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## SALINAS SENIORS RECEIVE DIPLOMAS IN IMPRESSIVE CEREMONIES HELD MONDAY AFTERNOON

With dreams in their eyes, unafraid, forty-two young high school seniors were graduated in an impressive commencement exercises at the Reception Hall of this Center Monday afternoon.

The Reception Hall was beautifully decorated with flowers. The Stars and Stripes in the background added the patriotic motif.

Following the processional played by Gladys Onoye on the piano, the national anthem was sung by the graduates and the audience. Rev. K. Noji led in the invocation. Uta Shimotsuka, a graduate, rendered "God Bless America" accompanied by Miss Onoye.

Dr. Harry Kita, chairman, gave the introductory remarks and introduced Miss G. N. Waterman who presented gold pins to Wilbert Iwami and George Kono, seal-bearers of the California Scholarship Federation Chapter 87.

Nelson B. Sewell, principal of the Salinas High School, spoke to the graduating class. "Give me men to match the mountains" was the theme of his inspiring address. He told the graduating class to look forward to the future with renewed faith, strength and confidence in the tomorrows to come, a time during

which the graduates could give their best to this country in the hope that she could have men and women to represent the mountains of this state.

The graduates wore purple and cream colored cap and gowns with purple and gold tassels of school colors. Mr. N. Sewell presented the diplomas assisted by Miss Virginia Jones who distributed the annuals. The class sang their school hymn after which the audience joined in the singing of "America." The benediction was pronounced by Rev. Noji.

Diplomas were presented to Masako Deguchi, Kazuo Endo, William Hada, Osamu Hayashi, Tadao Hayashi, Hiroshi Hori, Riyoko Ichikawa, Tom Tani, Wilbert Iwami, Gayle Iwashige, Shirley Iyama, Sayoko Hobara, Mariko Kondo, George Kono, Fujio Kuwano, Katsumi Maruyama, Haru Masuda, Mitsuko Miyanaaga, Haruto Mukai, Kenneth Nakano, Tony Nakazaki, Fuji Nishi, Masaki Oka, Esther Onoye, Sally Oshita, Yuriko Sagara, Sam Sakoda, Kuniko Sasao, Uta Shimotsuka, Tommy Shinn, Sumiko Shiratsuki, Goro Takeshita, Tsutako Taniguchi, Sakee Tanimura, Ruby Terao, Toshio Tokiwa, Any Tsukamoto, Utako Yamagami, Fuku Yokoyama, Chiyeo Yonemoto, Jimmie Yonemoto and Patricia Yoshida.

## PARTING TO BE PRESENTED TO SCHOOL

May Tsukamoto, a junior student of the Salinas High School, presented an oil painting, EDUCATION, to the high school.

The painting is now on exhibit in the Center Library. The young artist's gift was also exhibited at the commencement exercises held at the Reception Hall on Monday afternoon.

The Salinas High School tower is featured in the foreground with the symbolic cowboy on a bronco. The background of the painting is highlighted with a boy and a girl graduate in cap and gown and a

vision of the future of the high school graduates in the field of business, science, health, medicine, aviation, in the fighting forces and on the farm.

## SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP ROLL

Seniors of the Salinas graduating roll who were included in the California Scholarship Federation Chapter were: Wilbert Iwami, 8 semesters; George Kono, 7; Ani Tsukamoto, 5; Fuku Yokoyama, 5; Ayako Ide, 4; Sayoko Kobara, 4 semesters and Fuji Nishi, 4 semesters.

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RECEPTION HELD FOR GRADS

Starry-eyed graduates and their dates swayed to the strains of the nation's top name bands via recordings Monday evening on the smooth floor of the Reception Hall to celebrate their graduation.

The party included games along with dancing, and refreshments were served to complete the affair. A wonderful time was had by all who attended. Chap-erones were heads of the Recreation Department.

The senior class committee, under the supervision of Mr. Lindsley Lueddcke, responsible for the plans of both the commencement exercises and the social were Tony Nakazaki, Uta Shimotsuka, Isamu Sakoda, E mi Tsukamoto, George Kono and Fuku Yokoyama.

NURSERY CLASS ENROLLMENT INCREASED

"All's right in the Nursery!" declared Miss Helen Aihara, supervisor. The second week of the Nursery School found the group a larger family with 68 more children enrolled. This brings their total enrollment to 128.

The two afternoon groups follow a different schedule than the morning groups. These children arrive after 1 o'clock. The children prepare for a rest period during which time many of them sleep for an hour. After rest, the children wear their shoes and are given their milk or fruit juice. This is followed by play out-of-doors, music indoors, or quiet work at the tables.

The day is over at the school for the children after 3:30 o'clock.

CENTER DANCE TO BE HELD SUNDAY NIGHT

The Recreation Department announced that there will be a dance social at Building 95, Sunday night, from 7:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Music will be from electric phonograph according to the committee and everyone is welcome.

ART EXHIBIT ACCLAIMED

Art lovers hold sway this week at the Novel Hovel where oil and watercolor paintings, drawing and photographs are being exhibited by the Center Artists.

The exhibit is highlighted by Kay Tsukamoto's montage of the local high school, which is to be donated to the school. The display was well repayed by the favorable comments by the public.

The following artists have been commended for their work: Robert Kitaji, Jayne Miyake, Gus Nakagawa, Michi Haya-shi, Kate Watanabe, Dora Nakamura, Harry Yoshizumi, Yukio Ide, Takeo Isobe, M a y Tsukamoto, H. Ichikawa, Fumiye Takamoto, Junichi Takamoto, I. Deguchi, Yuri Nishi.

Those who contributed to the success of the exhibit included Kate Watanabe, Gus Nakagawa, Takeo Isobe, Michi Haya-shi, Harry Yoshizumi, Yuiko Ide, Mr. Aihara, Mr. K. Nakamura, Yuri Nishi and Shig Hiraki.

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NOTES FROM THE "NOVEL HOVEL" ... by f.k.

The collection of books, like Topsy, are just growing and growing. Non-fiction books in greater variety are now available for the "broad 'a' reader."

"Ashes to ashes, dust to dust, to Arizona, go we must." With that in mind the map of Arizona is tasting the thumb of many Center Residents this week. At last the Atlas gets its map in the public eye.

Night library hours, 6:45 to 10:00 p.m. have been arranged for those who are unable to visit and make full use of the facilities during the day time.

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LOST AND FOUND ARTICLES ...

All articles in the Lost and Found Department of the Interior Guard Office should be claimed immediately, it was announced by the Guard Office.

"Please claim before the evacuation to relocation site begins."

RELOCATION PLANS BEING MADE

Following are the excerpts from a letter regarding the transfer of the residents from the Salinas Assembly Center to the Parker Relocation area:

"It is planned that the evacuees will proceed at the rate of 500 per day together with their baggage and personal effects which may now be in your Center." Commencing date for transfer from the Salinas Assembly Center will be June 24. It will be necessary for the Administration to know the estimated cubic footage of baggage and all family heads should be prepared to give this information when requested of them.

Special attention and care will be given those who are in need in order that there should be no hardship during the trip.

All personal baggage will be taken on the same train with each family, and other baggage will be forwarded to the relocation project in freight cars.

CRAFT WORKSHOP UNEARTHES TALENTS

Thirty-five interested members attended the opening of the Art Workshop which opened Tuesday evening in the Library Center.

The supply tables were loaded with all types of goods to which everyone was invited to help themselves to make whatever they felt inspired to make with the materials at hand.

Some hammers rang out and much gay banter filled the air as everyone busied themselves in making hobby-shelves, name pins, crepe paper flowers, rag dolls, lapel ornaments and other "what-nots."

One of the popular "corners" was Nori Tsuzaki's wood-carving and chain-making nook.

Attendants are present to help those who need assistance, but in many cases the clever members help one another and as a result many unexpected objects of art have been created at the first meeting night. The materials available at the craft workshop is an unspoken testimony to the existence of many friends outside of the Center who want to help the residents.

BETWEEN the BARRACKS

Add Signs: Kodani's "Dew Drop Inn" ....  
Kamimoto's "Seventh Heaven" .... Endo's  
"Bunkers' Inn" .... Lloyd Urabe's "Razor  
and Clipper Inn."

First home-grown vegetable from the Endo's victory garden gave their neighbors a taste of pickled "napa."

The cunning autographed and decorative -- mail box at Nakamura's in "Durance Villa" is getting its share of compliments.

Alice Abe and her "Extinguishers" including the Chief "Extinguisher", Earl C. Pierson, moved to their new quarters near the eucalyptus grove Thursday afternoon.

SINGSPIRATION FEATURED SOCIAL HOUR

Participants who enjoyed the weekly Singspiration held Friday night at Barrack 33 will be glad to know that the building is still intact.

More than 200 young people enjoyed Mr. Gustavus Schneider's social fellowship which followed the "Sing" period. Miss Gladys Onoye was the piano accompanist. Mr. Schneider led the song service and promised to be present at the final Singspiration to be held next Friday on June 19.

Aiding in the program were the Masui sisters, Marianna and Grace in two vocal numbers accompanied by Sam Ogawa on his guitar. Doris Arita and James Hirokawa played two flute arrangements accompanied on the piano by Virginia Sakata.

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# SPORTS

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National League	W	L
Interior Guards	3	0
Field Office	2	0
Skill Crew	1	0
Recreational	1	2
Transportation	0	1
Doughboys	0	2
Center Building	0	2

Softball Standings	W	L	T
American League	1	0	1
Laborers	2	1	
Carpenters	1	1	
Administration	1	1	
Infirmary	1	1	
Firemen	1	1	
Warehouse	1	1	
Old Timers	0	2	

Kitchen League	W	L	T
Swing	2	0	1
A	2	0	1
B	2	1	1
E	1	2	1
F	1	2	1
G	1	1	1
H	0	2	1

SOFTBALL landed in the limelight as the outstanding attraction as 21 teams composed of over 200 players answered the call of Umpires' Porky Takata, Joe Oshita and staff of "Play Ball!"

In the National games the favored Guards ran true to predictions, chalking up three wins without a setback to lead the race. Nob Morimoto, aided by some heavy hitting by teammates, defeated the PK 9-3; Doughboys 14-3 and Recreational 2-1 in a thriller. Trailing them are Tar Shirachi's Field Office ten with win over Recreational 5-4 and Transportation 15-5. Skill Crew, boasting the services of ace hurler, Lindy Koga, hurdled their first obstacle by downing the Doughboys 6-3. Recreational, featuring 6 triplet by Takeshita, Tsuda, Wakayama (2) and Mine (2), scored a 9-3 victory over the PK team.

In the American the Laborers hold a slim lead over the Carpenters by virtue of their 5-4 win over the Firemen and a 16-16 tie with the Warehouse. The Carpenters after dropping a 2-1 opener to the Administration trounced the Old Timers 16-0 and eked out a 13-11 overtime against the Warehouse. Other winners were Warehouse 19, Old Timers 7; Firemen 14, Infirmary 15; and Clinic 5, Administration 4.

The surprising Swingsters lead in the second round of the Kitchen class by downing C, 10-1 and E, 4-1. Swing's Omoto has been chucking brilliantly, just missing a shutout against E. After a 2-1 setback by A, B won over F, 11-8 and H 10-6 to remain in second place with A. Last Sunday B defeated the Swing Crew in a playoff for runner-up in the first round schedule.

George Nagano, PK's buckshort, leads the National batters with a perfect 3 for 3 in two games, followed by field Office's chunky centerfielder, Charles Onoye with 5 safeties in 6 tries. Other leading hitters are Endo (FO) .625, S. Morimune (G) .571, Shirachi (FO), Waka-yama (Rec) and Mine (Rec) each with .500. In the American Sakoda (WH), Hori (L), Iwami (C) and Yuhora (F) are tied with 1667. Nishioka (L) .625, Kobara (L) .600 Sora (F) .556, Takata (WH) .556 and Hira-bayashi (WH) and Abe (A) each with .500 follow.

## GIRLS VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE

In the girls' twilight volley ball league the Sisterettes proved too much as they trounced the Nursemaids 15-5 and 15-2 in a league opener Wednesday night.

Thursday the Panhandlers won a "two out of three" thriller from the Office Girls, score being 15-6, 4-15 and 15-13.

A Kitchen Volley ball league for the girls started Friday with the completion of a new schedule. Teams entered are -- Kitchens A, D, G and H.

## WRESTLING

The Center's first sumo tournament last Sunday afternoon attracted a large crowd and this Sunday a program is expected to be even greater. The top ranking performers and results were reported as follow:

R. Oyama (East) v. R. Nakamura (West); Toyo Hisatomu (East) vs. Shiraito (West); both draws.

Genkainada won over Sasshusan.

"Sumo" tournament is even popular among the youngsters who hold sway on Saturdays.