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PLAY OFF DATE NEAR

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REVEREND AKAHOSHI REFUSED PAROLE

A telegram was received by Mrs. Akahoshi of 15-12-D from her husband, Reverend Shingetsu Akahoshi, now detained at Santo Fe Detention Station, stating that the Attorney General had continued his status as enternee despite the petitions sent to Washington by the Rohwer Buk-Kyo-Kai and YBA members requesting his release. He also notified that the Immigration authority has ordered him to Tulalake, and he expected to be transferred soon.

It had been hoped that if he could obtain his parole, he would be able to take up duties as Reverend

in this center to offset the grave shortage of Buddhist reverends here.

In a letter that followed the telegram, Reverend Akahoshi wrote, "I regret very much that I can not comply with the request of the church members, but I will remember the kindness shown to me and my family forever."

DANCE NEAR

A news that comes sweetly to our ears at this time is the contemplation of a Victory Social to be held soon after the completion of the tournament.

With the first playoff of the 1944 YBA Casaba Tournament scheduled for the weekend of February 12-13, all plans are advancing according to schedule, announced Sanji Fukuyama, tournament chairman. If it is necessary to continue the games further to include all the plays, the match will be fought again on the following weekend.

As this goes to press, (Saturday morning) there are six teams entered; namely: the Yellow Ghosts, Block 19 Blue Streaks, Yanks, Mutineers, Stockton Cardinals, and the latest team to sign up, the Asahis. However, there are more teams expected to sign up before the deadline today.

As announced in the Out-Post, there will be an entry fee of 10 cents per player, and the maximum players for each team will be limited to 10 persons.

GATHA BOOKS

A limited number of the book "Buddhist Gathas and Ceremonies" are now available at the church office. This book contains model programs for different ceremonies such as Sunday services, general gathering, initiation, marriage, funeral, memorial, and many others. A large portion of it is devoted to the history of Buddhism written in a simple, easy-to-read way that is both interesting and instructional. It also carries a very complete list of gathas.

The price of the book is 75 cents. As much of the future services will be based on this book, every one should buy one now.

ORATORY CONTEST

The Second Annual Oratorical Exhibition will be sponsored by the Rohwer YBA in the very near future.

Plans are still in its embryo stage, but all expectant contestants are given a hint to start loosening up their vocal cords.

GUESTS WELCOMED

With the Sunday School staff playing hostess, the YBA entertained three Denson Busses, Misses. Fusako Matsui, Grace Nishi, and Sumiko Tsuji, during their visit here last Honko weekend. On Sunday evening the staff and their guests had an hilarious get-together at block 34 where they enjoyed an evening of games, stories, and refreshments.

Those attending were: Agnes Hayashino, Aya Hayashi, Bernice Matsumoto, Chieko Hattori, Edith Chikaraishi, Elso Ito, June Utsumi, Mary Wakai, Mitzie Matsuhiro, Mitzie Nishimura, Meri Okamoto, Nellie Otsuka, Shigeru Fujimura, Mas Wakai, Kenneth Saga, and the Denson guests.

RED CROSS WORK

Answering a call from the Rohwer Red Cross for voluntary Red Cross work, Elso Ito, Women's Vice President will organize a group of 25 to 30 girls to roll bandages for our center hospital.

The tentative date for the service has been set as February 9th at block 34 from 7:00 PM. Any person who is free that evening is requested to aid a worthy cause.

SUPERINTENDENT LEAVES

Agnes Uyesugi, Sunday School Superintendent for PS Hall 28, left for Chicago early Friday morning. She expects to be back in a few month.

OFFICE ESTABLISHED

All Busses are reminded that there is a church office in existence. It is located at 28-8-D. Arrangements for funerals and marriages, as well as memorials, YBA reports, and all other church problems will

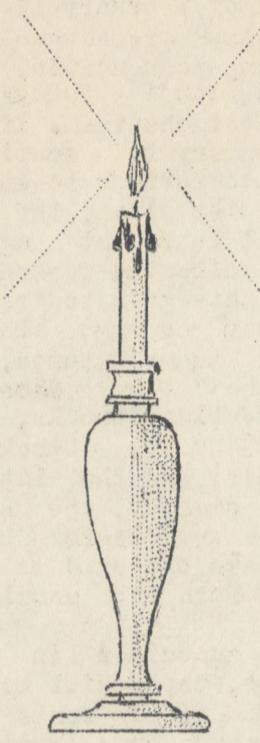
be taken care there. The office is opened daily on week-days, and is attended constantly by either Mr. T. Endow, Bukkyo-Kai secretary; Kenneth Saga, YBA executive secretary, or Mrs. Kaba.

PROGRAM

January 30, 1944

Chairman

10:15 A. M.

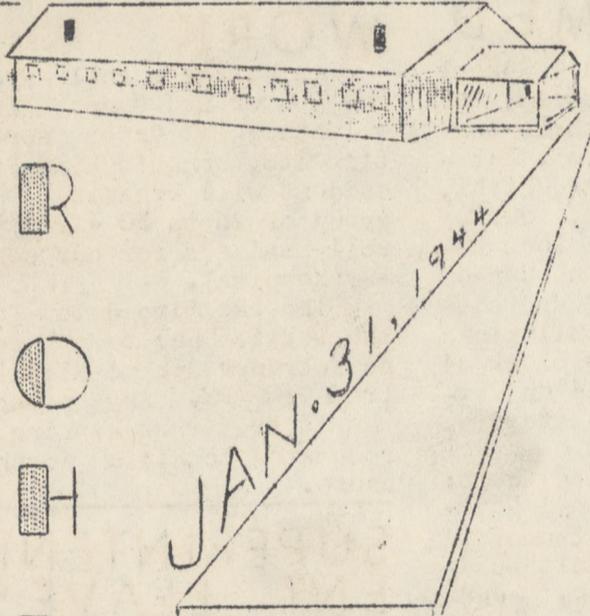


1. Prelude and Meditation. Setsuko Kusama
2. Aspiration. Chairman
3. Gatha. "When we see the Golden Sun"
4. Three Refuge and the Pledge. Chairman
5. Reading of the Sutra "Juni-Rai" Mrs. T. Yamada

O-SHO-KO:

Mr. Mike Takeuchi
Miss. Marian Yamamoto

6. Welcome address and presentation of speaker
..... Chairman
7. Guest Speaker. Miss. Wilma Van Dusseldorp
... "Our Responsibility for the Four Freedoms"
8. Gatha. "Nori No Miyama"
9. Responsive Reading. Led by Chairman
10. Sermon. Delivered by Mrs. T. Yamada
11. Announcement. Chairman
12. Gatha. "Farewell"
13. Postlude and Meditation. Setsuko Kusama



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JAN. 31, 1944

PS HALL 28

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To Buddha's holy temple
With joy we come to-day,
Before His shrine and altar
Our debt of love to pay.
He left His royal splendor,
All earthly joys resigned,
For us the Path of Freedom
And endless peace to find.

With grateful hearts we hail Him
Our Master and Our Friend;
To Him we owe devotion
Till mortal life shall end.
His holy path we'll follow,
His Law our guide shall be
Till in Nirvana's glory
We rest eternally.

BASKETBALL TITLE AT HAND

NEHANE

February 15th is 'Nehane', meaning the anniversary of the death of Sakyamuni Buddha.

The Buddha was born in the suburb of the city of Kapilavasthu, not far from Benares in India, about the year 560 B.C. Sakyamuni Buddha was not his name; it is a title bestowed upon him much later in his life. Sakyamuni mean "Wise man of the Sakyas", and Buddha means, "The Enlightened One". The Buddha's parents, King Suddhodana Gautama and Queen Maya, rulers of a tribe called Sakyas, named him Siddhartha Gautama.

Oppressed by the unsatisfying natures of worldly pleasures, the Prince renounced the world at the age of twenty-nine and left his home in search of truth and deliverance. Through combined efforts of intense thinking and practice of mind control, he gained the insight and enlightenment that he sought.

For eighty years he devoted his life to spread the doctrines of his teachings, until old and poor, his weak health aggravated by the mendicant life he had led, he laid himself down between two Sala-trees in the forest of Kushinara to die. His devoted follower came to his side to mourn. All the trees and flowers bowed their leaves in sorrow; the birds and animals of the forrest flocked together to bid their Master adieu.

To all who gathered about him, he whispered, "All compound things are transitory; work incessantly at your emmanicipation."

Today --- "Emmanicipation" --- is the ringing battle cry of fighting men all over the world. The men in the beleagued countries of Europe lift their eyes to heaven and whisper the word with fond hopes, and the Niseis of America are fighting for it as the heros of past decades have fought. We hear the word "Emmanicipation", and think of those immortal words that poured from the lips of a great man we honored yesterday.

"Four score and seven years ago, our father brought forth to this continent a new nation, conceived of liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal."

Some will sneer at these words. Others are impressed. But all are stirred by the clause, "---That this nation, under God, will have a new birth of freedom." Shall we sit back complacently and wait for some-one to bring us this freedom on a golden platter? Bussei, we are challenged by the world! Let us pledge that we will follow the words, "---work incessantly at your emmanicipation", and as God is our witness, we shall see a new birth of freedom!

DON'T MISS THE DANCE

Come on, Mother Nature, be a good dame and favor us with a sunny Sunday! Why? Cause, girlie, we sho nuff wants jive. Yeh, man!

The Victory dance topping the basketball games will be held Saturday nite of Feb. 19th at ballroom 35, providing we can play the finals this afternoon. This couples dance will have genial Alan Hagio as Emcee, with an impressive

roster of committee working to insure Bussei dance lovers a truly lovely evening. With top talents of the center providing the entertainments and presentation of awards highlighting the social, a gala occasion have been promised.

Bids at 25 cents each will be available soon, so fellas, get yourselves a date and dance to Mas Wakai and his PA band.

GHOSTS DEFENDING

With the title of YBA Basketball Champions hanging in the balance, the quintet that faces Yellow Ghosts this afternoon will find this 'dark horse' everything but a willowy ghost.

Whether the Mutineers or the Yanks will meet the toss-up with the Ghosts is anyone's guess. Which ever wins in Saturdays classic, they will meet the Ghost with the confidence of two past kills.

As for Saturday afternoon's game, it will undoubtedly be the greatest game of the tournament. With Fred Ito's youthful team whipped up into a flawless hoop-eyed machine, they will meet the potentially dangerous Mute with a tight formation and confidence. On the other hand, the equally speedy Mutineers will have the puncher that killed the Rebels even better, plus the baffling plays and their most outstanding feature, a tight defensive formation that is something to watch for.

YBA GIRLS HELP RED CROSS

Responding to a call from the Red Cross for voluntary service workers, 23 girls from the YBA met in the Red Cross service room at Block 34 to roll bandages Wednesday evening for our local hospital.

The YBA extend sincere appreciation to the following girls for the generous time and effort spent for a very worthy cause.

Alice Nishimoto, Toshiye Imada, Bernice Matsumoto, Agnes Hayashino, Janet Inamasu, Jean Hashimura, Yukiye Morotomi, Chieko Hattori, Mitsuko Hattori, Mary Wakai, Mitsie Matsuhira, Mitzie Nishimura, Shizuka Eya, Nagiko Tanabe, Kiyoko Kumamoto, Nellie Hattada, Hisako Kosaka, Mary Kawamura, Miyuki Oshita, Meri Okamoto, Satomi Chikaraishi, Yuki Doi, Fumiko Mayekawa, and Elso Ito.

SUNDAY

YBA

SERVICE

February 13, 1944.

10:15 A. M.

Chairman .. Allan Hagio



- Prelude and Meditation Peggy Hayashino
- Chairman's Address Chairman
- Flag Processional Color-bearers
- "To the Colors" Frank Yanagidate
- Gatha
- Scout Ceremonies:
 - Lighting of candles Scouts
 - The Scout Oath Keyoze Toyofuku
- Sutra "Juni-rai" Mrs. T. Yamada
- Incense Offerees:
 - Scouts of troops 90, 91, 92, and 93.
- Gatha
- The Three Refuge and the Pledge. Led by Chairman
- Sermon Mrs. T. Yamada
- Announcements.
- Gatha "Farewell"
- Postlude and Meditation
- Flag. Recessional Scout Color-bearers

On this occasion of the 34th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America, the Rohwer YBA join the scouts in commemoration of this day. Congratulations, Scouts, and Good Luck!

RELOCATED YB DIRECTORY

In order to keep in contact with our relocated Bussei members by sending them reading matters and through correspondence, a directory of their names and addresses are being compiled at the office.

Through the generous co-operation of members who have turned in the names of relocated friends, the list now has the addresses of about 75 persons and a large number of service men.

Members who are leaving the center are asked to notify the YBA of their new addresses as soon as possible.

SUNDAY PUPIL HEARS STORY

Mr. Lloyd Shingu, Assistant Director of Adult Education, held the Sunday School pupils of church 23 spellbound for 30 minute with a very humorous and entertaining story last week. By popular demand, the church board will ask Mr. Shingu to favor the pupils with another story in the very near future.

Thank you, Mr. Shingu!

PEOPLES: WHAT OUR RELOCATED CABINET MEMBERS ARE DOING

Publicity Chairman Shizuo Nakashita and his brother Ben, together with Fred and Bob Mitsueda, YBA Historian, came home from the Windy city for a brief sojourn last Sunday. However, once a gypsy, always a gypsy. After taking in the center atmosphere for four days, just enough to dispell home-sickness, they blew back to their new stamping ground Wednesday evening.

Miss. Ruby Yamanouchi, our relocated Music Chairman, writes from Chicago, "I hear that the YBA is coming along fine. I miss church very much and I hope to attend again very soon. Please extend my sincere regards to all at church."

We hope to see you too, Ruby, so hurry home!

Treasurer George Kagawa left for St. Louis to work at a flour factory, and we hear he is making dough.

Also residing in the 'Heart of the Nation' is our Men's Athletic Chairman, William Kagawa. It seems he has a good job in a large machine factory.

From Tulelake came news that our missing Men's Vice-President is doing very nicely and continuing his Bussei activities with encreasing zest. Good Luck, Mr. James Kiriu. Keep up the good work!

When Eichi Nakagawa, our original Sunday School Supervisor for PS Hall 28 relocated, the position was taken over by capable Agnes Uyesugi. It seems Agnes was bitten by the wanderlust herself, for she is now enjoying the metropolitan 'gacha-gacha' of bustling Chicago. The twice deserted position is now temporarily managed by Lily Yamashita.

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ROHWER, ARKANSAS

February 28, 1944

TWO REVERENDS TO COME SOON

The Rohwer Buddhist Church will have the services of two new ministers from the Santa-Fe Detention Camp, Reverend S. Akahoshi and Reverend D. Hayashima, in the very near future, according to reports received from Mr. T. Endow, Bukkyo-Kai secretary.

After almost six months of business transactions with Washington, during which time many requests and petitions had been sent by both the Buddhist Church Board and the YBA, the two reverends were paroled in custody of the War Relocation Authority.

Due to misunderstanding of orders from Washington, it was learned lately that Rev. Akahoshi was not refused parole as previously announced, but that he was an open candidate for any center that desired his service.

As he has accepted our invitation to work with us here, negotiations are being made for his transfer from the Santa-Fe Camp to join his family residing at 15 - 12 - A.

Reverend D. Hayashima, recently released from the internee center in care of Heart Mountain Center, also has agreed to take up ministerial duties in Rohwer. As the proper authorities have sanctioned our request for his transfer at the earliest possible date, it will only be a matter of a few weeks before he takes up residence here.

Rev. Akahoshi was minister at Gardena prior to his enternment, and Rev. Hayashima was in charge of the church at Lumpoc.

NEW CABINET TO BE ELECTED

This morning the YBA will re-organize its cabinet with the election of officers for the new term. At present the association is being run by only a hand-full of Bussei; relocation having played havoc with the board.

Although the election should have been held at the beginning of the year, it had been postponed due to the extreme difficulty faced by the cabinet in administering the organization without a Reverend.

Since the YBA is still operating under the great handicap, many have expressed the desireability of continuing under the experienced leadership of the old cabinet, plus what ever replacements necessary to complete the personnel.

Cabinet positions are: President, men and women

Critics call Bussei Dance Huge Success

Hats off to the hard working committee of the "Victory Hop" for putting on such a swell dance. According to all the 'news and views' concerning the social by well known local dance critics, the special efforts of the Busseis were not wasted.

The delicious refreshment was topped by the sweet singing of current hits by Rohwer's favorite blues singer, Hisa Hananouchi, and the ever popular Crosby Sinatra, Inc., Sanji Fukuyama and Allan De Hagio. The 'musics made for dancing' by the famous Wakai Orchestra, featuring "Smoke Rings" for their theme, plus a smooth floor and a neat decoration, contributed much toward the success of the affair.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the basketball awards to the Yanks, the All-Stars, and the three best players of each contending teams.

V. Pres., Cor. and recording Sec., Tres., Religious Chm'n, Music, Pub., Soc., Research, Welfare, men and women's Athletic Chairmen.

NOTES ON 'HOJI' MEMORIAL

For the benefit of the Bussei members who have not had the opportunity to learn the traditions of our religion, we take this means to emit the explanation for one of the most common and most concerning customs of all -- the "hoji", or memorial service for the deceased.

Such a service is usually held by the friends and relatives of the deceased to impart comfort and remembrance as "kuyo" or offering to those beloved members who have passed on to Nirvana.

Within the center we Bussei have to our avail the services of the Reverends in performing at such

an occasion, but to those Bussei who have relocated where there are no Buddhist churches, our alternative suggestion is that one observe the "hoji" through silent meditation.

Where a complete service can be held, usually there are "osonae-mono" or tasty offerings of fruits and sweets. A "howa" or sermon is delivered by the officiating reverend so that the gathered friends may take this opportunity to further their knowledge of the teachings of the Lord Buddha.

Monetary offerings made by the immediate family members to various organizations and churches, etc.,

at such time is given as charity so that these offerings can likewise be used to propagate the teachings of the great one.

The traditional schedule for these memorial services runs as follows: During the first seven weeks, following the death observations are held on the 14th, 21st, 28th, 35th, 42nd, and the 49th day. The memorial is next held on the 100th day.

The remainder of the yearly memorial anniversaries goes as follows: 1st, 3rd, 13th, 25th, 33rd, and the 50th year.

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GET HEP, GIRLS

— A PLAIN TALK —

Well, girls, now that the selective service has decided that we aren't the only ones that can't get along without those yogos, it looks like the war has finally put a crimp in a lot of our plans. We always thought it would be a great joke to see the time come when we have to ration boys, but, gosh, seeing all these fellas going to Little Rock for their pre-induction physicals has got us worried.

Geo, we're gonna miss a lot of those boys. There will come a time when those guys we thought were a bunch of drips and sand-in-the-hairs will turn out to have been pretty good eggs after all. We will have to learn how to fix the iron when it goes on the blink, and build our own shelves, and climb into old coveralls to tinker with the dern GI sewing machine. Isn't the idea just too, too, horrid! But that's the way its going to be, and that's that.

How about it, girls? Can you face facts and take the responsibility of molding a new character out of yourself? You say you haven't the time to think about that now? Well, if you don't want to become a behind-the-line casualty, if, when peace comes in that dim future, you want to find yourself the kind of a girl whom people will respect and love and look to you as an honorable example of womanhood, you will have to start thinking and planning for the self reliance most needed in these critical times....now! All right, than, where do we start?

Let's start right here. Right this minute. Now that many of the boys will enter the army, many vacancies are left in the YBA cabinet. Relocation was like emery dust in the Bussei cog-wheel. It kept grinding away the boys one by one. Draft is the climax. Who's going to take care of the Bussei affairs while they are gone? That, my dears, is where you start. Get in the organization, the administration, the planning, and the execution of those plans. Service programs must be planned. Chairmen, incense offerers, speakers, and service workers must be coordinated. Activities must be carried out. Social welfare need be performed. Buddhist materials must be gathered and propagated. I could go on forever. What an abundance of knowledge and experience could be gained through participation in the YBA movement. Girls, let's try it. I know it will help you.

This, fellow fems, is plain talk. Your ideas are valuable. Honestly. Don't be afraid to think new plans. The old ones haven't worked very well; it's about time some new ones came along. Get hep, girls! The YBA need you, and you need the YBA.

By.....Lady Minna Shittoru.

VISITORS

DENSON BUSSEI LEADERS VISIT

Last week-end, three Denson Bussei made a one day visit to Rohwer and attended the YBA service. Arriving Sunday morning as a surprise, they were Denson YBA board members: Larry Hikiiji, Clubs and organizations Chairman; Misao Yumibe, Projects Chairman; and Miss. Terry Yumibe.

They were guests of girls in block 34.

LET US REMEMBER THESE PEOPLE IN OUR PRAYERS

WE THANK:

With Gassho

Dr. Nat R. Griswold, Supervisor of Adult Education. The Rohwer YBA express sincere thanks to Dr. Griswold for a very generous donation received for the furtherance of the Young Buddhist movement.

Mrs. Harry Morimoto, nee June Utsumi.

June, Sunday-school teacher of PS Hall 23 until her recent marriage to Cpl. Morimoto, remembered all her colleagues this St. Valentine's day with "candies for the teachers" from Fort Leanord Wood, Missouri.

Mr. M. Nakamura, Rohwer Education Department.

Deepest gratitude to Mr. Nakamura for taking time out from his many pressing duties to tell a most interesting story to the Sunday-school pupils of church 28 last week-end.

Sanga News, published bi-monthly by the Research Division of the Rohwer YBA at EDITORIAL OFFICE...28-8-D.

A DEDICATION

This section, insignificant as it may seem, is respectfully dedicated to those fifty-nine local draftees who reported to Little Rock for their pre-induction physical examination Saturday morning.

The spear-head of the new selective service application, these boys will set the pace for the hundreds of other nisei from this center in the days to follow.

More than ever before, whether at camp or in the battle-field, nisei seek for courage, and find it in the guidance of Amida.

....ORCHIDS AND ONIONS....

This week a hot-house full of orchids goes to Vic Matsui, Jimmy Sasaki, and Hank Hayashino for being such swell referees at the Bussei tournaments.

Onions to Rev. Kono for breaking all the feminine hearts by not asking even one lady for a dance at the Victory Hop.

Orchids to Aya for the delicious refreshments.

Onions to Dick for his superb salesmanship (?) of selling an amazing amount of two bids for the dance.

A tribute of orchids to the Sunday-school staff for their unpublicized accomplishments. Very quietly they are doing a tremendous piece of work.

A specially fresh onion to your reporter for a stinky column. See what we mean when we say this paper needs a reporter?

NEW CABINET ELECTED

PRESIDENT WAKAI
TO HEAD STAFF
OF TEN OFFICERS

After almost six months of complete disorganization in the YBA cabinet due to relocation of the staff personnel, the election held last week once again bolstered the cabinet to full strength. By a landslide vote, Mas Wakai was re-elected as President. He will have the support of an experienced and popular board co-ordinating their resources for a revitalization of the local YBA.

The newly elected officers will be installed with a candle-light ceremony during the morning's service.

The ten officers for the various positions are as follows:

Masao Wakai, President; Henry Hayashino, Men's Vice-President; Edith Chikaraishi, Women's Vice-President; Satomi Chikaraishi, Secretary; Lily Kusama, Treasurer; Allan Hagi, Social Chairman; Terry Wakai, Historian; Rosie Kusama, Music Chairman; Shizuka Eya, Women's Athletic Manager; and Victor Matsui, Men's Athletic Manager.

Mas Wakai and Satomi Chikaraishi were re-elected for their former position as President and Secretary, respectively. Hank Hayashino, former Religious Chairman, took over the Vice-Presidency. Mitzie Matsuhiro and Agnes Uyesugi retained their position as co-superintendent of the Sunday Schools.

In an amendment to the constitution, the former positions of Research, Religious, and Publicity Chairmanships were incorporated under the duties of the Executive Secretary.

It was also decided that a boy and a girl will later be appointed by the cabinet to head the Clubs and Organizations section if the Busseis wish a subdivision of the YBA, such as a YMBA Jrs. or a YWBA Jrs.

Although they were nominated for positions in the cabinet, the names of Eiko Kimura, Kaz Fukuya, and George Matsui were erased from the ballots be-

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FOR THE BUSSEI

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Mar. 12, 1944

SUNDAY-SCHOOL HELP NEEDED

cause of their relocation.

Now that the re-organization of the YBA has been completed, and Rohwer will have the services of two new Buddhist Ministers in the very near future, the spring term will undoubtedly be the most successful yet.

Meanwhile, negotiations with the Reverends Hayashima and Akahoshi are about completed. Reverend Hayashima was expected to arrive here within a few weeks.

BUSSEI HOSTESSES SERVE LOCAL USO

The YBA will be represented very favorably in all future activities of the Rohwer United Service Organization. As the local USO have asked the YBA for Bussei girls to render their services in helping out with the work put on by that organization, a senior hostess have been selected.

She will select and organize a group of qualified junior hostesses who will co-operate with the USO movement as YBA representatives.

The Sunday School Department has sent out requests for voluntary S. S. teachers. Any qualified aspirant who wishes to help should contact the church office at once for further information.

Under the supervision of Mitzie Matsuhiro and Agnes Uyesugi, Sunday School superintendents for church 23 and 28 respectively, the teaching staff is carrying their burden in an interesting and orderly manner.

Because they are so well organized, they have become one of the most reliable Bussei group in the center. With a full calendar before them, they have managed to find time for many Bussei works and community services.

The teachers working steadily at present are:

Church 23 ----- Bernice Matsumoto, Chieko Miyao, Elsie Hayashi, Elso Ito, Janet Inamasu, Kimiko Yamasaki, Mary Wakai, Nellie Otsuka, Henry Hayashino, and Masao Wakai.

Church 28 ---- Agnes Hayashino, Chieko Hattori, Mitsuko Hattori, Lilly Yamashita, Mitsuye Nishimura, Takeyo Yamasaki, and Tamiko Ito.

Order of Service March 12, 1944

CHAIRMAN	Elso Ito
PRELUDE and Meditation	Peggy Hayashino
Chairman's Address	
Gatha	"Shinshu - Shuka"
Three Refuge and the Pledge	Chairman
Chant of the Sutra "Juni-Rai"	Mrs. T. Yamada
Incense Offered	1. Shizuko Togo
	2. Hirofusa Okamura
Vocal Solo	Rosie Kusama
Accompanist	Ruby Yamanouchi
Scripture Reading	Chairman
Installation Ceremony	Cabinet Officers
Lighting of Candles	Mrs. T. Yamada
Administration of Oath	Elso Ito
President's Address	Masao Wakai
Guest Speaker	Dr. Nat R. Griswold
Gatha	"Bussei Koshin Kyoku"
Sermon	Mrs. T. Yamada
Closing Address	Chairman
Gatha	"Farewell"
POSTLUDE and MEDITATION	Gassho

wholly alive

THAT'S THE WAY TO LIVE

Last Sunday we heard what may be the last of a series of sermons delivered in Rohwer by Reverend Kono of Jerome. The Reverend has commuted to our center for four months, officiating at a staggering number of Sunday School, YBA, Issei, memorial, wedding, and funeral services. Although tired and in much need of rest, he has carried on his work ever cheerfully. Everyone, regardless of faith, have been won over by the Reverend's sincerity, sympathy, and his heart-stirring sermons.

Before Reverend Kono left, he said to all the Bussei, "Though I will not be with you, carry on the work. Attend the church services, to support and to be supported. Lead a life wholly lived."

If life comes from God, if life is lived and must be lived in God, than daily life can be a religious act, and living a religious life is to be wholly alive.

Very few people slip out of life all at once...most of us died a little yesterday --- some dear dream, some hope, a bit of our courage, some fine firmness in us that we though never could sag; and tomorrow, unless we are superbly clear and strong, we shall probably die a little more.

When we are young, hurrying along in our eager "teens", we think we are gloriously alive --- but surely he is most alive who is using every part of himself --- so, we are not wholly alive until we are beyond our first youth, until back of our desires and our dreams there lies knowledge, until many a purple evening and many a gray dawn have traced a pattern in our hearts.

To understand instead of to condemn, to realize that losses are a difficult kind to gain, to look into yourself and know that no part of yourself has begun to sag --- neither your dreams, nor your desires, nor your high intent --- to love, to laugh, to play, and still be able to weep that is to be wholly alive.

I have seen pale opal women who never have lived, I have seen scarred women who have lived to hungrily, I have seen great women who, like the eagle, have gazed into the sun.

Life can go by like a parade, or it can come in and sup with you. Which is it to be for you?

Sometimes I have seen the church lonely and spacious, and the few devote pilgrims sitting scattered here and there tells more eloquently that words the hypocrisy and obscenity of those who would say, "I am a religious man", but never does go to church.

Bussei, come to our church and join with us in our meditation and recite with us the Nembutsu. Participate in our activities and join in the common bonds of the Sangha. Keep that light burning in your heart. Let it be a guiding beacon throwing out a shaft of enlightenment in the dark world of disillusioned humanity who have never wholly lived. Let us, humbly and fervently, offer our inmost prayers that He who knoweth all, He who gives all, He whom we call the Compassionate may find our prayers acceptable and shed His beneficence upon this wounded, desolate, helpless, homeless, and suffering humanity.

DR. GILLETT SPEAKS ON LEADERSHIP

Dr. Clarence S. Gillett, Executive Secretary of the Citizen Relocation Committee of St. Louis, spoke at a special YBA gathering Thursday night, March 3, at the Buk-kyo Kai office.

The informal Bussei discussion was devoted entirely to leadership problems and the various methods of encouraging leadership among the Bussei.

Dr. Gillett left many helpful information to the group composed largely of persons who were nominated candidates for the election

PERSONNEL

Bogey-man relocation has carried off some more of God's li'l chillun from our midth.

Kaz Fukuya stopped at Chicago while on his way to Detroit, but when he saw all the snow piling up on the streets, he decided there were better places to wolf around. He stayed just lone enough to dash off, "Snowing like blazes. Give my very best regards to all the Busseis." He was, next morning, gone with the wind. (Windy eh?)

The YBA extend joyous welcomes to Ruby Yamano-uchi, past Music Chairman who has recently returned from a lengthy sojourn in Chicago. The place must agree with you, Ruby. You are looking more charming than ever.

George Matsui aisle-slept (I bet) to Ft. Wayne, Indiana Wednesday eve. He sez: "Goodbye, till we meet again" to all through the Sangha. Good luck to you, George!

KNOW THYSELF ~ a fable of a foolish fellow

There was once a Man who thought he was a great Judge of Character. At first sight he would boldly analyze those with whom he came in contact. He knew that Shyness was really an Inferiority Complex, and said so on all occasions when he met anyone of a Retiring Disposition.

A Book Worm was to him a man who sought escape from Reality, forgetting

that the Book Worm might simply be striving to improve his mind. He was certain that any Women who powdered her Nose and put on Rouge was "fast" and to be avoided. Women who smoked were likewise anathema to him. A well-groomed Man was a Dandy or a Fop, unworthy of notice. A Gentleman of the Old School was a Faded Flower who had better be allowed to Wilt

and Die. A man who used good diction and never told Risque Stories was effeminate. Thus there were few People whom he admired, and none at all whom he praised.

He died

without

Friends.

MORAL: It never dawns on some People that they may be wrong.

REVEREND HAYASHIMA ARRIVES

GALA HANAMATSURI
PROGRAM SCHEDULED
FOR APRIL 8-9

The annual gala Hanamatsuri festivities will be held by Rohwer Buddhists on April 8-9 with devotionals and a grand Young Buddhist's Spotlight Review. With Reverend Hayashima officiating at the services, special worships will be observed during the holiday week-end.

Although the complete schedule for the two-day Flower Festival has not been disclosed, a service commemorating the birth of Shakyamuni Buddha will be held merrily Saturday evening at a location as yet undetermined. A joint Sunday school service at 9 A. M. will be followed by the Y. B. Z. service at 10:15 A. M. Sunday morning.

ON STAGE! LIGHTS! CURTAIN!

As a further boost for the festive spirited young people, an all Nisei stage Review will be on tap as a grand climax. Featuring the Rohwer High School orchestra under the direction of M. Alton Cole to furnish the music on the stage as well as between curtains, the extravaganza will have on the program vocal and instrument solos by top talents of the center, dances, skits, and a tear-jerkers for the lovers of the "dram-ma".



With participation by the youngsters of Sunday-school churches 23 and 28 plus talents from the YBA providing solid entertainment, the production will have the patrons rolling on the aisle in laughter or crying out their eyes in sympathy of the poor, villain-pursued heroine.

The program will be strickly for the younger set, in both Japanese and English. Naniyabushi, Shigin, jiyorori, and other "Issei-fodders" are absolutely Verboten!

WELCOME!!!

If you should see a strange man in black roaming around the church and mixing quite freely with the congregation, do not stare to hard, Bussei. Who is he?

He is our ~~new~~ minister, Reverend Daitetsu Hayashima.

Reverend Daitetsu Hayashima arrived in Rohwer Saturday morning from the Heart Mountain Relocation Center and begun his ministerial duties immediately, having performed several memorials yesterday. Accompanied by Mrs. Hayashima, the Reverend left Heart Mountain early this week and reached here yesterday after two stops at Denver and Kansas City.

Honoring the Young Buddhists at our service this morning with his initial appearance, the Reverend will make his first acquaintance with the members of the Rohwer YBA.

Rev. Hayashima's arrival has been greeted with a sigh of relief by the Rohwer Buddhist Board as well as the YBA and the Sunday-school staff. Heavily overworked by the lack of a Reverend's advices in regards to many problems concerning services and religious propagation, the executive staff have been under a terrific strain.

Rev. Hayashima, an energetic and impetuous minister, will most certainly take a great burden off the staff and help to revivify the lethargic state of the organization.

Also pleasing to note is the fact that the Reverend will be able to take part in the coming Hanamatsuri festival.

The Reverend will make his home at 27 - 10 - F.

SUNDAY SCHOOL
FACULTY HONORS
REVEREND KONO

With Mitzie Matsuiro serving as general chairman, a "Farewell" banquet was given by the Sunday-School teachers in honor of Reverend Gyodo Kono of Jerome last Sunday evening at Mess 23.

Following a welcoming address by the Master-of-Ceremonies Masao Wakeda, Rev. Kono thanked the Bussei leaders for their cooperation and encouraged the group to carry on the Bussei work.



An elaborate chicken dinner was enjoyed by forty-five persons including the Sunday-school staff and their guests, the YBA cabinet officers and the Bukyo-Kai executive board members. After the bountiful food on the table had dwindled, the hilarious evening was ended with a spontaneous round of vocal solos and a final group songfest.



Climaxing a week-end social whirl, Rev. Kono invited the same group to an evening of games and refreshments the following Monday night at the church office. After the uproarious revelry, Reverend Kono entertained his guests with many amusing stories as well as counseling the leaders on various service techniques.

CO-CHAIRMEN AUGMENTS STAFF

Through a personal appointment by the executive secretary, Elso Ito was named Welfare Co-Chairman in the YBA cabinet. As befitting her position, Elso is at present the representative Bussei USO sen-

ior Hostess.

Shizuko Togo is at present working with the Religious Chairman as co-worker. Both the Welfare and the Religious Section is under the jurisdiction of the Exe. Secretary.

NOTES ON SANSKRIT

This very old and highly elaborate language existed from the time of Veda. Its grammar was, more or less, perfected for the first time by the Sage Panini, a great linguist, who flourished about the year 400 B. C. Sage Panini was responsible for its completion. Basing it on a language descended directly from the oldest of all the Arayan languages, he defined its vowels and consonances and perfected its phraseology. Once perfected, it became the classical language and was used extensively for the purpose of education and literature. It was distinguished from other existing dialect as a medium of expressing higher and more refined thoughts. Thus the Indian dialects in general use were known as Prakrit, meaning natural languages, but Sanskrit was more elegant and dignified.

Northern Buddhism is written generally in Sanskrit, though in a form considerably modified from the original. Consequently, it is often called by the name of Buddhist Sanskrit. Although the name Brahmi (Japanese Bon-go) literally means the language written in "Brahmi Lipi" and includes "Sanskrit", "Pali", and one or two other dialects, it is mainly used synonymously with Sanskrit.

Sanskrit was introduced into Japan in the 4th century by the Korean Buddhist priests that came as ambassadors from the King of Pakche in 522. Although it was propagated by many Korean and Chinese missionaries in later years, it was not taken seriously until Kobo Daishi, founder of the Shingon-shu, taught the language at the Koya-san monastery. He commissioned the first pilgrimage of Japanese monks to India for the explicit purpose of studying Sanskrit at the source.

-THOUGHTS- IN OLD CHICAGO

Lily Kusama, our wandering treasurer, is reported to be in Chicago on a brief (sight-seeing, shopping, or is it renewing old acquaintances?) trip.

Well, go to it, Lily, and see the sights and the old gang.

ONE YEAR AGO...

Speaking about old gang, I looked up the record and found that exactly one year ago today, the YEA service had Ben Chikaraishi as chairman and Barry Saiki giving a talk on Buddhism. Reverend Enryo Umno delivered the sermon.

HOUSE OF GOD

People often ask me the question, "Who are we going to have as guest speaker?", or "Will Rev. Kono be here this week to speak to us?" Asked why they wanted to know, they reply that unless we have someone of importance at the service, the program is dry.

It seems to me that having God with us there is still not incentive enough for some people to attend church.

And I always thought, "God is All-Highest!"

MISS. COOPER TO SPEAK NEXT WEEK

Miss. Ellene Wilson Cooper, Rohwer Senior High School teacher, will be the guest speaker at the Young Buddhist's service next Sunday, April 2.

As she teaches Public Speaking at school, she will be well qualified in her talk to the Bussei on the various methods and techniques applicable in speech making. It should prove of interest to all because everyone takes pride in speaking well, not only at home, but among friends and business associates as well.

JUNIOR DIVISION OF Y.B.A. TO BE ORGANIZED SOON

In order to promote better fellowship among the younger Bussei as well as to encourage leadership from the quieter members, plans for a junior branch of the YEA is being formulated by the interested group.

The plans have not progressed sufficiently to decide whether the association is to be a girls and boys' joint organization, or separate clubs, but which ever it will be, the group will have their own executive cabinet.

All Bussei between the ages of 16 to 19 who are interested enough to join should do so and support this movement as the club will begin activities as soon as it is organized.

An enjoyable social and service schedule will be calendar as soon as possible.

MIXED CHORUS TO BE ASSEMBLED

When the congregation hear a number of saityly voices singing at the services, don't think that we are entering Nirvana. It's the church chorus singing.

A mixed Bussei chorus is being formed to sing at services and other religious functions", reported Rosie Kusama, Music Chairman.

At present, the seven melodious persons rendering their talented "Adams-Apples" for the worthy cause are: Rosie Kusama, Peggy Hayashino, Satomi Chikaraishi, Shizuka Eya, Terry Wakai, Allan Nagio, and Sanji Fukuyama.

....ORDER of WORSHIP.....Y B A.....Sunday, March 28.....

-Chairman.Masao Wakai
-PRELUDE and MEDITATIONPeggy Hayashino
-Chairman's Address
-Gatha
-Three Refuge and PledgeLed by Chairman
-Sutra Chant - "Juni-Rai"Led by Mrs. T. Yamada
-Osho-ko by . . . 1. Lillian Hananouchi
-2. Kenny Ige
-Gatha
-Scripture ReadingChairman
-Address Reverend Daitetsu Hayashima
-Kikyoo-mon Led by Mrs. T. Yamada
-Sermon Mrs. T. Yamada
-Announcement
-Gatha "Farewell"
-POSTLUDE and MEDITATION Gassho

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HANA-MATSURI FESTIVAL HELD

HOLIDAY MERRY-MAKERS HOLD SERVICES AND STAGE REVUES

Celebrating the birth of Shakyamuni Buddha, the Buddhists of Rohwer spent the two days of April 8 - 9 with prayers and rousing revelry. A special Hana-Matsuri service was held at Mess 35 Saturday afternoon with an impressive Kambutsu-shiki rendered by the representatives from the various Buddhist affiliations.

A hilarious Bussei Stage Revue was held that evening with songs, dances, and skits by the Sunday school pupils and the Y. B. A. members. The Rohwer High-school band furnished the music throughout the evening.

Next morning, Sunday, the little children of both churches 23 and 28 observed a joint service with Elsie Hayashi serving as chairman. Hank Hayashino told a short "Kowai-o-hanashi", and Reverend Hayashima delivered the sermon. Everyone received a flower lapel pin and a special present from the Buddhist Church.

Despite a slight drizzle, the YBA service at 10:15 AM drew a large congregation. Kambutsu-shiki was rendered by Susie Shishida and Kiyoshi Fujimoto representing the YBA Jrs; Edith Chikaraishi and Hank Hayashino, Women's Vice-President and Men's Vice-President respectively, representing the YBA; and Mary Wakai representing the Sunday-school staff.

Lloyd Shingu, assis-

tant Director of Adult Education, was the guest speaker for the morning.

Reverend Hayashima's sermon "The World's Savior" dealt on the life of Lord Buddha.

Climaxing a most busy week-end, Reverend Hayashima winded-up the day with a final Sunday Issei service in the afternoon.

CABINET PERSONEL SHIFTS REPORTED

In a slight upheaval of the Bussei cabinet, several changes has been made in the offices. With the resigning of Kenneth Saga as executive secretary in favor of work in the community Activity Section, positions of several chairmanship, namely, Publicity, Religious, Welfare, and Research is now open. These offices should be filled at once.

Chioko Hattori has been appointed the new superintendent of church 28, effective immediately, by Agnes Uyesugi, outgoing past Superintendent, who has taken over the full-time secretaryship at the Buddhist office.

As Miss. Hattori has been in the teaching staff ever since the beginning of the organization, her appointment was considered a wise and proper choice.

The position of Men's Athletic Chairman is temporarily vacant due to assignment difficulties.

REVEREND AND MRS. HAYASHIMA HONORED BY YBA

Rohwer Bussei honored Reverend and Mrs. Hayashima at a get-together-party last Sunday evening at Dining hall 28. Despite a cold evening, about 50 cooperative and fun-loving guests enjoyed a lively time of games, refreshment, and vocal entertainments.

Elsie Ito opened the evening with a songspiration. Kenneth Saga greeted the guests and introduced the chairman for the evening, President Masao Wakai, who in turn introduced the guests of honor, Reverend and Mrs. Hayashima.

A good part of the evening was spent with many noisy and mirthful games led capably by Shizuka Iye and Allan Hagio.

Fortified with bountiful refreshments (Some alleged that those certain boys ((who?)) took down more than six bottles of carbonated agua) the guests were entertained by many beautiful vocals from voluntary soloists (After some urging by Mas, of course). Everyone had the pleasant surprise of being privileged to hear Mrs. Hayashima who graciously sang two Japanese numbers.

The YBA extend sincere thanks to Edith Chikaraishi and Terry Wakai for heading the refreshment committee, and thanks also to Asako Horimoto, Fudge Tanabe, Grace Okamura, Jean Hattori, Mariko Tsutsui, Michiko Oga, Midori Yokoi, Peggy Hayashino, and Yoshiko Hattori who helped with the preparation.

BUSSEI REVUE ROHWERWAY HIT COLUMNIST LAUDS PERFORMANCE

The first program of the 1944 Rohwer Hana-Matsuri Stage Revue started before a capacity crowd of about 700 first-nighters with the High School orchestra playing their beautiful theme song, "Moonlight Madonna", under the baton of maestro Tosh Matsuo.

Introductory addresses

were made by the two co-emcees of the evening, Mas Wakai and Allan Hagio.

Cute song and dance numbers by the little Tsunami classes of Elsie Ito, Elsie Hayashi, and Mitsuko Hattori started the show rolling.

Two Ume class plays, "Orange no Tataki" directed by Mary Wakai, and

"Toyland" by teacher Nellie Otsuka drew a great ovation from the audience. Chioko Hattori's class of same grade next presented a musical number with a large cast.

The older Sunday-school (Con. page 2)

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT A TRIBUTE

May I take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation and gratitude to each of those who have so generously contribute their valuable time and efforts in making the Hana-matsuri program a great success. Without the cooperation that was present, the program would not have been possible and the children disappointed. The joy of knowing that we were working toward the same goal, a better holiday, more than made the work of putting over the program a pleasant task.

Much has been acclaimed of the performance. That acclaim is a personal tribute to each of the participant and those who worked behind them.

Now that one event is over, let us start again with greater courage and help make our life in this center a better and happier place to live, for us and for all our friends.

By Mas Wakai

MORE ON BUSSEI STAGE REVUE

(Con. from page 1)
class, the Hasu, entertained the audience with a musical extravaganza directed by teachers Mitsuyo Nishimura, Agnes Hayashino, Meri Okamoto, Janet Inomasa, and Bernice Matsumoto.

The Sunday-school presented an added attraction a vocal duet by Rith Funamura and Jane Kuramoto who rendered "For the Boys Over There" and a drum solo by boogie beat Hiro Tashiro.

During the intermission the orchestra quieted the merry audience with a dreamy "Speak Low".

With the YBA taking over the show in the last lap of the evening, Sanji Fukuyama, Allan Hagio, and Rosie Kusama each rendered

vocals, accompanied by the orchestra. Marian Yamamoto started the crowd bobbing their heads subconsciously with her tricky taps. The maestro Matsuo followed with a trombone solo to show the people that waving a piece of stick isn't his only bid to the musical world. Two of the most beautiful musics were rendered by the YBA choir singing "Sylvia", and a special Okoto number by Miss. Masuko Tomioka.

Glimmering an evening of beautiful nihon-gis, sweet songs, and amusing skits, the final curtain descended on the orchestra softly playing their theme song as a last gesture of homage to a great evening and an impressive holiday.

CASABA AWARDS ARRIVE HERE AT LONG LAST

As the basket-ball awards for the Bussei Casaba Tournament have arrived in camp, it will be passed out at the earliest convenience. Long delayed by procurement difficulties, the gold basket-ball charm were purchased through the untiring efforts of Shizuo Nakashita in Chicago. The balls are inscribed with the words, "1944 Bussei Basket-ball Champions".

Medals will also be presented to the 15 boys representing the three best players from the fine contending teams, namely, the Yanks, Yellow Ghosts, Asahis, Cardinals, and the Matineers.

BUSSEI ENTERTAIN NEW REVEREND AT BUKKYO-KAI PARTY

Wednesday evening at Dining hall 27, the Bukkyo-Kai welcomed the Reverend and Mrs. Hayashim with a very sumptuous banquet. More than 300 guests enjoyed a fine dinner and an equally fine entertainment.

Bussei taking part in the party were Agnes Uyesugi who delivered a welcome speech on behalf of the Buddhist church as its secretary, Mas Wakai, and Kenneth Saga. Bussei who entertained the guests with songs, dances, and a most lovely violin-duet were Ruby and Marian Yamamoto, Hisa Hananouchi, Shizuye Izuhara, Jeanne Ando, Kayo Takechi, and Kimi Tamura.

YBA JRS INAUGURATED

The YBA Jrs. were officially inaugurated last month with the election of its officers. A large candidacy and a fast and furious balloting culminated in the election of five officers. They are:

President, Buck Sakurai; Vice-President, Miyoko Kosaka, Secretary, Yoriko Matsuoda; Treasurer, Mayo Tanabe, and Social Chairman, Frank Sakiok.

Spring activities are being planned and scheduled by the group, so many interesting time should be had by all before long.

DENSON YBA VISITED

In order to observe the Denson Sunday-school service as well as to meet the Bussei leaders there, five Sunday-school teachers traveled to Jerome during the week-end, April 1-3. The delegates who made the three days visit were:

Bernice Matsumoto, Janet Inomasa, Mary Wakai, Mitsuyo Nishimura, and Takeyo Yamasaki.

They were warmly welcomed, and an enjoyable sojourn was climaxed by a get-together party where our teachers made the acquaintance of many new Jerome friends.

The girls were guests of the Denson girls of Block 26.

FLOWERS AND GIFTS GIVEN AT SUNDAY SCHOOL

This morning five hundred and fifty Sunday school children receive cherry blossom with "Hana-matsuri" written on the ribbon. The presentation of these lapel flower were made possible through the kindness of the mothers of block 28 who generously spent many evenings in its construction.

The entire program was voluntarily headed by Agnes Uyesugi.

Candies were also given to every person in the congregation by the Bukkyo Kai. One hundred and twelve students received awards for perfect attendance. Due to rain, however, the gifts were actually presented today.