

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK...

by ELMER OGAWA

It does not seem right to start off a newsletter with an apology, but the chairman is just pretty doggone sorry to be so late with this issue.

The good news is that the JACL Queen and Float contest is progressing and about the time that this comes out, the deadline on Queen contest entries will have been passed, but there is a great future ahead.

Time and place of the actual selection of our Queen before a distinguished panel of judges (as of last year) had not yet been announced, but the thing that will keep all us in suspenders - now hear this - is that the selection of the Queen will be kept secret and actually locked up in a bank vault until the day of the announcement, and that will be at the:

CORONATION BALL
GRAND BALL ROOM, OLYMPIC HOTEL
JULY 8, 1961

Proceeds of the dance will go to help pay for the Seafair Float and kindred expenses of the Seafair Week.

Last year, a little over \$3,000 was raised, including the \$250 donation by the Sawa family. The budget is the same this year, in spite of the fact that everything has gone up (except Roger Forde's professional fee for designing and engineering the float) and we are heartened by that. RF is the one who did last year's prize winning float "Gift of Japanese Dolls". This year, the general theme of all floats in the parade is "I Remember."

Although it requires a lot of coaxing to get up a list of candidates for the Queen contest, none of those who actually break down and enter, ever regrets later.

Fact is, some of the most enthusiastic supporters of the Queen program are last year's candidate (including the Queen and family). All who ever have participated, feel their experiences in this world have been enriched in many ways.

Many of the benefits are in things that can't be measured in dollars, but some of the accruals to the Nisei Queen which can be measured are the \$250 allowance for wardrobe and the \$100 scholarship. If a Nipponese lassie makes the coveted Seafair Queen's throne, there are things like the \$1,500 scholarship to which the JACL, with other sponsors, contribute \$50 each, and the many other benefits.

And let not the skeptics kid themselves. The selection of a daughter of this community for Seafair Queen is more than just a possibility, and don't ever say that we didn't tell you, which makes this all in the form of a prediction. How timely it would be to have a Sansei "Queen of the Seas" next year in '62; the year of Century 21 and the National Convention of July 26-30.

Japanese Community Floats, mostly sponsored by the JACL are popping up everywhere. The latest and winners, too, are the entry at the twin cities of Minnesota, and at the Snake River Valley Blossom festival, where the JACL entry copped firsts in two different parades.

Dr T T Nakamura is heading the committee for this year's Float and Queen fund-raising. Let's all get behind him, HUH? Don't wait for him or his helpers to come to you - go to them and make it generous. Few people realize what a strain these committee chairmen work under and what large amounts of work they do. Frank Hattori told us last week that he lost 7 lbs just during Seafair Week last year.

And before we leave this subject to go to another, let us join in a big hand for the Saizen group who are managing the Coronation Ball. Can't give you all the names, but the Saizens who were present at the last meeting were: Florence Yoshihara, Natalie Hayashida, Kunio Homma, Andy Goto, Yoshiko Tokita, Mel Fujita, Yasuo and Masao Tokita, Joe Matsudaira, Sally Shimizu.

In making up this newsletter, we had been hoping to place a little more emphasis (since it is a local rag) on the personal touch... things that happen to individual members, and like that. So it's remarkable, how people don't know anything, when you go to calling them up. Who's that pointing the finger? Yep, I don't know much either.

But there's one thing that has been disturbing this character and almost caused a throwing in of the sponge on all activities. Since having the 4x5 press camera stolen during last Sea-fair, the replacement we got has never been working right. It has been in the shop 6 times between 2 different repairmen. The only shots we got out of the installation dinner were done with the 35 mm under existing light. From the May General meeting, one negative. From the White River Valley installation, one negative out of the 5 which were shot. People are talking in a manner which is not justified.

Solution to the problem was quite simple - we found out too late. Simply unhook the flashgun from a camera we had bought in 1948, and had practically retired - attached the 13 year old gun to the new camera, and send the "new" gun to the manufacturer - just tired of paying the purchase price 3 times over to the repairmen, or complaining to the dealer. Our colleague, Yuki King, came to the rescue also - loaned us an extra gun and revealed that the refector heads of the two leading manufacturers can be switched on their battery cases, which just suits us fine. H H M m m m m m too big an item on what started out to be an example of a small personal squib.

Well, perhaps the reader will get the idea. We don't mind making a 10 page chapter newsletter, if only some of the 400 members will send in their stories and gripes.

Elmer O.

JAPANESE COOKING DEMONSTRATION:

The JAACL is happy to sponsor Mrs Masako Akahori, well known Japanese cooking authority from Tokyo, who will demonstrate techniques in cooking at the Seattle Buddhist Church, 1427 Main Street, on Thursday, June 15, starting at 7 PM.

Mrs Akahori will cook the following specialty dishes and invite all to attend;

Maguro, iso no kaori
vinegar and mustard sauce over
Tuna,

Tofu, ankake
special sauce, poured over
tofu (beancake)

COOKING DEMONSTRATION (continued)

Fukusa zushi
sushi wrapped in egg

Gyu niku, chosen yaki
Broiled Korean style beef

Mrs Akahori is the fourth generation in her family to continue the tradition of the Akahori cooking school, started over 77 years ago.

There will be a nominal donation of \$1.00 to defray the cost of expenses.

B CARD MEETING H I L I T E S

MEMBERSHIP totals around 390.

PROGRAM on Century 21 was real interesting at the last general meeting. Too bad so many missed it. Considering a fashion show; and sightseeing tour, movie, or picnic for Issel's living alone with no immediate family in the city.

QUEEN AND FLOAT going on in high gear. Candidates for Queen expected to hit 20 - 30. Received authorization to spend up to \$200 for design of float.

FUND RAISING of Float and Queen is also moving in high gear. Letter to be mailed shortly for appeal.

NEWSLETTER to be out monthly with motto "an informed membership is the strongest bulwark of an organization"

ROAD SIGN for JAACL on all roads leading to Seattle is being explored both financially and for its feasibility.

1000 CLUB surpassed quota with over 74 members in Seattle.

NATIONAL CONVENTION will need chapter members to participate in committees such as registration, reservation, baby sitting, etc. More news on this later editions.

JR JAACLers will hold Coronation Ball on July 10 at the Olympic Hotel. Seattle Chapter will back them all the way.

RAFFLE TICKETS are now out... urge all to sell or buy to help underwrite expenses of the National Convention. Anyone can buy. Can some one use \$100 a week for a year.. plus a trip to Hawaii or Mexico City?

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