

By Bill Hosokawa

From the Frying Pan

Denver, Colo.

THE LONG ROAD — A few hours ago we climbed into the sedan and drove up to Boulder to pick up our Susan. From where we live the most direct route to Boulder stretches northward along the foothills of the Rockies. Recent rains have greened the fields, and it is a pleasant 40-minute drive. We have driven the route many times, but it has not lost its charm. At sunset the peaks are a sawtooth silhouette against the sky. On the homeward leg, the lights of Denver stretch across the horizon, winking and twinkling in the distance.

This day is a special occasion, for Susan has completed her schooling at the Univ. of Colorado and we are bringing her home. It seems incredible that we took her there on a hot September Sunday nearly five years ago and delivered her to a dormitory bustling with other excited freshman girls and their somewhat bewildered parents. But now those five years are irrevocably gone, and to show for it Susan has a diploma testifying to the fact that she has earned a bachelor of arts degree, a certificate entitling her to teach school, and a few hours toward a master's degree for which she will continue to study as she teaches.

And so the second of our brood has become, as the Japanese say, "Ichi-nin mai," meaning literally "one person's portion," an oddly expressive phrase. It's been a long road.

WORD FROM THE NORTHWEST — Just yesterday we had a letter from Mike, the first of the fledglings to leave the nest. No fledgling now, he has a family, status of sorts, ambition. He has been granted a fellowship at the Univ. of Oregon, and so he will move down from Portland where he has been teaching at Lewis and Clark College and study for his doctorate. In his business, education, a doctorate is a journeyman's card, and so he will be wise to qualify for it as soon as he can. More power to him. He'll have to study, take care of his family, teach a few classes, and study some more. It will be a long grind, but he is halfway to his goal already so it won't be as tough as if he were starting afresh. Still, he writes:

"Among the courses I have to take is a three-sequence course in statistics. This should be a real challenge for an aspiring engineer who has done many problems with second year algebra. (He became a teacher instead.) I haven't had any math since I took second semester geometry as a high school junior, and then it was from the football coach."

Well, it won't be easy either.

TWO TO GO — Two out of college and two more to go. Pete is winding up his freshman year at the Univ. of Denver. He is the practical one, good at figures, working math problems that I can't even read. He's interested in business administration, a field where a graduate with top grades can just about write his own ticket. Pete is getting practical experience at the same time he learns theory, working afternoons in a bank after his classes are over. He'll do all right.

Christie, the last of the brood, is winding up her junior year in high school. She's not quite sure where she wants to go to college, or what she wants to study, but how many high school juniors do? She's busier in extracurricular activities than the others were, which is saying quite a bit because they were all deeply involved.

Two out of college and two more to go. They've done pretty darned well, and we're proud of them. We talked about that as we drove up to Boulder, watching the sun dropping beyond the peaks to the west.

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Seafair Queen Candidate Call

An important "job opening" was announced last week by Arden Aegerter, managing director of Greater Seattle, Inc. The selection of Seattle's emissary of beauty and charm—the Seafair "Queen of the Seas," is fast approaching and candidates are urged to apply now.

Seafair queens are chosen without the carnival hoopla; cheesecake, bathing suits or other approaches. Not even the usual "measurements" are given. It is a position of social prestige and rank in this city.

One year a Sansei candidate just missed "by a whisker" in the final judging, but was made first lady in waiting. It could happen again, and Seattle's Japanese community has a lot of young ladies well qualified in every respect.

As in the past Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hattori are doing the bulk of the work in accepting applications, arranging "charm school" lessons with a professional instructor, and taking care of the multitude of details, not the least of which is coaxing promising candidates to join up, and to discard the sometimes too prevalent sense of false modesty.

Format Altered

The Seafair operating under a new format this year, will feature the coronation of the Seafair Queen the very first day of the jumping ten-day festival, instead of the middle of the week as in the past. The coronation will take place during the Lawrence Welk show at the Seattle Center Coliseum, Friday night, July 28.

Under sponsorship of the Community Queen committee and the Young Adult Group of the Seattle JACL chapter, interviews and the selection of local queen and court will be made at the Bush Garden, from 1 p.m. June 17. Call the Hattoris at EA 4-5050—it's a 24-hour line which rings both home and office. The Hattoris just do not have the time or energy to do the usual individual coaxing—it is up to the girls themselves to just step out—past candidates although they did not win were unanimous in saying that the experience was of great personal

Rexburg JACler main speaker at Boys State

BOISE—Tommy Miyasaki of Sugar City, Idaho, will be the main speaker at the graduation ceremonies of American Legion Boy State, June 10, at Boise College.

Boys State is one of the top Americanism programs of the American Legion.

Although Tommy lost his eye sight in the service, he is one of the most active JAClers, in great demand as a speaker and has been featured at several of the high school commencement exercises in the area.

Hero Shiosaki, active Pocatello JACler, is president of Gem Boys State, Inc.

benefit. There are 10 to 15 candidates signed up as this is written on June 4. A good sign. The Japanese community made its best showings when the queen was selected from a large field of candidates. The year Nancy Ann Sawa made the high court, there were 28 in the local screening.

Eligibility Rules

Now as to the official poop on eligibility. The successor to the current "Queen of the Seas," Miss Erika Hokanson will be chosen from candidates nominated and sponsored by a recognized agency, business activity or community in the greater Seattle area. Each candidate is automatically designated a "Seafair Princess" and will take part in many activities during the Seafair festival July 28 through Aug. 6, the date of the Gold Cup unlimited hydroplane races.

The \$50 fee required which goes into scholarship funds for

Snake River area Sansei grads shine

BY HIDEO HARADA

ONTARIO, Ore. — Japanese communities within the boundaries of the Snake River Valley JACL Chapter are mighty proud of their Sansei in their scholastic achievement.

From the eight high schools in the area, five Sansei have been named as either valedictorian or salutatorian. This is a remarkable record as the Japanese American percentage of students in these high schools ranges from one to five percent. The leading graduates are:

VALEDICTORIANS

Nyssa High—Bob Okano, son of the Hiroto Okanos, Nyssa, Ore.; Fruitland High—Mike Sasaki, son of the Roy Sasaki, Fruitland, Idaho (Also an all-around athlete); Adrian High—Barry Fujishin, state president, Future Farmers of America in Oregon, son of the Sam Fujishins, Home-dale, Idaho.

SALUTATORIANS

Payette High—Carl Inouye, son of the Tadao Inouyes, Payette, Idaho; Weiser High—Gary Saito, son of the Frank Saitos, Weiser, Idaho.

Duffers' holiday draws 76 to Arizona golf meet

PHOENIX — An excellent turnout of 76 golfers participated in the annual Arizona JACL golf tournament at the Indian Bend Country Club with Fillmore Hirohata taking low gross at 77.

Bill Childers took low net with a 66 and Jackie Jagger won the ladies' low gross and low net with 98-63. Mits Tanita and Roy Moriuchi were event co-chairmen.

The recent Issei day picnic chaired by Mary Tanita was attended by some 230 people. Recognized by the chapter for his assistance to the Issei was Tom Kadomoto, past chapter president who has served as interpreter and translator.

Seafair royalty is provided by the local JA community fund, and in addition, up to now the Japanese Community has been the only local sponsoring group which provided a scholarship for its own local queen.

As we have said, the local

queen contest will be held at Bush Garden June 17. The decision of the judges (from Greater Seattle and the JA Community) as to which will be queen and court, will not be announced until the Coronation Ball which is to be held

at the Snoqualmie room of the Seattle Center, Friday, June 23 from 8:30 p.m.

During the following season there will be other selections made for a "Miss Seattle" and a Miss Teen Age (Seattle) which culminates in a national

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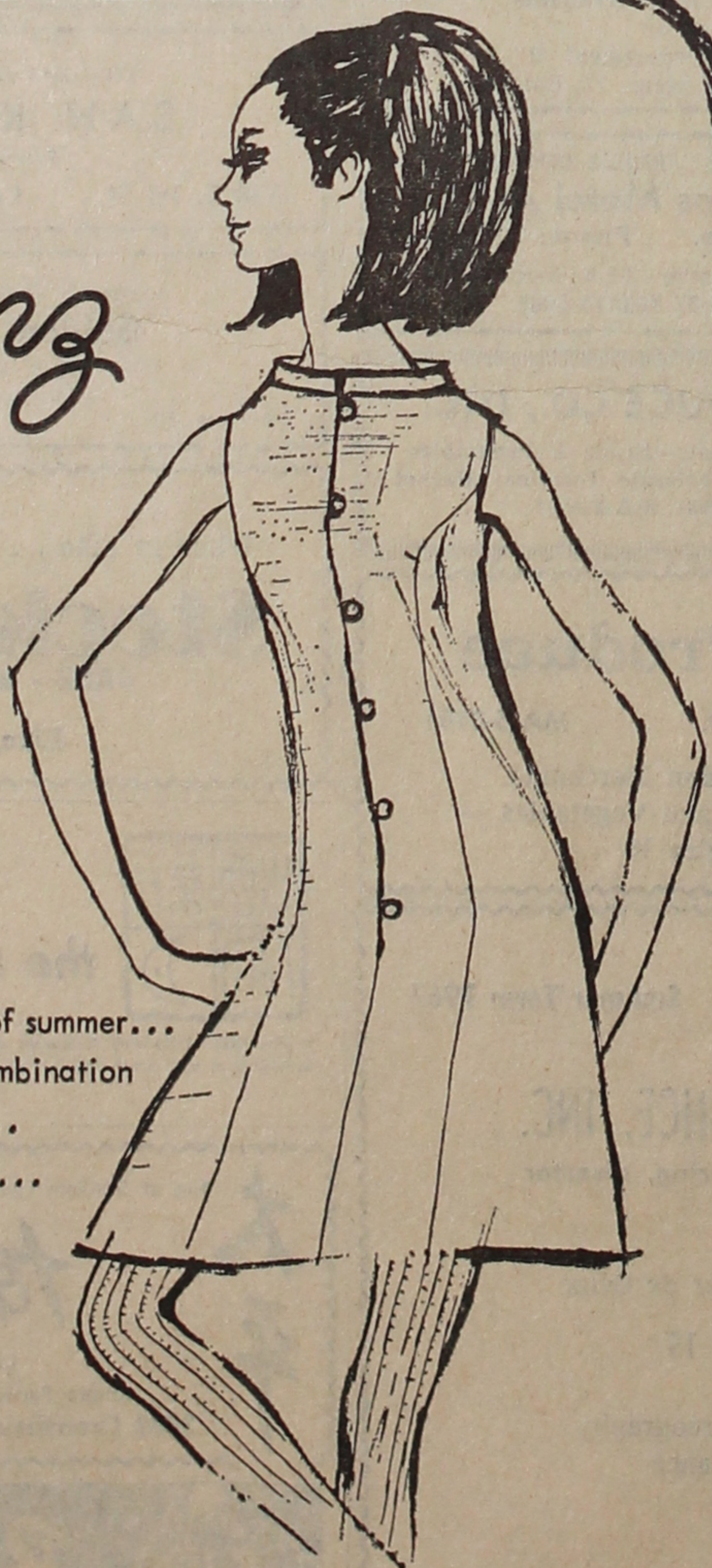
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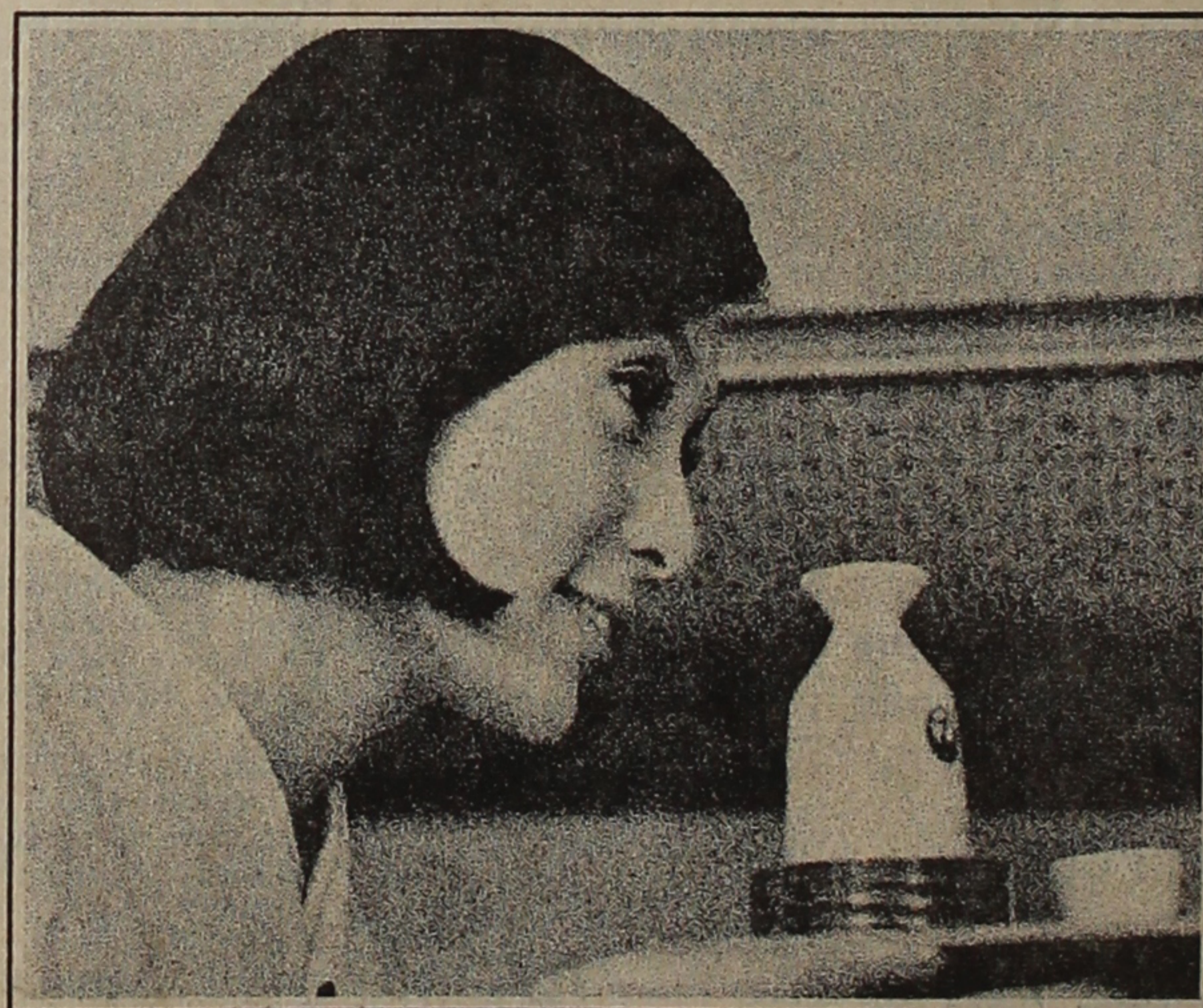
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