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Featuring ... Nisei-Grams

by FRANK TAMURA

Class of '45

The graduating class at the Fort Lupton High School this year has 22 Nisei among the 57 students in the class.

Commitment Exercises will be held on Thursday, May 17, at the High School Auditorium.

The graduates include Ayako Aichi, Alice Sugihara, Amy Sadohira, Lena Euchi, Shizuko Iura, Ruth Miyama, Eileen Iyama, Bernice Hirata, Ruiyaki Takeki, Teruko Yamamoto, James Okazaki, James Wada, Albert Mitamura, Kazuo Hayashi, Andrew Watada, Bill Yamamoto, Tom Koshio, Tom Sakai, George Shibusaki, Lloyd Shibusaki, Tom Del and Bob Kawata.

Many of these Nisei will receive awards for their high standing. Runy Taketa is Salutatorian and Shizuko Iura is in fourth place. Four persons are tied for fifth place. They are Ayako Aichi, Alice Sugihara, Tom Koshio and Kazuo Hayashi. The Baush and Lamb Service Award will be awarded to Tom Koshio. He is the second Nisei to receive the award. Byron Kawata of the class of '41 was the first Nisei and also the first student in Fort Lupton to receive it.

Pats Tom Del, Lloyd Shibusaki, and Bob Kawata, who are now in the Army, were unable to finish their senior year but diplomas will be forwarded to them.

Platteville High School has two Nisei graduates: Toyoko Matsushima and Harry Konishi.

Your reporter takes time now to congratulate the graduates and with them all the success in the future.

On Furlough —

Pvt. Joe Ishida was home on a furlough recently.

Pvt. George Uyeda is spending his furlough here in Fort Lupton. He is stationed at Fort Knox, Kentucky.

Mother's Day —

The Denver YBA is making plans to have Mothers and Fathers to a Mother's Day Party at the Buddhist Church this Sunday, May 13 at 8 p.m.

A cordial welcome is extended to Mrs. Barbara Atkinson. Miss Mary Aigaki will be General Chairman for the evening.

Fort Lupton YBA —

The semi-monthly Young People's meeting will be held at the Fort Lupton Buddhist Church this Saturday, May 12 at 8 p.m. Our Nisei leader, Rev. Tsunoda will be present so everyone is urged to attend.

Since everyone will be busy during the summer months, this service meeting will be the last for this Spring.

Bussel Beacon —

The Beacon staff regrets that the monthly publication has been delayed. Editor-In-Chief, Jim Yanari has turned over his responsibilities to Jack Nakashawa our new Editor. We hope to go to press soon. In the meantime, chapter reporters are urged to send in news.

Notice —

The Denver YBA wishes to announce that hereafter, a Bulletin on the Sunday evening Young People's Service will appear in these column weekly.

Inter-Racial Gathering —

Last Sunday, May 5 the Denver YBA was held at the Inter-Racial Service and Meeting and the 42nd was the most highly decorated unit in the U.S. Army.

The young Japanese American

Wounded Nisei Soldier Gets Ovation In Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES, — Corporal Hideo Iyama, American soldier of Japanese ancestry, known as the "boy of Los Angeles' eastside," where thousands of Japanese Americans resided before evacuation, believes in the Bill of Rights.

Cpl. Iyama, who returned recently from combat in Europe, was admitted to the University of Birmingham Hospital, was asked to speak at a United Nations rally, held in Hollenbeck Park.

He was introduced by Chairman Frank Wilkinson, who explained that Cpl. Iyama had been in action with the famous 442nd Infantry Regiment of Japanese Americans. Wilkinson said the 442nd was the most highly decorated unit in the U.S. Army.

The young Japanese American

was greeted with such a hearty cheering show of applause from the 2,000 persons gathered in the park that, when he stepped up to the microphone, tears filled his eyes, and he completely forgot his carefully prepared speech and had to sit down.

He was seated next to Mrs. Fay Papock, his wife, and addressed the entire community. One of Mrs. Papock's sons is a prisoner of the Japanese.

Mrs. Papock helped the young corporal to overcome his nervousness and told him what to say to the audience.

Cpl. Iyama returned to the microphone and finished his speech while Mrs. Papock continued to prompt him from the platform and the crowd applauded.

Californians' Worry Grows At Treatment Of Evacuees

SAN FRANCISCO, — A feeling of concern among responsible Californians over treatment of returning Japanese American evacuees was growing this week as San Francisco played host to a meeting charged with writing a charter for a world organization in which no distinctions were to be recognized among races, colors and creeds.

By the end of April the number of Japanese American "incidentals" — shootings, dynamiting, fires and posting of "No Japs" signs at three West Coast cities had risen to fifty-nine. All of the nine occurring in April were concentrated in California, where newspapers received many letters from readers protesting against the acquittal of the other day of three persons at Auburn charged with arson and illegal use of explosives in terror raids against a returned evacuee family in January.

Not long before the United reported to police that someone had thrown a large rock through the front-door window of his home around midnight. A police investigation is under way.

Nations Conference opened, Attorney General Robert Kenney of California addressed the Sheriffs of all of the State's counties in an effort to stiffen their backs against countenancing mistreatment of Japanese American citizens. Since then he has had to send special agents to at least one county to see that the local authorities act.

In April the Committee sponsored a forum on family relocation problems at which WRA representatives explained the services available to residents from WRA and cooperating agencies. The Committee recently distributed at the centers a special "Welcome to Philadelphia" edition of "Penn Notes" which included a section in Japanese prepared by a local Isei sub-committee.

The Committee raised some \$250 for the American Red Cross at a recent dance, and members have also participated in war bonds and bond drives.

Tule Lake: Ichiro Hisagawa, co-editor, "Penn Notes."

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Manzanar Light Levy Suit Asked

SACRAMENTO, — Suit against the Federal War Relocation Authority for collection of \$143,212 for electric service at Manzanar was requested of the City Attorney by the Water and Power Commission this week. The amount covers service to the water since it was established early in 1942 up to the end of last month.

A compromise offer to pay \$100,000 was refused by the commission, which contended that the authority asked for had been using the service under existing rates in the valley system.

Charles DeCosta of Auburn County, was elected president. Other officers are J. M. Inman of Sacramento, vice president; Mary Miller of Auburn secretary; and Dr. George F. Board of Sacramento, treasurer.

A constitutional bylaws were adopted. The bylaws include re-

Church Bulletin

California Street Community Church
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Nisei Committee Aids Resettlers And Organizes in Philadelphia

PHILADELPHIA, — The local Nisei Steering Committee which was organized in June 1944 as a temporary group, voted at a recent meeting to continue as a permanent organization designed to aid Isei and Nisei resettlers in carrying out their relocation problems and in taking their place in the community life of Philadelphia.

Lafayette Noda, formerly of Granada, has been chairman of the Committee since its organization. Ms. Noda also represents the Nisei group on the local Citizens' Advisory Committee. Other officers are Yia Akiyoshi, Tapaz, vice chairman; Koshi Kojima, Minidoka, treasurer; and Mariko Ozaki, Minidoka, secretary. Ms. Akiyoshi is also a representative on the board of the Philadelphia Hostel.

The following Nisei from the centers indicated are also active members of the Committee:

Hart Mountain: Yoneko Yamane, co-editor, "Penn Notes," the Committee's monthly newsletter, and representative on the board of the Philadelphia Hostel; and Fuji Fujikawa, representative to the Philadelphia Young Persons Recreation Committee.

Rutherford Graye Kaneda, chairman, social committee; and Hiroshi Ueyama, who is preparing for the Committee a resettlers' guide to Philadelphia.

Poston: Jack Fujiki and Shig Yamada, in charge of dances; and Chieko Shigeoka, representative to the Inter-Club Council of International Institute.

Tule Lake: Ichiro Hisagawa, co-editor, "Penn Notes."

Two local non-evacuees, Geo. Sakai and Koshi Miyasaka, are

likewise active members of the Committee. Mr. Sakai is the representative for relocation and housing to the American Friends Service Committee, and Mr. Miyasaka is the Committee's adviser to the Nisei High School Group.

Activities of the Nisei Steering Committee have included meeting newcomers at trains and helping them to get acquainted with Philadelphia; arranging teas for Isei and parties for Nisei at the hostel; holding dances and forums; and arranging schools for meetings and picnics.

On May 6 the Committee and the local Young Friends Group sponsored a picnic on the grounds of the Friends Central School in the outskirts of Philadelphia which was attended by about 150 people, including Sano and their friends. Miss Fuji Fujikawa of Hart Mountain was in charge of arrangements for the Nisei Committee.

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ATTENTION Women Bowlers!

A \$25 War Bond is at stake for the winner of the Women's Singles. If you don't win first prize, you can still place second or third for the "pot" money. Place your entry with George Shioya or Rosa Higgins before noon, Sunday at the Recreation Bowl Alley.

The entry fee will be \$1.50 and the Tournament will begin promptly at 12:30 p.m.

You may also enter in the Mixed Doubles which will start at 8:30 p.m. Sunday night but select your own partner.

BASEBALL TOMORROW!

The Nisei Baseball team will play Lowry Field, Section K, at 16th and Columbine Streets at 3 p.m. tomorrow, Sunday.

This game is in preparation for entry in the Metropolitan League (formerly the City League).

Anyone interested is welcome to try out with the team at this time. Please bring equipment.

For further information call Jim Uyeda at MA 9373 or Jim Yanari at KE 3671.

fusal to sell, rent or lease land or property to Japanese returning to the Pacific Coast from war relocation camps; compensation to be made by Japanese and the federal government; and amendment to state statutes to authorize such construction.

Dr. Beard said Mrs. Earl Lkins and Ray Dore of Auburn and Roy Cohn of Sacramento addressed the group.

The meeting was delayed in starting when officers asked for credentials from a newspaper reporter and asked Henry T. Tyler, vice president of the Sacramento College, and Mrs. Lorraine Todd of Sacramento, who are non members, to leave because the meeting was organizational.

Tyler pointed out the meeting was held in a public hall and they were allowed to remain.

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