

A journey into
yesterday

*The way
we
were*
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Reunion
ROSTON II
High School
Class of 1943 · '44 · '45

San Jose Hyatt House August 6-7, 1977

THE WAY WE WERE

Foreward....

Thirty-four years have elapsed since the first class of 1943 graduated from Poston II High School. In total, three classes and more than 313 evacuees received their diplomas from this high school nestled on the edge of the mesquite jungle.

During these years we zealously guarded the traditions of the high school we used to attend. Porterville, Salinas and names of schools and places we never knew existed. With each graduation "going out" was relocating to a new state, town and school in quest of a better and higher education, hoping that we can pursue a profession in a better tomorrow.

With the passing of time the extreme bitterness of being deprived of our fundamental rights as a U.S. citizen, the inadequate schools, the burning heat of the summers, the biting cold of winters and the conditions of camp life in general has gradually eroded.

Today we think of the good times together... the basketball games, school plays, the school dances, the ecstasy of our first love, the time of laughter and of all the good things that can only happen during our adolescence. In this spirit we are gathered here to somehow capture these moments that happened yesterday in Poston II and "THE WAY WE WERE".

COVER

The saplings are huge trees now. The swimming hole no longer exists but the canal still irrigates thousands of acres. Photo courtesy of G. Samuel Oki. Cover design by Ron Hitomi.

POSTON II HIGH SCHOOL REUNION

Class of 1943, 1944, and 1945

"THE WAY WE WERE"

HYATT HOUSE MEDITERRANEAN ROOM
San Jose, California

SATURDAY
AUGUST 6, 1977

5:30 PM

No Host Cocktails

7:30 PM

Opening Remarks

George S. Oki '44

Master of Ceremonies

Invocation

Rev. H. Abiko

San Jose Betsuin

Welcome

Rod "Y" Kobara '44

Co-Chairman

Response

Robert K. Kanagawa
Hiroshi Kamei '45

Faculty
Student Body

Introductions

"A JOURNEY INTO YESTERDAY"

Dallas C. McLaren

Principal, Poston II High School

Announcements

Benediction

Rev. Alpha Takagi

Aldersgate United Methodist Church

8:30 PM

Entertainment

Rudy Tokiwa '44
Chiz Sakae '44
Hiroshi Nakagawa '44

"The Way We Were"

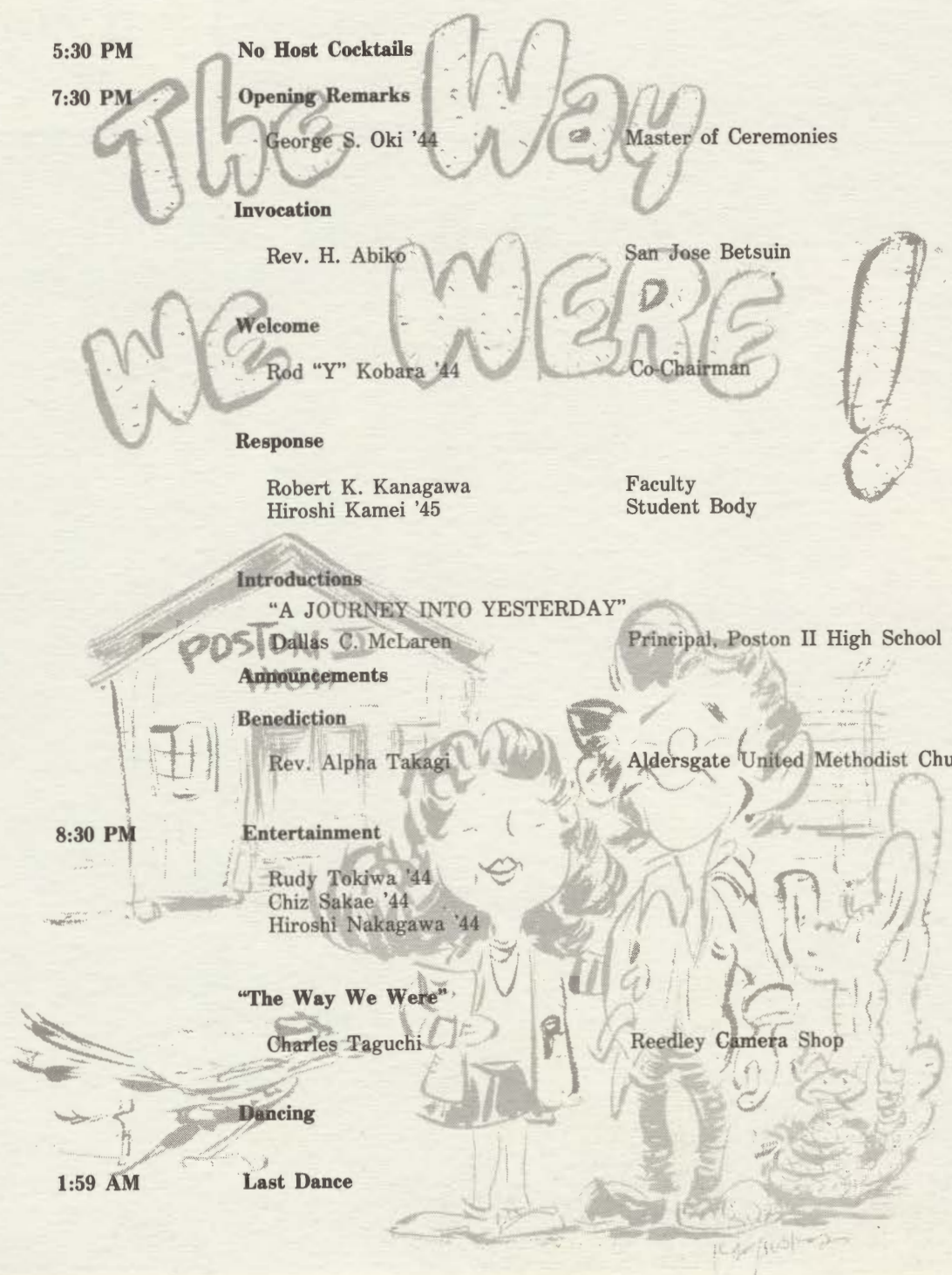
Charles Taguchi

Reedley Camera Shop

Dancing

1:59 AM

Last Dance



POSTON II HIGH SCHOOL REUNION COMMITTEE

Co-Chairpersons:

Rod "Y" Kobara
Jenny (Ito) Yoshida

Dinner — Brunch

George Kobori

Program

Chizuo Sakae
Rudy Tokiwa
Hiroshi Nakagawa

Booklet

George S. Oki

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Jack Matsuoka

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Decoration

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Class of 1943

Chiyeko (Hibino) Shikuma
Tommy Sakata

Class of 1944

Teri (Shigemoto) Koshiyama
Mae (Hirano) Tokiwa

Class of 1945

Mary (Nomi) Sugimoto
June (Yasukawa) Ono

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Andy Hashimoto

BRUNCH

SUNDAY AUGUST 7, 1977

HYATT HOUSE

10:00 A.M. Brunch — Del Oro Room

Poolside

Fellowship

12:00 Noon Adjourn "Til We Meet Again"

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Our warmest welcome and greetings to all graduates, students and friends to our Poston II High School Reunion!

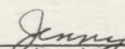

The many meetings necessary to plan for this event were enjoyable since these gatherings became sort of "mini-reunions". Half of the meeting time was spent talking about the old days and inquiring about other classmates.

We would like to thank the many committee chairperson, regional representatives and their committee people for their enthusiastic efforts expended in making this event a success.

For those unable to attend this reunion we encourage you to plan to attend our next reunion. You will be notified as to the dates and place as soon as they are set for the next reunion.

We of the committee thank you for joining us this weekend and hope that your visit in San Jose for the reunion will be a memorable one.

Sincerely yours,


Jenny (Ito) Yoshida 
Rod "Y" Kobara
Co-Chairmen, Poston II Reunion

**THE
WAY
WE
WERE**

**POSTON II
1942-1945**





**We never forget
how important
you are.**



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PROPHECIES, CLASS OF '45

10....20....30....years from now???

Grace Yamamoto - After making enough money as a Powers Girl, has gone into the lifetime business at Yamamoto's "Never Say Die" Lipstick Company.

Norio Kokka - After playing bit parts for two years in Hollywood as a jitterbugger and gangster, is now flashing his profile in every theater in the world. Enter - Kokka! Exit - Boyer!

Marie Yoshiki - After being unhappily married for five years, is now on her way to Reno. She claims that Cleveland's Courts are a little too stiff.

Marvin Tsutsui - Is now on his fifteenth year of finding his one and only.

Mary Yamashita - Has just been elected as Brooklyn Dodgers' Number One Rooters.

Lefty Kiyohara - Is now teaching the Love of Art, not the Art of Love, to the seventh grade kiddies at the Las Vegas Grammar School.

Nancy Endo - After a hair-raising incident ten years back at the Senior Banquet is now making the menus for the famous Waldorf-Astoria Hotel. Her record: 1,500,000 customers; 5 poisoned, 3 recovered, 2 well ah--

Hiroshi Kamei - Is now the Professor of Senior Math at Vassar College for Women.

Mary Nomi - Is now the criminal reporter for the Becha Chronicle. Is nationally known as "Lois Lane" Nomi.

Shig Imoto - Is now a strawberry rancher with a cute little house built for two. Occupied by Mr. Imoto and Mrs. Sadie Imoto, respectively.

Chiz Kitamura - Is a nationally known woman race horse jockey at Santa Anita. Known as "Whiz Nellie".

Teruo Sato - Is mechanical engineer who is trying the "impossible things in life". Drafting a bridge from the United States to Hawaii.

Hiroko Hasegawa - Quiet as ever is now writing and concentrating on a book "To Be or Not To Be". As expected is on the matter of marriage.

Haruo Fujitsubo - After being the quiet, bashful type, is now making his rowdy round nightly of all the Night Clubs in Hollywood. Where did he get his money? Was in the Army, of course. What a crap game!!!

Fumi Fujita - Looking prettier as a daisy, is now employed at the Hardwater Vase Company.

Shig Etow - After having around 158 different jobs in the past ten years has finally settled down after receiving his first Old Age Pension check.

Tazuko Watari - Eight years of working hard as a grapepicker in Sanger, California, has made it possible for her hubby and herself to go on their honeymoon to Reno.

Yuri Namba - Being one of the last to leave Poston (last year) has finally relocated to her hometown Sacramento. Is now busily writing the book, "Rip Van Winkle Was No Tale".

Frances Iida - Being a heartbreaker for the past six years, has reformed to a Paper Doll and left the flirty flirty guys to join Earl Carrol's Show.

Jack Oda - After getting his Ph.D., D.A., LL.D. and M.D. from the University of Oklahoma, is tackling the Juvenile Delinquency Program single handed. His main desire is to stop High School kiddies from cutting classes.

Earry Urakawa - After pondering at the thought of marriage (engaged for two minutes) finally gave in and is now the wife of a millionaire oiler.

Yuri Yamamoto - After getting jobs as a beautician at Poston and Minneapolis, has settled down in Jacksonville, Tennessee. I wonder why?

Tommy Oshita - Known for his sharp remarks in high school, is now employed by Bob Hope and Company for a couple of weeks. Excuse me, word has just been received that Hope has been released by Pepsodent. Oshita? Is now peddling pans.

Kiyoko Kitamura - Bubbling and chirping as a robin has just been told that she won the Irish Sweepstakes. Wonder what horse she bet on.

Chiyoko Teramoto - Even though the war has been over for six years is still knitting sweaters and stockings for her soldier hubby. He doesn't want to come home. A case for Jerry Giesler.

Helen Murata - After working in a bakery, cafe, as a waitress, and also a little hunting, is now the proud boss of the newly decorated "Mom and Pop's Cafe".

Tad Nakagawa - After changing his ambition twenty times is now enrolled as a "Freshy" in the subject of goldmining at the University of Alaska.

Kikuye Sukekane - After acting as a "hard to get type" for five years hooked a "hard to get" type of man, and are now on a "hard to get" happy type of living. AHH--Love!!

Misuye Menda - Missing the grapevine of gossip of Poston, she is working voluntarily as a telephone operator. Incidentally, there isn't a newspaper in town, but now news flies.

Tom Kojima - After wrecking trucks in the days of Poston is now employed by the General Motors Company for driving cars through brick walls and trying to find out how much cars can withstand shock without hurting the driver. Yesterday, he found out.

June Yasukawa - Is employed by the J.C. Penney Company in selling cosmetics to show her complexion as an example. She has a very vague idea what lies ahead of her.

Helen Morimune - After willing her commercial abilities to a junior ten years ago, returned to Cary High another year and got it back. Now Secretary of Cary Grant.

Mary Nitta - After dazzling the campus ten years ago with her sweaters and suits is now Costume Director for Warner Brothers.

Ben Dohi - Being declared the run of the Class of '45, shut himself from the world and lived with his friends. Recently, after experimenting with friends, released the cause of "Hog Fever", commonly known as "tummy aches".

Fujie Fukutomi - Facing the world face to face became a worldly known traveller and adventuress. What a map she has seen.

Setsuko Hada - All day she lies outside, knitting and whiffing the fragrant open air of the cattleranch where her loving cowboy works.

Pete Hironaka - After declaring he'd stay a bachelor until the age of 21, married his high school girl an hour after becoming 21. Pete, of course, is bubbling with lillies.

Shiro Sato - Has just changed his name to "Honesto" Sato, after being named Watsonville's New Assistant Banker.



CLASS OF '44

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Joe Tsuboi

2nd Vice President

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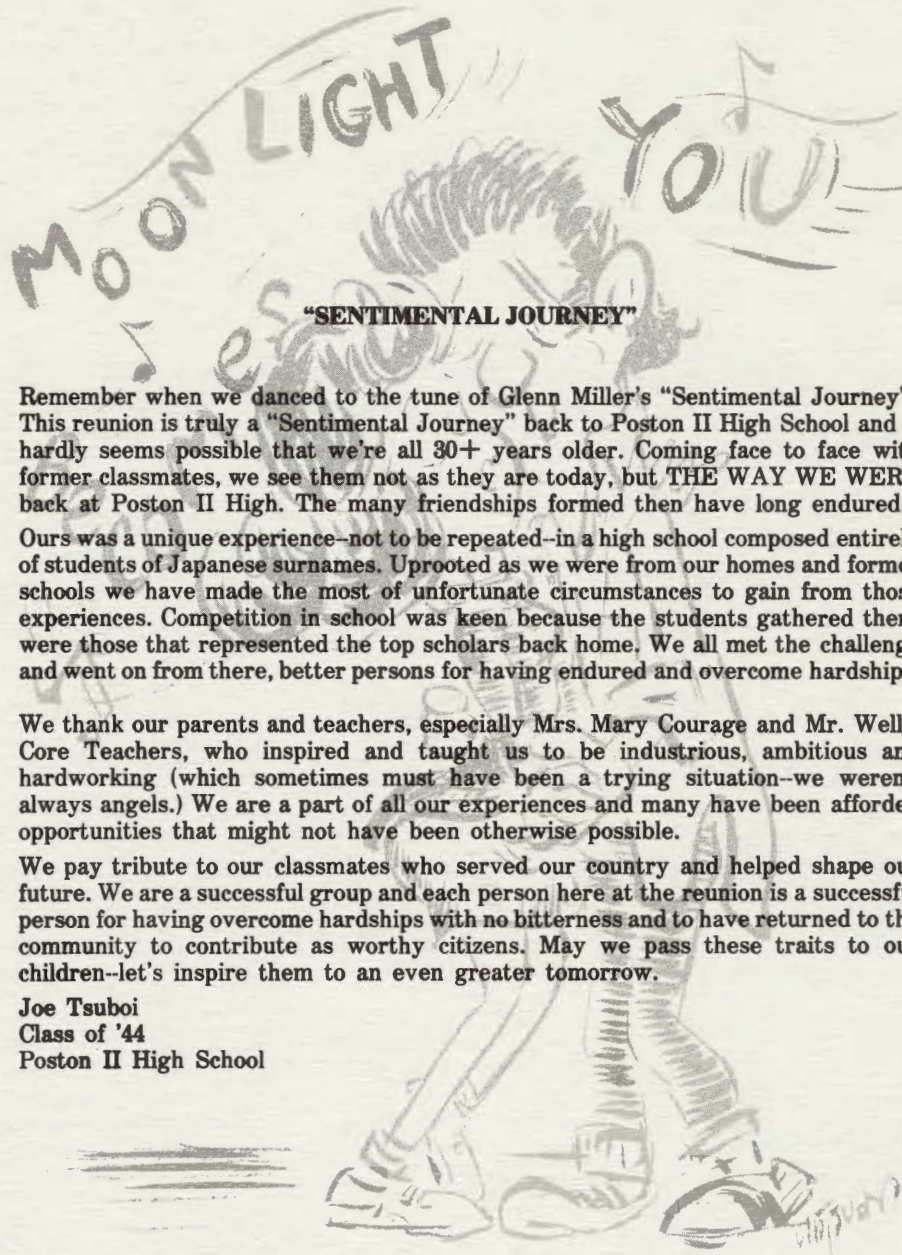
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"SENTIMENTAL JOURNEY"

Remember when we danced to the tune of Glenn Miller's "Sentimental Journey"? This reunion is truly a "Sentimental Journey" back to Poston II High School and it hardly seems possible that we're all 30+ years older. Coming face to face with former classmates, we see them not as they are today, but THE WAY WE WERE back at Poston II High. The many friendships formed then have long endured.

Ours was a unique experience—not to be repeated—in a high school composed entirely of students of Japanese surnames. Uprooted as we were from our homes and former schools we have made the most of unfortunate circumstances to gain from those experiences. Competition in school was keen because the students gathered there were those that represented the top scholars back home. We all met the challenge and went on from there, better persons for having endured and overcome hardships.

We thank our parents and teachers, especially Mrs. Mary Courage and Mr. Wells, Core Teachers, who inspired and taught us to be industrious, ambitious and hardworking (which sometimes must have been a trying situation—we weren't always angels.) We are a part of all our experiences and many have been afforded opportunities that might not have been otherwise possible.

We pay tribute to our classmates who served our country and helped shape our future. We are a successful group and each person here at the reunion is a successful person for having overcome hardships with no bitterness and to have returned to the community to contribute as worthy citizens. May we pass these traits to our children—let's inspire them to an even greater tomorrow.

Joe Tsuboi
Class of '44
Poston II High School

THE WAY WE WERE.....

The scorching sun....the searing heat....bead of
perspiration....howling winds....dust....

dust....the laughter of summer....sleepers and cot
carried to another block....the splashing water....

the joy of the 'ole swimming hole....idle time....
bull sessions....snipe hunts....baseball....

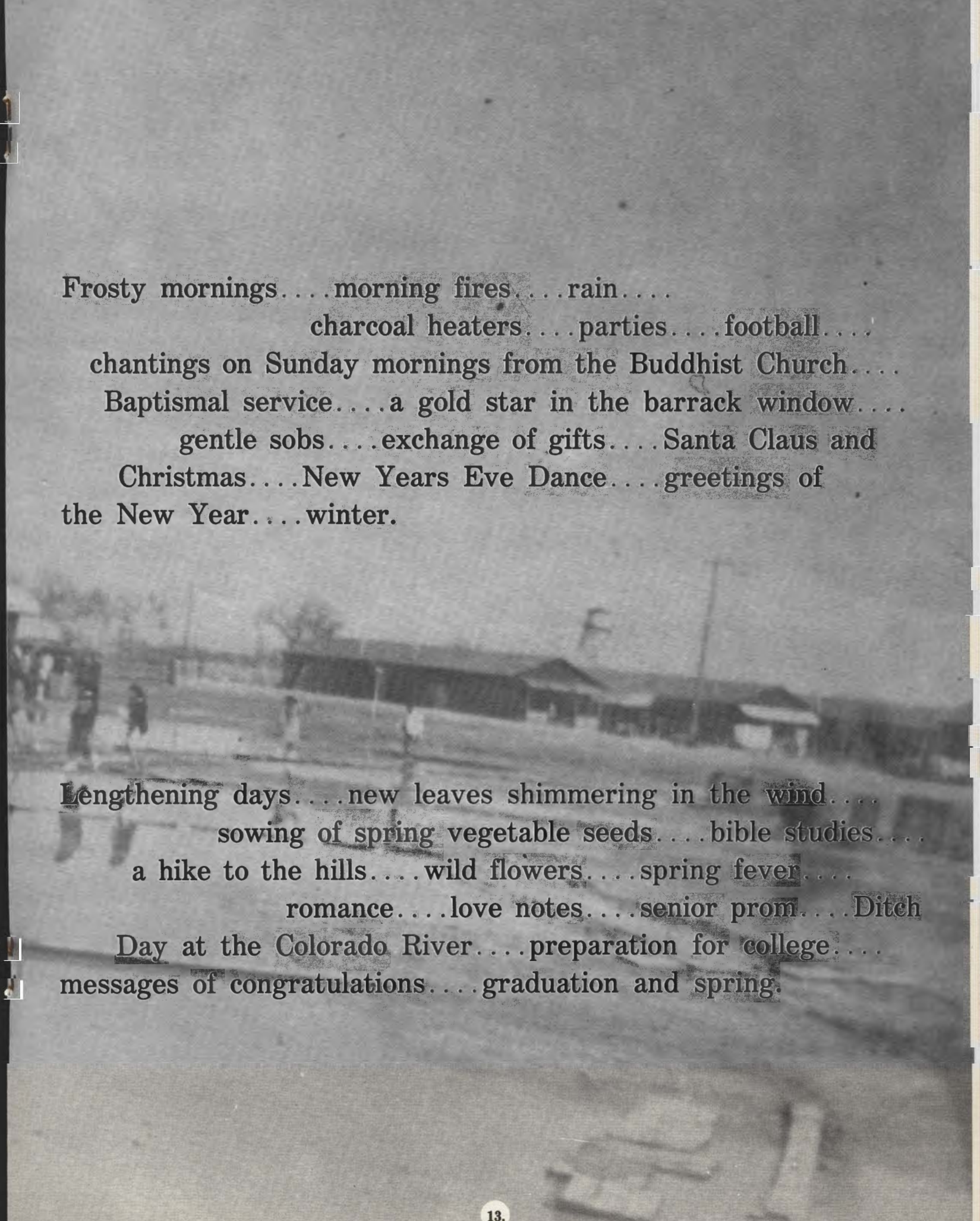
poker games deep into the night....scorpions....
humming water coolers....watermelon....summer.

Shortening days....nippy evenings....clanging bells

calling the class to order....laughter....weekly movies....

enjoyable talent shows....crying children....tearful
departures - to school, relocating, answering the call to arms....

thumping basketballs....cheering crowds....falling
leaves....scavenger hunts....Thanksgiving....and
autumn.



Frosty mornings....morning fires....rain....
charcoal heaters....parties....football....
chantings on Sunday mornings from the Buddhist Church....
Baptismal service....a gold star in the barrack window....
gentle sobs....exchange of gifts....Santa Claus and
Christmas....New Years Eve Dance....greetings of
the New Year....winter.

Lengthening days....new leaves shimmering in the wind....
sowing of spring vegetable seeds....bible studies....
a hike to the hills....wild flowers....spring fever....
romance....love notes....senior prom....Ditch
Day at the Colorado River....preparation for college....
messages of congratulations....graduation and spring.

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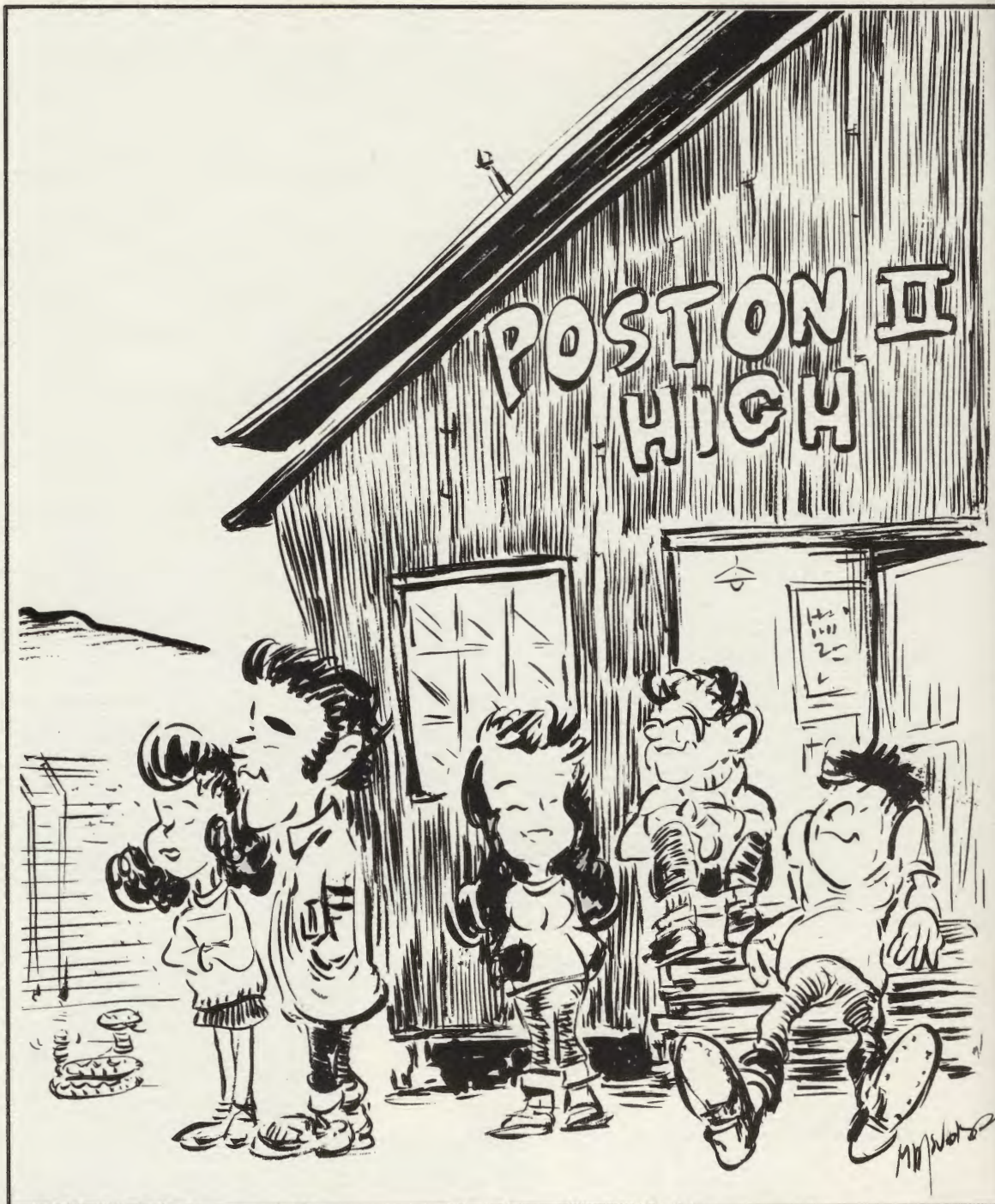
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There were those that were experienced, certified, and others that had just received their knowledge only yesterday. But they were there to teach the eager youth of Poston II.

To these wonderful people, our teachers of Poston II, we humbly salute you and thank you from the bottom of our hearts.





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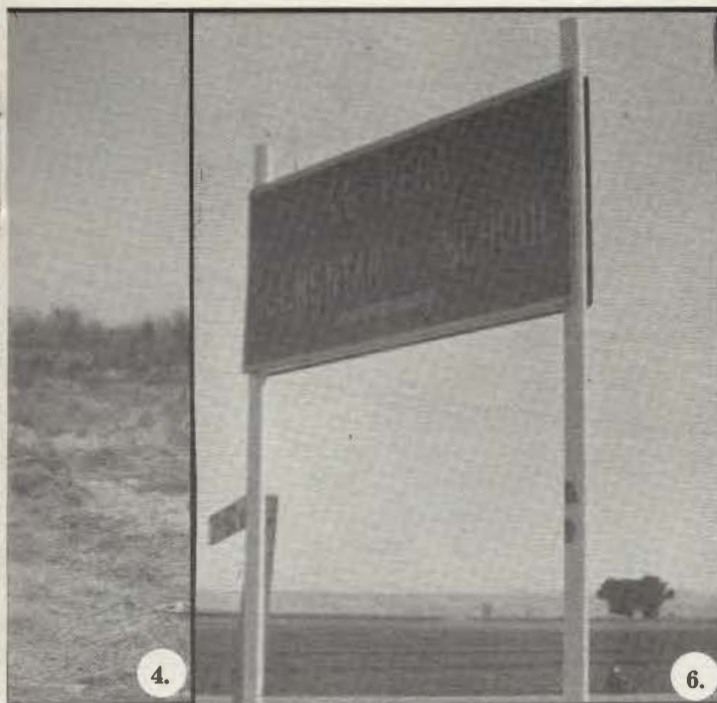
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THE WAY IT IS

1. Yes, there is a town called Poston near the site of old Poston I.
2. Aerial view of Poston II High School viewing S.E. Extreme upper right is road to Poston III. Nearby is the round concrete sewage treatment plant. Cottonwood bowl middle left.
3. We all arrived here via Parker. Many of us caught the train here for a brighter tomorrow.
4. The mesquite jungle makes a futile stand as farmland acreage increases.





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5. The famous town of Parker.

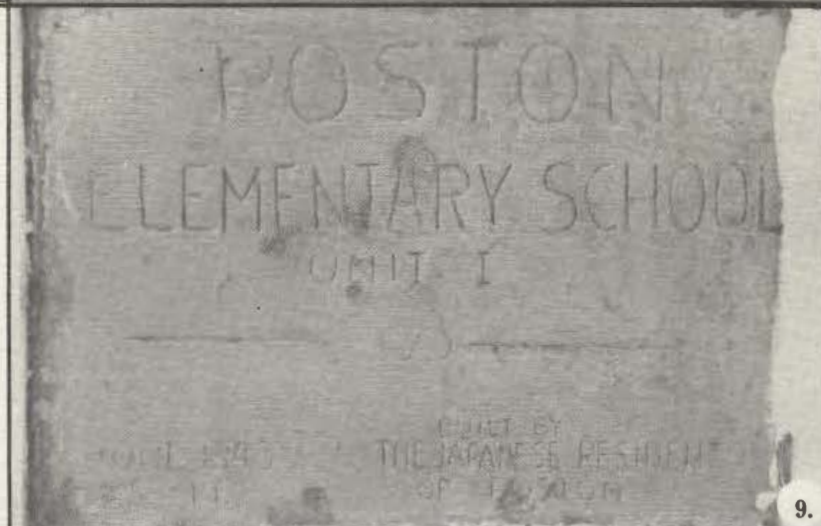
6. Yesterday this sign would have read Poston II High School.

7. Our alma mater. Core class building (c), right is former gym class building.

8. Looking West. Trees to the left is the site of the old administration building. Center trees mark the site of swimming pool.

9. Corner stone in Poston 1.

10. The adobe school shows the wear of 30 odd years.



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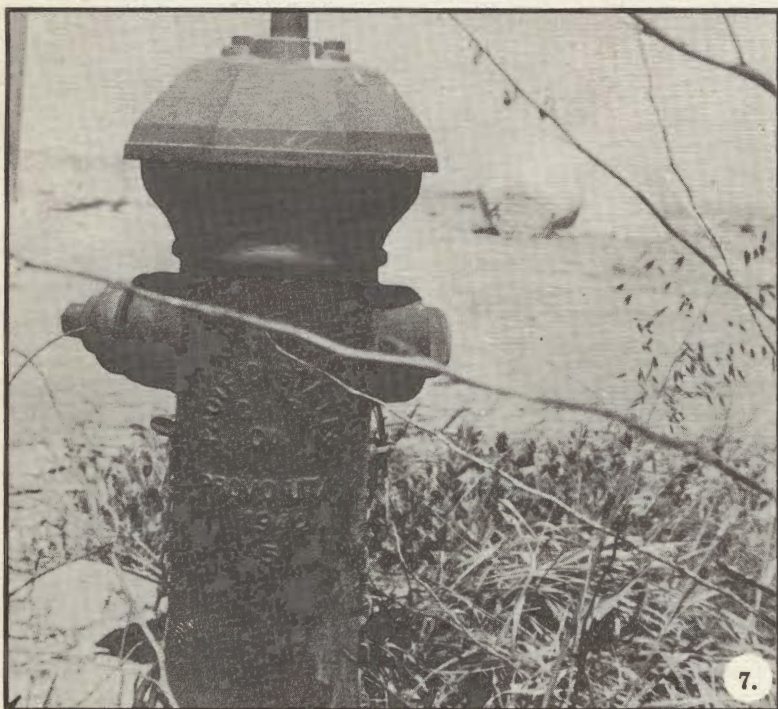


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1. The mesquite jungle, the fine dust, heat and the desert haven't changed one bit.
2. Looking E toward Blk. 215 and the ole swimming hole.
3. The pump house between Blk. 214 and 215.
4. The rusting and abandoned BUDA auxiliary engine.
5. George S. Oki '44, Bob Oka '45, and Tayeko Kitamura Higashi '46 can't agree.
6. The deserted pumping station that quenched the thirsty Poston II residents.
7. Abandoned fireplug and sewer manhole near Blk. 213 (note casting date).
8. Photography crew March 22, 1977: George S. Oki '44, Tayeko Kitamura Higashi '46, George Higashi, Bob Oka '45, and George Samuel Oki.



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Dear Friends,

It has been a pleasure to put together this Poston II High School Reunion Memorial Booklet, "The Way We Were". It has brought back many fond memories.

We are thankful to the many friends who have shared their treasured photos of Poston II to freshen our memories. Our sincere gratitude to Mr. Robert V. Antle who flew us to Poston and to George Samuel Oki who photographed Poston in "The Way It Is".

Greatest care has been exercised to obtain the most current information available and to avoid any errors and omissions; my sincere apologies if I have goofed.

With fond memories

George S. Oki '44
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