first quarter ended 10-0 in our favor with half time score 15-5. The experienced Double T's were too much for Delta to handle. The quick moving game closed with the final score 22-10.

The starting six of the Double T's are Bubbles Keikoan, making 12 points, Grace Tsujisaka 4, Wyno Nagasawa 4, Mits Sato, Abu Keikoan, and Kay Yoshiura. Others are Margaret Kawaguchi, Mary Hidekawa 2, Etsuke Marubayashi 1, Sumi Haramaki, Meriko Motoyoshi and Asako Kawamoto.

HI-LITES by Trip

Henry Armstrong, one time three title holder, in getting a draw with Chet Slider in the main event at Oakland, was said to have avoided over 800 punches by a half inch. Slider is the closest resemblance to Armstrong ever seen, though many have tried.....Allen Ford won another 100 yard free style swimming race, after having received a silver cup from the Winged Foot Association for being the outstanding swimmer of last year.

The West Point Cadets won their twenty-second straight victory over a span of three years when they beat the New London Coast Guard, 60-51. The cadets were led by that All-American football player, Dale Hall.

The Hamlene College Pied Pipers were ruled ineligible for any Amateur sponsored tournaments, when they refused to take two professional baseball players of their team. Howie Shultz, starting center and first sacker of the Brooklyn Dodgers, was one of those who were indicated.

DELTA TRIMS TOPAZ 42-31 IN HARD-WON FIGHT

With P. Theobald and G. Fullmer leading the attack, the Delta Rabbits, present leaders of the Region Six basketball league, downed the Topaz five 42-31.

The Rams, keeping within a couple of buckets of the Rabbits, fell apart and Delta ran away with the game in the last quarter.

Losing at the half, 18-15 the Rams went into the 4th quarter on the short end of 28-26. Then with young Fullmer getting hot, Delta won going away 42-31.

Kashima and Nagasawa led the Rams' scoring with 9 a piece. Others scoring were Nakata, Sano and Nakamura, 3, and Iwata and Doami, 2,

Sports

RAMS TROUNCE MUSTANGS IN CASABA TILT

Topaz High rang up its highest scoring total for the season when the high-spirited Rams, led by Hid Kashima, completely outclassed the Mustangs of Hinckley High, 54-36, at the high school gym, January 20.

With Potay Nakata and Kashima coming through with some fancy shooting, the Rams jumped into a comfortable 11-2 lead early in the first half. Topaz led 30-16 when the half ended.

The Mustangs, with Ed Manis pacing the attack, attempted to close the wide gap in the score in the third quarter and only the long range accuracy of Kashima kept the Rams breezing along, 38-30.

But the losers were unable to keep up their pace as Kashima, Minemoto, Nakata and Nagasawa contributed goals with deadly accuracy and pulled away to a decisive triumph for the Rams.

	fg	ft	tp
Minemoto	6	0	12
Nagasawa (f)	1	2	4
Kashima (c)	8	0	16
Iwata	1	1	3
Nakata (g)	5	1	11
Hirota	0	1	1
Sumimoto (g)	0	1	1
Sano	1	1	3
Saito (f)	0	1	1
Nakamura	1	0	2

FILLMORE TIPS RAMS

Last Saturday the Fillmore quintet came and played the Topaz Rams and went home with another victory.

At the end of the first Quarter, the Rams were leading the Fillmore five 5-1, and kept a substantial lead up to the final quarter when the Fillmore quintets came through to cinch their victory 23-20.

Scoring for the Rams were Iwata 6, Doami 7, Nakata 6, Nagasawa 1, Kashima.