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POSTON I JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

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KNOW YOUR CANDIDATES

We hope you will know the following students who are candidates for the Junior High Student Body election better after reading these articles about them.

Goro Fujii is candidate for president. This brainstorm hails from Bakersfield, where he was president of his class. Not only is he known for brains, but also for personality. In his leisure time he's a bookworm.

Hideo Kawanami is a bright, eligible candidate for the office of president. He hails from Calexico. There's no question of his ability, for he's held the office of president and vice president at the Rockwood Jr. Hi. He is the best student in the 8th grade at 39-A.

Running for the office of vice president is popular Paul Chicosisa. Formerly from Wilson Jr. High School in El Centro where he has held many offices, he is well known for his brains. One sure thing is he could take the responsibility of this office.

Friendly Lincoln Shimomura, running for the office of vice president, likes English and history. In 8th grader at 32A he's an excellent clarinet player. He is very dependable; good-humored and very cheerful all the time.

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ANNUAL JUNIOR HIGH

ELECTION ON MAY 28, 1943

The much awaited Jr. Hi school election will commence on May 28, 1943 in the morning at the Block 4 stage, where the candidates will make their campaign speeches. The offices are pres.,

FRESH PARTY A SUCCESS

The last Freshman social was enjoyed by 95 students and teachers at Mess Hall 13 on Friday night.

The evening opened with games conducted by Connie Nakagawa and later the teachers were introduced by Sam Iatanaka, the emcee for the evening. The teachers enjoyed the party as well as the students. The program of "Truth or Consequences" was carried on with Martha Takanabe as chairman. Refreshments were served and the dance proceeded until 11 o'clock.

There were no party crashers who got past the door. The success of the party was due to Haru Fujii and her committees.

Funny mishaps of the party: As Mr. Fujii entered, he was mistaken as a student and to the utter amazement of Miss Backus he was a teacher...but how can you blame her? Did you hear the story that Dr. Harris was chased by a ... Well, the story goes - Smiley Nail blindfolded was chasing Dr. Harris by mistake with a wa of paper and he was lucky to

v. pres., sec., treas., song leader, yell leader, historian and boys and girls' athletic mgr. This is the first annual election to be held in Poston I for the Jr. Hi. Student Body. Let's all cooperate by turning out at Block 4 stage on May 28 and by supporting our candidates. The election will be held in the core and home room.

LET'S NAME OUR PAPER

Our long awaited paper is out at last, and now our next problem is to name it. To do this, the journalism class is holding a contest in order to allow everyone to have a chance to make suggestions. The deadline for names will be Tuesday, May 25. Originality in names is important. Please put your suggestions in either Miss Backus' or Miss Wood's box in the H. S. office. The class in journalism will announce the best name in the next issue of the paper. Come on, gang, get your thinking caps on! And, remember, there's to be a prize! But don't ask us what it is, because we won't tell. to turn around in time to move-if he hadn't??

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POSTON JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL STARTS NEWSPAPER

At last! Our own Poston I Junior High School paper! After much delay and waiting a journalism class has been organized to form the staff of this paper. This paper is to be for the sole purpose of serving the Junior High School by presenting news of interest to every one. The staff is made up of members of the seventh, eighth and ninth grades. The staff promises to bring the news to you as quickly as possible with the help of Miss Backus, Miss Wood and you students.

In every way the whole-hearted cooperation of the students will be needed to carry on this paper. The help of each and every one of you is now needed to name our paper. So, get your brains working! This is one way you can show your loyalty to our school.

One of the purposes of this paper will be to help create a spirit of unity within our school in cooperation with the Student Council. Let's all pitch in and do our best to develop this spirit among us! Do this and we'll have a school to be proud of! Let's show Poston what the Junior High School can really do!

Emiko Kozuma

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Margaret Murakami is running for the office of secretary. She's one of the brainstorms of 32-B from our 7th grade. At writing minutes she's a wizard. Margaret is from Boyle Heights, L. A. Her height is 5 ft., 1 in. She loves to read and also play the piano.

Atsushi Miyamoto was born on May 7, 1929. He's from Brawley, where he held the office of president. There's no question about his honesty, an important quality for a treasurer and who's candidate for we know he's the brains of the 8th grade class at Block 39.

Betty Ochiyo, a cute girl from Block 21, is running for the office of treasurer. 13 years old, 5' 2" tall and weighing 100 lbs., she

loves sports. She went to S. R. Fitz Jr. Hi in Garden Grove. Betty's ambition is to be a secretary.

A capable girl for Junior High treasurer is Mary Jane Ymato. She is in the 7th grade and is from Stevenson Jr. High in Los Angeles. She has been president, secretary and representative to the Council. Favorite pastimes are playing the piano and reading. Just rounded up some news on Dorothy Hiura, a cute little 7th grader, who's candidate for girls' athletic manager. She's from Watsonville. Also collected from gossip, she's 12-year-old dynamite at sports. She's a little shy, but Dorothy's just the girl to put "zip" into our sports.

INDIANA ALBUMS ARRIVE AT 14-A

Two interesting albums were received on Tuesday by the 9th grade P.M. classes of 16-A, in exchange for the Red Cross albums compiled by these classes. The senders were the freshman classes of Tipton and Wabash Hi in Indiana.

Both albums included introductory letters. Essays, in the form of letters explained various school and community activities, and included group and campus photographs.

GIRL SCOUT NEWS

The newly organized Girls Scouts of Poston I are planning to go camping to the Colorado River for the weekend.

DEPARTURE

Helen Yasuko Kamatani of Blk. 43 is leaving Poston to join her father in Texas. Helen, a student at Blk. 39, expects to leave on Thursday, May 20.

Lily Ikeda, a candidate for the office of song leader, has a long musical background since she was 4 years old. The first musical instrument she learned to play was harmonica. She is 5' 3" tall, is rarely without pigtails, talks in a loud, pleasant voice.

Frances Tashima, 7th grader, is running for song leader. She is 13 years old, slender and formerly from Los Angeles. Hobbies are sports, piano and singing; she has a sweet soprano voice. In L. A. she held office as secretary, bell monitor and cafeteria worker. At school she was in the choir and led songs. She also sings in the choir at church now-a-days.



Christmas

Camp 3 School
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THIS EDITION IS DEDICATED
TO
THE POSTON III FACULTY

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We would like to take this opportunity in conveying our thanks to all those who contributed toward making this publication possible. Especially are we grateful to the local PRESS BULLETIN staff for their generosity in permitting us to use the guides, stylus and other necessary equipments. Were it not for the fine co-operation and interest shown by all of you, this edition may only have been a dream. Our only regret is that due to the lack of space, we were forced to withhold many excellent literary contributions. May we again ask for your aid in the future.....Thank you.

-- THE STAFF

NEWS

PRINCIPALS

MESSAGE:

Here at this Christmas season we find ourselves in a new situation unlike any that we have experienced before. This situation produces new things; produces sensations, emotions, ideas, where none existed; produces new mental states as time passes. And with these it produces new methods of action.

The laws of action, the laws of motion, we conclude, are different when specified mental states are present, as compared with the method of action when those mental states are not present or when other mental states are present.

It is therefore of utmost importance that we devote a part of this holiday season to the taking of an inventory of our own mental states. What is the direction in which our attitudes on personal, community, and social problems are leading us? Are we coming to a fuller realization of the realities of life? Are we acquiring the wisdom which accepts the principle that "half a loaf is better than none"? Are we learning to think our problems through until we can state them clearly? After we are fully aware of the nature of our problems, do we seek to discover from our own past experience and from the experience of others the types of action which are likely to provide the most satisfactory solution to our group or personal problems? When we have decided upon in course of action which seems to offer prospects of a solution of our problem, are we sufficiently practical to carry our planning into action? Are we examining the results of our actions so that we may plan more successfully in the future?

If we are doing these things, then we are certainly keeping the Christmas spirit alive, for we will be leaving our community and perhaps the world a better place for you having lived in it.

-- CHESTER A. POTTS

THE SPIRIT REIGNS

I am not so very pious
And many times I doubt
Things that I'm told I should believe--
Things that are preached about.

But when the Christmas season comes
I lay my doubts aside;
Good will and love of fellow men
And cheer in me abide.

And while the Yuletide bells resound
The season's message bringing,
I join with those of greater faith
God's name and praised singing.

--Mrs. McNulty

DESERT HOLLY

Like silver, desert holly
Bursts forth at Christmas time.
And all its leaves with many points
Say, "Trust and Sing and Shine."

--Miss Waterman

THE FIRST TIME I SAW POSTON

The first time I saw Poston,
Her skies with dust were gray;
I felt the throbbing of her heart,
In every face that day.

The first time I saw Poston,
The earth was bare and brown;
Upon the ugly barracks roofs,
The blazing sun beat down.

I missed the dear old pleasures,
That I had known for years;
The clanging of the mess hall gone,
Near threw me into tears.

The first time I saw Poston,
Her skies with dust were gray;
No matter how they change her,
I'll remember her that way.

--Mrs. Robertson

DRESSING THE TREE oooooo

"Try the lights." "Whew! My, but it's pretty!"

Our Christmas tree was standing so proud with its beautiful coat of silver tinsel. The bright, shiny, new blue and silver balls showed our expressions of delight and happiness. The tree was smiling and looking warm from the lights within the branches.

After supper when the dishes are put away, we are ready to dress the tree. Father had taken his time to find this grand looking tree and had put it on a good, firm base. First of all, I covered the bottom with soft, snowy cotton. Mother has gone to bring out the new ornaments we bought during our Christmas shopping. My youngest brother has already fixed up all the electric appliances. Mother and father leave, and we plan to surprise them with a beautifully decorated tree when they return. I begin with the silver tinsels. I hang them carefully on every branch, so that the whole tree is covered with long shimmery, icicle like ribbons. Brother is now anxious to hang the ornaments. We had picked for this year, all blue and silver ones, ranging in all sizes from that of an apricot to an orange. "Be careful!" "One over on that branch." "Does this one look all right here?" "Put that large one there." So, one after another, they are carefully tied on to the branches. With the weight of them, the branches now hang beautifully, as the ones in pictures covered with snow. We laugh and make weird expressions on the brilliant balls. "It's the best looking tree so far!"

"Try the lights."

There stands our tree, all shimmery and sparkling to greet everyone. Mother and father explain, "Whew! My, but it's pretty! We had done a good job of dressing the tree."

Yuriko Yamada



Season's

GREETINGS

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HAPPINESS ON CHRISTMAS

Masakazu Konatsu

"A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!" This is the Christmas motto known all over the Christian world. Friends, relatives and strangers greet one another every year in December. But can this be a Merry Christmas in time of war? Yes, it can if everyone takes time out and reflects upon what Christmas means. This year Christmas can be just as happy and beautiful as always. Celebrating Christmas with feast and decorations is not a real Christmas, because Christmas cannot be celebrated by just decorating a tree and having a big feast. It is the anniversary of the day when our Christ was born, the one who brought happiness and good tidings.

Our President has said, "This year Christmas will be a holiday for all. We will all take time out for this Christmas even though a war is raging the world." Christmas will be really celebrated with all good wishes and good tidings and the thoughtfulness and unselfishness that belong to our happiest holiday.

CALIFORNIA CHRISTMAS

Christmas season has robbed the bank;
All the trees
Like a fashion show, dancing
Each bower and leaves
Are pouring out golden showers.

Christmas season has robbed the bank:
The silver raindrops
Falling softly o'er hills and vales
Are silver bars gleam
Like glittering coin on the stream.

--Mary Takasaki

CHRISTMAS SPIRITooo

Christmas means more than the wrapping of packages, the lighting of Christmas candles and the trimming of a tree. It is the time of the year when kindness reaches out. At Christmas we catch the spirit that was meant to endure all through the ages. People are nicer at Christmas time than at any other time of the year. Impatience is forgotten; instead we have a smile, a friendly word, kindness to old friends and those in trouble, so that the harvest of the Christmas spirit is thoughtfulness and consideration for others. Instead of relaxing friendliness after Christmas, we should extend the same festive spirit throughout the year and go out of our way to ask friends to our homes. We may not know it, but they maybe lonely. Sing together these joyous songs, the Christmas carols, make merry and let the spirit of Christmas ring out.

--Yasu Kay Tashiro

CHRISTMAS IN DECEMBER

Christmas in December
Is something to remember
Everyone that's in Poston
Is up and really hopin'

The bazaar was a real sensation
For those who I won't mention
It brought in a lot of money
To buy a lot of toys and honey

Christmas in Poston may be sad
But I don't think it'll be that bad
Since we're in here for a cause
All the kids will be glad to see-- SANTA CLAUS.

- Frank Watanabe

CHRISTMAS IN POSTON

Christmas, with the thought of peace
Helps us to celebrate;
A drowsy warmth in all our shacks
A gladness with no hate.

Faith from eyes of children,
That somewhere softly sleep,
Makes Christmas here a merry one,
For faith the people keep.

Beneath an arc of starlight,
Sheltered by One above,
We waited and work and also pray,
For a merry Christmas in God's love.

- Fumio Hashimoto

YULETIDE



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mas is celebrated

as the anniversary of
the birth of Christ and

December twenty-fifth is

marked for special services in
various churches. For many years

Christmas has been cele-

brated throughout this coun-

try. Huge Christmas trees are

set up in the streets and homes,

decorated with brilliant lights, glit-

tering like stars; adorned with large shiny

ornaments and popcorn and nuts strung together
and placed on the branches of the tree. On

Christmas Eve familiar hymns

and Christmas Carols mingle with

the jingling of Santa's bells

heard way off in the distance. Large,

red-orange holly-berries and poinsettias

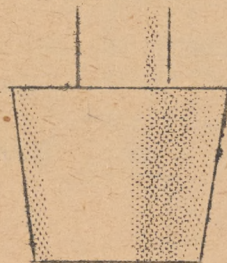
decorate the various windows and door

while candlelight twinkles gayly in the win-

dows. The shadow which surrounds Christmas Eve

seems to be dancing, keeping time with the soft
flowing music which fills the air about us.

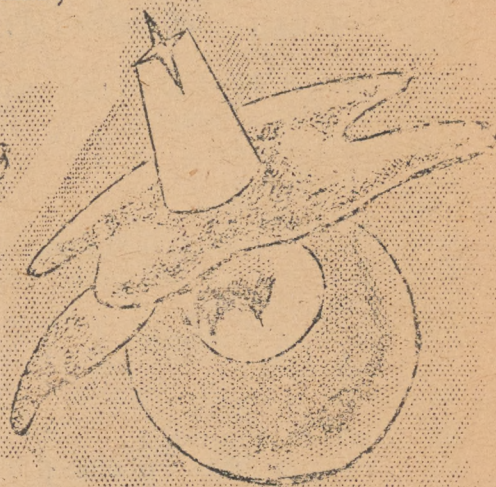
—Yoshiko Sakai



°A THOUGHT FOR XMAS°°

A bright light streaked across the starry skies and was lost. The glittering stars, like some precious pieces of gem, lay scattered in the dark meadows of heaven. It was a beautiful, serene night in December. Once long ago a bright star had shone in the eastern skies guiding and leading the Three Wise Men to Bethlehem where Jesus was born. The world was in turmoil then, and God had sent Him to bring peace and good will towards all men. Jesus not only brought happiness to the poor, weak, and oppressed, but also to the countless millions who followed His footsteps of righteousness. Seeds of love and kindness were sown replacing weeds of hatred and greed that had sprang up from the dark earth. Happiness and contentment were found by giving happiness to others. The stars looked on and watched the ever changing world of greed, hatred, and sorrow. Today, on a sad Christmas, the stars are shining on the troubled surfaces of this earth man kind has forgotten that once long ago a bright star shone. Its rays of righteous teaching were once brightly glowing in the hearts of all Christians. May that eternal light of Peace and Justice brighten the dark skies of tomorrow.

--Lily Nakagawa



CHRISTMAS

When Christmas time is about to come
And your buying is all done
There's nothing to do but sit and wait
And let your presents reciprocate.

When all your tree is nice and full
And under the tree sits your little bull
Never fret of his running away
Cause he's a present and there to stay.

When Christmas time has come and past
And wish your presents wouldn't last
Then is the time to put them away
To bring them out some other day.

--Chester Kaneyuki

CHRISTMAS DAY

A wondrous day,
A day of cheer and goodwill.
His day!
The day our Lord Almighty came to earth
A stable born was he,
A son of Peace-
Light of the blind.
Peace and joy
Ours that's today shall be,
For him who came to save
This land of sin.
Our gifts of prayer
Shall we give;
To live this day
Of glorious blessing.
--Nancy Chihoko Ozaki

ONCE A YEAR

Christmas comes
But once a year.
When it comes,
We will be here.
It's not good
As the last one.
But it will
Do, till we've won.
- Nobuyuki Nakamura

NEW YEAR

December, the twentieth marked the day in which all our lives were to be changed. There were fears of going to town. Fears that some one would harm us to get revenge for what had happened. Yet Mother and Dad were dead set on planning the usual New Year's celebration because this was our first New Year in our new home just bought six months before. The reason why New Year means so much to us is this:

This day is the greatest holiday of the Japanese. On this day special foods are eaten and the first meal of the day is a great event. Every member of the family must be at the table for this breakfast. The special dish is a sort of broth containing a rice-cake or mochi, rice and vegetables. Many other foods are served, including carp, because of the energy and determination of this fish in surmounting obstacles, black peas, because of the Japanese word meaning "robust"; chestnuts, deliciously cooked, in order that success may come to one, inasmuch as part of the written character for chestnut means "mastery". It is a custom to eat at every house you enter. This is the only time when everyone's table is colorfully decorated and all the best foods served.

Our table decorations always include a few leaves, an orange and a long, strong, and prosperous life. The fern, with its multiplicity of leaves, suggests an expanding good fortune throughout the year; the orange, has the same pronunciation as the Chinese word signifying generation to generation"; so it is included for good wishes; the lobster is supposed to suggest old age because of its curved back. Since the lobster's back is bent when it is young, this symbol expresses a special wish; though old age's back may be bent, the spirit in the worn body may remain young.

The first two or three days of the New Year we are given full freedom in which we may do as we please. We not only celebrate it in a Japanese way but mix in American custom as well. Many young people go to midnight shows or dances, and celebrate the dawn of the New Year in the traditional American fashion.

-- Hisako Azuma

SEASON'S GREETINGS
from the

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