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Denson Arkansas,

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## School Opens

After a short vacation students again gathered in their new class rooms. Students coming from Tule Lake were located and a new school year was started.

The elementary, kindergarten and nursery schools have an enrollment of 988. The elementary school has 739 pupils, 377 boys and 362 girls. Kindergarten has a total of 113:56 boys and 80 girls. Nursery school 56 boys and 80 girls or together 136.

## SCHOOL ACCREDITED

A visit to our Center and school by W. H. Hall State Elementary supervisor gave out school an unqualified "A" rating. This rating assures pupils that work in our school is standard and will be accepted throughout the nation.

## P.T.A. CABINET

The following people will serve as officers for the Parent-Teachers Association for 1943-44.  
President-----Mrs. Josie Ikeda  
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## FIRST ASSEMBLY

The first assembly program of this school year was group singing led by Miss Mary Mochizuki.

On October 12, the upper grades were entertained by Miss Abo's and Mrs. Coochers rooms. Mrs. Coochers sixth grade gave short talks on the history of Halloween and games to be played on Halloween. Miss Abo's group presented a play about a good witch and her little cat.

Our Superintendant Amon G. Thompson spoke to the group. Sam Kawahata and Miss. Toy Hoshiko were visitors.

## NEW PAPER

The Elementary Echoes is out. It's good, and there isn't a doubt That by printing school news, Lively items, and views It will put other papers to rout.

This is the first copy of Elementary Echoes. It contains news about things that have happened since the opening of school. We have tried to make the paper interesting and we hope you will enjoy every word.

A General Contest was held to select a name for the paper. From the many names submitted the final choice was made by a committee of faculty members. The name selected was composed by the sixth grade pupils of Mrs. Reeves.

The Sixth grade pupils of Miss Young edited this issue. They chose a staff, and staff members wrote the articles.

Elementary Echoes is your school newspaper. It will be Published every school month.

## TEACHERS VACATION

Vacation between terms was only three weeks long but many different things were done by the teachers, remaining in the center and helping with the checking of baggage for the evacuees departing for Tule Lake, working on shoe rationing, checking records in the Education office, operating the P. B. X. board, assisting in the summer recreation activities keeping house, and resting were, Miss. Kuriyama, Mrs. Coocher, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Mochizuki, Miss. Gullledge, Miss. Tanaka, Mrs. Love, Mrs. Sugimoto, Miss Nagata. Miss Smith spent her vacation in Bradley, Arkansas with her mother; Miss. Virgie Morris went to Harrison; Miss Dollarhide was the guest of her mother in Oklahoma City; Miss. Wakenight was the guest of her parents in Searcy. Miss Walker spent her vacation with her father in Springfield, Mo. and in St. Louis with her sister; Miss Avery spent some time in Lake Village at her home and also visited in Little Rock and Stuttgart; Miss Mochizuki visited in Conway; Mrs Castleberry and Miss Okuda made short trips; Miss Nixon visited in Alabama and Georgia, Miss. Young spent her vacation in Gurdon and Bradley, and Miss Charlotte Morris spent part of the time at her home in Warren and visited in Little Rock and Memphis.

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## EDITORIAL

Many years ago Thanksgiving was first celebrated because Governor Bradford proclaimed that the colonists should give thanks to God for such an abundant harvest. From that day on we celebrate Thanksgiving on the last Thursday of November because by then all the harvest is over.

In the beginning Thanksgiving was a custom. The custom has now become a national holiday because of usage. Do you not think it is fitting that once a year our people should set aside a day for praise and Thanksgiving to the Giver of Good?

Since the day of Washington our country has greatly changed, but the spirit of Thanksgiving has remained the same. Theodore Roosevelt proclaimed Thanksgiving as a day for Thanksgiving for the past and a prayer for the future; as a reminder, a day for people to thank the Giver of Good.

For these I am thankful. I'm thankful for my health and home; I'm thankful for my parents' love; I'm thankful that to school I go; I'm thankful for food and clothes; I'm thankful for a flag so bright; I'm thankful for the people who, long ago helped build that land we all love so.

--Joan Muriyama--

## AUTUMN

I like autumn because the air is crisp and cold. I make a hobby of collecting the different Autumn leaves. My friends like to go gathering nuts. Do you like to roast nuts? In Autumn there are two holidays, Halloween and Thanksgiving. I like Halloween because you can go around scaring people and you can dress up.

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## AUTUMN

Autumn is here!  
 Autumn is here!  
 Leaves are turning pretty.  
 When the wind comes  
 The leaves will dance.  
 When the wind is gone  
 The leaves will sleep.  
 Soon the snow will come  
 It will cover the leaves and  
 the ground.

Dorothy Shenagawa--

## HALLOWEEN

When you see the bright  
 moon twinkle,  
 At the stars so bright-  
 Look close, you can see  
 The wink of the witch.

Yvonne Tanaguchi--

Autumn seems to be my best season.  
 With gay leaves upon the trees.

Mary Ann Iida--

Autumn is here!  
 Leaves are turning everywhere.  
 To make the children happy,  
 To make the children gay,  
 Yes! Autumn is here today.

Mariko Sekiguchi--

Autumn is a good day,  
 For fairies to play,  
 Down by the stream  
 Of beautiful dreams.

Tsukiye Yoshimoto--

She had a black dress  
 As black as a witch.

Arlene Orata--

You better get ready for  
 Halloween night,  
 Shut the door, with all  
 your might.

Kaoru Aoki--

The rhymes and verses printed  
 above were contributed by pupils  
 of Miss Kuriyama and Mrs. Coocher.

## NATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK OBSERVED

The local elementary school will observe National Education Week by extending an invitation to all parents to visit the various class rooms Tuesday, November 9, announced Byron S. Thompson, principal of the elementary schools.



## PRE-SCHOOL NEWS

The Kindergarten and nursery schools had a Halloween party in their class rooms Friday October 29. Games were played followed by refreshments. At this time the children were taught the true meaning of Halloween.

## FIRST GRADE

Seji Yoshinabu visited in Little Rock 3 days in October.

Fourteen Children in Miss Walker's group missed no days of school in October.

In Miss Avery's first grade; three boys and six girls had perfect attendance the first month of school.

At our party on Friday Joanne Yomogeda won the prize for pinning the nose on the pumpkin.

## SECOND GRADE

The following program was given by second grade pupils of Miss Smith on October 28. Reading by Mayron Shirau, Health Pledge by June Hashida Amy Misharu, Haruko Nakata Shirley Yamane and Dorothy Seto.

We have a total enrollment of 33 in Miss Gullledge's rooms. Sixteen boys and 17 girls five coming from Tule.

Last Monday, Asako Sumida had an appendectomy, we expect her back in school soon.

## THIRD GRADE

The play "Mammy Explains Halloween," was given by Miss Morris' third grade on October 28. The following took part in the play; Helen Nagoto, Nancy Takeoko, Nancy Ahamaji, Haruko Yamaba, Jane Suguichi, Anna Tange, Benny Kaboyoshi, Masonori Aragaki, Fred Nakaji, Kiyashi Ashibu Joyce Motsumoto, Teruko, Fukudo, Betty Nakatani, Notma Izawa, Ruby Nakagawa, Ben Niemi, Masao Yamaji Pearl Koga, Nancy Maranaki, Marjor Mitsui, Shiguko Fujii, and Shiguko Akasaki.

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## -NEWS-

## SECOND GRADE

There are three new pupils in Miss Morris second grade, Janet Tanaka and Patsy Nogata from Tule Lake and of Wilnot, Darold Smith.

Clarence Kiyotsuka won the prize in pinning the tail on the cat at our Halloween party.

## FOURTH GRADE

The students in Mrs Castleberry's room held a nature study exhibit.

Jean Fujikawa left Monday, November first for Boston.

Shizuko Yamamoto has returned after a week of illness.

Miss Nixon's class has been busy since the first day of school getting their library organized. Our of 107 books the pupils gave 28 of them.

Yuzuru Marta and Henry Yanabu made a bookshelf for the room Henry Yanabem Tashi Kimura, June Oyama and Seiye Tsuji made file boxes for the pupils Folders and book reports. They also made some flower boxes.

Mrs Martins children enjoyed a trip to the woods October 22. They observed the signs of autumn and found many things of interest.

The following will act as class officers. Jimmy Okada, Mikio Suo and Sachiko Kabashi.

A bingo party was enjoyed on Halloween.

## FIFTH GRADE

The fifth grade in 11-A had a halloween party. Each pupil made a crepe paper hat for the occasion.

We are glad to know that Timothy Tira who has been ill for the past two weeks, is improving and hopes to be back in school before long.

Miss Okuda's fifth grade class has organized a Nutty Nut club the officers are: Ruth Mikuta, Ronald Kawachi

Margaret Kuraiwa, Nabur Masumoto. The club has a party on October 29. Games were led by different members of the class. Fortunes were told by Nobuko Ohara. Guests invited were Mr Thompson, Mrs. Boen, Miss. Sayegusa, Miss. Mochizuki and Mr. Chono Mrs. Ridge's fifth grade had a halloween party. Many games were played and cold drinks and cookies served.

Del Fuff went to Little Rock during the week end of October 22 to visit his father.

Tako Yoshida went to Portland Thursday.

Miss Abo's class elected the following to serve as officers Wilfred Yoshimasu, Mitsuko Teroaka, Yoshio Narita, Yoshikaza Ishii. The following people took part in assembly program: Joyce Kanamine Wilfred Yoshimasu, Reiqoka, Ellen Kobayashi and Amy Takeshita.

Mrs Mochizuki's room has organized a club and named it the victory Club. The officers are Katsuro Komoto, Edward Seto, Bob Hata, Franky Ichinaga, James Nakano Arthur Fujikawa, Yuki Jofuku, Jimmy Inouye and Miye Kubo.

## SIXTH GRADE

In Miss Kuriyama's sixth grade there are 26 pupils. For Class activitie we have science and collect bugs and leaves.

We have a class club. Officers are: President Tokayo Tsubouchi; Vice President Arthur Yokota; Secretary, Norma Shiotani; Treasurer Toshimi Kurisu; Sergeant of Arms, Dorothy Shinagawa and Program leader, Henry Teroaka.

Mrs Coocher's class drew maps of Africa, the United States and Australia.

We were sorry to hear of the death of Edward Matsumiya's father.

This is our class total age, height and weight. Our age is 343 years, our height is

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years, our height is 1,572 inches and our weight is 2,107 pounds.

The following officers were elected for the sixth grade class of Mrs. Reeves on Oct. 15: President, Ken Sakaisa; Vice President May Kamioka; Secretary Francis Aroko; Treasurer, Florence Ando; Sergeant at Arms, Takayuki Kowata.

Mr. Brown, from the fire department was a most welcome visitor to our room during National Fire Prevention week.

C. M. Reeves accompanied Mrs. Reeves' room on a field trip and assisted the pupils in identifying trees.

Miss. Young's class is sorry to lose June Fujikawa, who is relocating in Boston.

We have 10 pupils from Tule Lake.

Mrs. Muriyama is our room mother.

### THIRD GRADE

There are 15 boys and 22 girls in Miss. Wakonight's room. The following have perfect attendance for the 1st month: Shizuo, Ikeda, Robert Ito, Yosushi Mochizuki, Henry Naito, Carl Ozaki, Edwin Sakaguchi, Ireno Fujikawa, Amy Hagashihara, Janet Ichiko, Grace Ichinaga, Lilly Imahara, Rose Inouye, Heroko Iwashita, Betty Kawanishi, Reiko Kirita, Nakaho Minemoto, Bernice Murakami, Shirley, Nakaho and Ritsuko Yoshinaga.

### FIRST GRADE

Miss. Dollarhide's room has two students from Tule Lake. There are 18 students with perfect attendance for the first month.

Janet Oyama and Mae-clae Yamada have been absent because of illness.

### ASSEMBLY

Miss. Nixon's room and Mrs. Mochizuki's class gave an assembly program Nov. 4. A play about Columbus, and his voyages was given.

## RHYTHM-CLASS

The first and second grades meet for twenty minutes of rhythms on Tuesday. The exercises are directed by Miss Mary Mochizuki assisted by the teachers. These classes were begun last year under the direction of Mrs. Mary George White, high school physical education instructor. As Mrs. White was unable to continue the work at elementary school, the teachers decided to direct the classes.

Classes last year proved very popular. Children were eager for Wednesday to come so they could join the groups and take part in the many types of exercises given.

### Glee Club

The girls glee club has about 100 members. They meet twice a week with Miss. Mary Mochizuki director and Miss Kinishi accompanist. Their future plans are carols.

### BATON TWIRLING

There are about forty girls out for baton twirling. We have 20 beginners. The class meets twice a week and is directed by Mr. Chimo.

### SPECIAL CLASS

A special class for children who have motor, speaking and hearing difficulties was organized, October 14, with students ranging from the ages 8 to 12 enrolled. The same subjects are taught as in normal classes including speech and reading. Miss. Takagi is the teacher. She taught a similar school at the Helen Doller school in Tule Lake.

Students from the various rooms spent 30 minutes Friday planting winter grass. The grass will form a border.

## SOCIAL

Ghosts and witches were much in evidence in block 23 on Friday October 29. After drawing making masks and Jack - O - lanterns the various classes enjoyed

Miss. Nixon's class played football and dodge-ball. Miss Morris group enjoyed a picnic in the forest.

Mrs. Castleberry's room had a parade they visited each room dressed in Halloween costumes. Many other classes and parties in their rooms.

## SPORTS

Denson lightweights played the 2nd game of the season on Saturday October 23, when they met Rohwer all-center lightweights before a large group of spectators. In yellow and black jerseys, Denson Tigers met their opponents. With Rohwer leading 6 to 0. Due to a misunderstanding the game was forfeited to Denson.

On October 28 the sixth grade had a football game under the direction of Mr. Chono. Four teams were formed the game was played across from the school. Team D was defeated by team C. The score was 6 to 0. Nore Oragaki made the touchdown in the last quarter.

### P. T. A. DRIVE

Parents are asked to join the P. T. A. The students will carry on the membership drive by soliciting for members. There is to be a reward for the class room securing the most members. The contest is to be on the percentage basis. The drive will start Nov. 8 and end the 19th.

The Denson P. T. A. will become affiliated with the National Parent Teachers Association. Dues will be 25¢.

## P.T.A. CONTEST

The P.T.A. Membership Drive, Nov. 8-19 came through with flying colors. The membership of each room was figured as follows: (a) Number of members secured divided by number of pupils on roll within the center. (b) Parents who had children or guardians in more than one room counted for each child.

Students of Mrs. Reaves 6th grade room won the P.T.A. prize with a paid membership of 143 and 10 votes for parents who joined in other rooms. Mrs. Mochizuki's 5th grade won second place with 104 paid members and 6 votes. Honorable mention was given to Miss Obo's class with 75 members and 4 votes. The total number of paid members was 947.

Katsuro Komoto won first prize with 24 members and Joyce Kanamine won second prize with 22 members.

Miss Henry attended the Parent Teachers meeting on Friday Nov. 24th and upon hearing the report, said she thought we could challenge the nation with that number.

The following is the room enrollment, number of new P.T.A. members, and the percentage of each room.

### PERCENTAGE

| Teacher            | Enrollment | Members | Percentage |
|--------------------|------------|---------|------------|
| Reaves             | 33         | 153     | 464%       |
| Mochizuki          | 29         | 110     | 379%       |
| Abo                | 25         | 79      | 316%       |
| Okuda              | 30         | 67      | 223%       |
| Young              | 31         | 48      | 155%       |
| V. Morris          | 36         | 55      | 153%       |
| Martin             | 36         | 46      | 128%       |
| Sugimoto           | 26         | 33      | 127%       |
| C. Morris          | 36         | 42      | 117%       |
| Ridge              | 32         | 37      | 116%       |
| Nixon              | 33         | 43      | 113%       |
| Walker             | 30         | 33      | 110%       |
| Gain               | 32         | 35      | 109%       |
| Kuriyama           | 26         | 28      | 107%       |
| Wakenight          | 37         | 38      | 102%       |
| Castleberry        | 35         | 36      | 101%       |
| Swofford           | 32         | 29      | 91%        |
| Love               | 35         | 31      | 91%        |
| Tanaka             | 31         | 21      | 68%        |
| Smith              | 33         | 21      | 64%        |
| Avery              | 30         | 17      | 56%        |
| Dollarhide         | 26         | 12      | 46%        |
| Murakami           | 32         | 12      | 37%        |
| Pre-School         |            |         |            |
| Nursery No. 3      | 48         | 37      | 77         |
| Kindergarten No. 2 | 57         | 43      | 75%        |
| Nursery No. 2      | 46         | 34      | 74%        |
| Nursery No. 1      | 40         | 29      | 73%        |
| Kindergarten No. 1 | 60         | 42      | 70%        |

## NAT'L EDUCATION WEEK

National Education Week was observed throughout the country Nov. 7-12. Different ways of observing this week were conducted in the different rooms. Parents were invited to the rooms on Tuesday; 130 parents accepted this invitation. This interest in the school is appreciated, and it is hoped that parents feel welcome to visit classes on any school day.

## NOV. 14-20 BOOK WEEK

November 14-20 was National Book Week. Denson Elementary School observed this week in various ways. Reading corners were arranged in different rooms and reading encouraged among the children. Each teacher was asked to report on the number of library books each child had read.

## ASSEMBLIES

Miss Nixon and Mrs. Mochizuki had assemblies during November. Miss Nixon's class had a Columbus play and Mrs. Mochizuki's children had a dance with colorful pom-pom wands.

Miss Wakenight and Miss Avery had assembly the following week. China, Holland, Iceland, and Indians were presented in colorful scenery and costumes.

Miss Avery's class presented a play called "Three Little Pigs", and sang three songs.

November 11--Mrs. Martin's room presented "A Harvest Festival" and Miss Young's class gave a Thanksgiving play. Both were very entertaining.

November 24--Mrs. Sugimoto and Miss Charlotte Morris furnished the assembly program. The numbers were songs, dances, and poems. The "Star Spangled Banner" closed the program.

A little playlet, "How the Pilgrims gave Thanks" was presented by the Second Grade. Twelve children were dressed as Pilgrims.

## DR. COLLIER SPEAKS

Dr. Douglass Collier, Chief Medical Officer and formerly physician in Thailand was guest speaker at the November P.T.A. meeting. His subject was "Childhood in Thailand". Many interesting customs of the country and vivid descriptions of the schools were given by him.

## ATTEND MEETING

The Elementary and Secondary teachers attended a district meeting at McGhee Monday, November 1. Ralph Jones present and addressed the group. Other talks and panel discussions were given. The children had a holiday.

## ADE COMING

Dr. Lester Ade, Director of Education for W.R.A., will visit schools here December 13, 14, and 15.

## ATTEND COUNCIL

Byron S. Thompson, Elementary School Principal and Miss Era Nixon, Fourth Grade teacher, attended the meeting of the Council of the Arkansas Education Association in Little Rock on November 11 & 12. Miss Nixon was elected as an official delegate by faculty members.

## THANKSGIVING DAY

In observance of Thanksgiving the Elementary School was dismissed Thursday, November 25. Special programs and activities were given in each room prior to the holiday. School Work was resumed on Friday, November 26.

## Staff.....

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 News Editor-----Roy Shitakubo  
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                   Mrs. Lillian Mochizuki

This issue was published by the 5th grade pupils of Mrs. Ridge's class.

## EDITORIAL

The months of the year are like a picture gallery. We have seen eleven pictures in 1943, or rather displays of pictures.

November was a gallery of autumn paintings--Harvest Time, Jack Frost, Wood Cutters, Thanksgiving Day--All these passed before our view. You could stand on a hill top and take a look all around. But remember above all not to forget Thanksgiving Day--thankfulness for all our blessings and this "land of hope and glory."

Now we are coming to the last display of paintings--December. It could be so many pictures--Holly, Mistle Toe, Reindeer, Santa Claus, the Babe in the Manger, the Star in the East, Soldiers in Foreign Lands. But the most striking picture could be "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men." The gallery will never be completed until that picture hangs in the exhibit. Then Merry Christmas will be sung to all nations, to every people.

### CHRISTMAS TIME

Dorothy Warnes Reilly

Everything seems merrier  
 When Christmas time is here.  
 Everyone seems happier  
 As Christmas Day comes near.  
 The laughter and the secrecy,  
 The joy of giving gifts,  
 The whiteness of the Christmas snow  
 Piled high in sparkling drifts!  
 Everything seems gay now  
 Than any time before.  
 Festive decorations trim  
 Most every kind of store.  
 Christmas trees in gala dress  
 Stand tall and proud and straight.  
 As Christmas Day draws slowly near  
 It's very hard to wait!

## The Poet's Corner

The Poet's Corner is a column in which pupils contribute original compositions. All pupils are urged to turn in their rhymes, jokes, or jingles.

### SAILORS OF OUR U.S.A.

Over the sea, and far away  
 Sail our sailors of the U.S.A.,  
 Fighting our enemies so we will win  
 And bark once more with strength again.  
 We must help and do our part,  
 For we must win this war.  
 We will buy war stamps and bonds,  
 And keep the enemies away from our shores.  
 So sail our sailors of our U.S.A.  
 And may God speed you on your way.

Rose Kashiwabara--6th Grade

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### JUST ME

I always think what I'll be,  
 When I grow up as big as mom.  
 A nurse, a maid, let me see---  
 I think that I'll be, just me.

Could I be a cat, a dog, oh my!  
 That, of course, I could not be.  
 A doctor, a dancer, not I.  
 I think that I'll be, just me.

A fireman, policeman, or a driver,  
 Oh no! that's for a boy, you see  
 Could be a painter, or maybe a swimmer,  
 I think that I'll be, just me.

Mariko Sekiguchi--6th Grade

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### VIOLETS

Oh, cut me reeds to blow upon.  
 Or gather me a star,  
 But leave the sweet violet-flowers  
 growing as they are.

Yugii Arita--6th Grade

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### JOKE

Actors are Teacher and Joe  
 Teacher--Joe, why did you come to school  
 so late?  
 Joe-----Because the sign on the post  
 read "School go slow."

Kaoru Aoki--6th Grade



Masaru



Signs of the Season



Matoi

## Pre-School News

Individual nursery classes have started preparations for their Christmas program. The children are learning carols, Christmas songs and small pantomines.

The advanced rhythm students are practicing for their rhythm band which is directed by Miss Sachiko Kinishi, Mrs. Nobuko Matsumoto, Nursery and Kindergarten director, together with all the teachers, has been teaching the children many different rhythm exercises in their regular Tuesday rhythm work period.

In the nursery school classes the children are taught the importance of cleanliness and of regular health habits. Children from Tule Lake have introduced new songs to the class and are now singing them during music periods and regular Friday assemblies.

In the class rooms, their work is composed of paste work, cut work, and free hand drawing.

These children have also taken part in the P.T.A. membership drive.

Miss Doris Sato reports perfect attendance in November for 2 in the Kindergarten. Miss Isumi reports 8 boys and 6 girls have perfect attendance for Nov.

They are learning poems for Christmas time.

## Special Class Organized

There is a special class for students who have motor, speaking, and hearing difficulties. Miss Takagi from Tule Lake is the teacher. Three girls and one boy are learning to make things from unwanted articles such as rags, lumber, and paper boxes.

Earnest made a game board from left over lumber. Rosie is making a dress and scarf from old material. Gloria made a little dresser scarf and Annabelle is making a rug from discarded clothing.

## NEWS

### First Grade

In Miss Avery's class each child made a pre-primer. They wrote simple stories.

Eight boys and three girls had perfect attendance this month.

The children from Miss Walker's and Miss Morris's room went walking together to the woods. They found many signs of autumn.

Takeshi Nakamura was in the hospital several days. His first grade friends sent him letters and pictures.

Children in Miss Walker's room counted the friends who have gone to other states. They counted 6 fathers, 8 brothers and 8 uncles.

In Miss Dollarhide's class 9 boys and girls have perfect attendance for the second month of school.

Lynn Araki has been in the hospital for the past three weeks. Teddy Kobayashi has been ill in his home for the past two weeks with bronchitis.

Children have been working on a leaf booklet and learned some poems about leaves. They have started reading their second pre-primer.

### Second Grade

Miss Tanaka's 2nd grade class had a joyful time making Thanksgiving pictures. They now understand all about the first Thanksgiving and know that they have much more for which to be thankful.

Miss Smith's room secured 21 members for the P. T. A.

Calvin Sasai and Joe Taniguchi have been absent several weeks on account of illness.

Nine visitors came to Miss Morris's second grade room during National Education Week.

Marion Adachi and Darold Smith had birthdays in Nov.

42 P.T.A. members were secured by this group of 536 children.

Book week, National Education Week, and Thanksgiving were stressed this month. Many activities were centered around these events.

### Third Grade

The pupils in Miss Wakenight's room made a Thanksgiving Color Book for Jean Ida who is in the hospital. Jean is a pupil in the first grade.

Rose Inouye and Michiko Osaki have not missed a word in spelling the past six weeks.

The third grade pupils of Mrs. Love's room recently held a Who's Who Contest.

Most studious girl----

Gladys Miura.

Most studious boy----

George Komori

Most friendly girl----

Cynthia Yamasaki

Most friendly boy----

Roger Tsuda

Cutest girl-----

Grace Sato

Cutest boy-----

Roy Sasaki

Most beautiful girl---

Miyako Konishi

Most Handsome boy----

Susumi Narita

During National Education Week several parents visited our room and seemed especially interested in the science corner.

Miss Nixon's room in 10-A had a P. T. A. contest. They were to see whether the boys or girls would bring more members or quarters. After the contest, they counted to see whether boys or girls won. The boys had more members but the girls had more quarters, so the decision was a "tie".

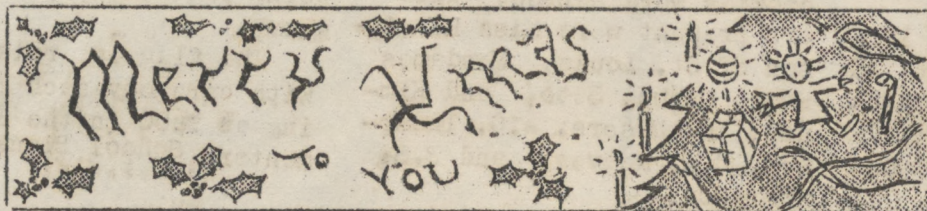
A library corner was built in the class room. It was named "Happy Time Library". A girl mentioned the name and a vote made the decision.

Friday morning Nov. 26, Carolyn Cooney, De Ann Whitaker, and Marianne Morgan were guests--all fourth graders from the Little Rock schools.

### Fourth Grade

The fourth grade class from Mrs. Martin's room presented the following program for assembly, Nov. 18: a two act play "The Harvest Festival".

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The characters of the play were: Harvest Queen, Barbara Toshiyuki; Old Man Winter, Jimmy Okada; Jack Frost, Mikio Suo; Cold Wind, James Hashisaka. Other groups were: Fruits played by six boys; Vegetables played by six girls; Flowers played by six girls; Leaves played by six girls and Pumpkins played by six boys. The play was quite colorful and emphasized the food interest. Twenty-four children have perfect attendance.

## FIFTH GRADE

Our Thanksgiving picture was very pretty. It told a story of Thanksgiving and was drawn by the whole class. The picture was in Mrs. Cain's room, 11 A-B.

The Nutty Nut Club in 23-11-C,D had an election of the following officers: President, Yuriko Egawa; Vice-President, Robert Hamatake; Secretary, Nobuko Ohara; Treasurer, Satsuko Nakamura; Librarian, Yuriye Amano, and Richard Sugiyama.

This club is practicing a three act play "What Chester Learned" for an assembly on Dec. 2, 1943. This is Miss Okuda's room.

Mrs. Mochizuki's room was very glad to receive a second prize of a dollar for getting the second largest number of members for the P.T.A. Katsuro Komoto received a nice Eversharp pencil for obtaining the most members among the boys---24.

Kaye Thompson of Little Rock was a welcomed visitor on November 26. She attends the fifth grade at Park Hill School at Little Rock. She is the daughter of our principal, Mr. Byron Thompson.

Yuki Jofuku, Frankie Ichinaga, Alice Nakayama, and Misako Odachi read the most library books.

The Wildcat Club (Miss Abo's Class) gave a program on November 24. Several girls sang a song and two girls whirled their batons. All the boys in the room sang songs and everyone sang the "Star Spangled Banner". Refreshments were served.

The Pirates are going to do a play also.

The fifth grade of 10 F had a percentage of 116 and 4 votes in the P.T.A. Drive. Mrs. Higashino of Block 28 gave the names of 6 members to this group.

Book marks were made for Book Week.

Herbert Matsuo brought a geography of Hawaii to school and Roy Shitakubo brought several snake skins. Both were centers of interest to the class. There are 17 students in the room with perfect attendance records, and several with perfect spelling records.

Mrs. Miyasaka, Mrs. Nakamura, and Mrs. Ozawa visited the room Tuesday, Nov. 9.

## Sixth Grade

Mrs. Swofford replaced Mrs. Coocher in the sixth grade. She came to the Center from Fine Bluff, but her home is in North Carolina.

Yvonne Taniguchi moved to Rowher, November 10.

Jane Nishimura is back at school after two weeks illness.

Many mothers sent Thanksgiving cards to people ill in the hospital.

Visitors to our room were Mr. A. G. Thompson, Mrs. Boen, Mrs. Hirose, and Mrs. Koyanagi.

Mr. Byron Thompson taught the arithmetic, history, and geography classes Wednesday morning and told some interesting stories.

Class officers are: Pres. Mariko Akasaki, Vice-Pres. Richard Makimoto; Sec. Yuki-ko Sakaoka.

Willie Yamano has been absent from Miss Young's class for two weeks due to illness. Elizabeth Nihei is a new pupil.

The following took part in the assembly program, "The First Thanksgiving", Joan, Stanley, Jiro, Fumiye, Toshio, Tokuro, and Tokuzo.

Students of Mrs. Reaves's room won the P.T.A. prize in the membership drive with a paid membership of 143 and 10 votes for parents who joined in other rooms. A Celebration of the event was in the form of a Thanksgiving party and club program. A playlet "Why we are Thankful" was presented by the pupils and refreshments of punch and individual bags containing candy, ritz, and cookies were served. Visitors present were Miss Robertson of St. Louis, Mesdames Boen, Ozawa, Sato, and Kimura, and Messrs. A.G. Thompson, C.M. Reaves, and B.S. Thompson.

## PERSONALS

Mrs. Coocher, 2E, left the Center Nov. 5th to join her husband in the East. Mrs. Swofford has taken over the 6th grade. Her home is North Carolina.

Miss Gullade gave up her second grade room Nov. 13th and left for Riverside, Calif. where she was married to Lt. James Hawthorne. Mrs. Murakami now teaches this room.

Miss Avery went to Topeka because of the illness of her aunt. She returned Nov. 23. Miss Mochizuki and Miss Uyeno substituted.

Miss Wakenight visited in Searcy Nov. 13 and 14.

Mrs. Thompson and Kay wife and daughter of Mr. Thompson visited here during Thanksgiving.

Mrs. Castleberry was out several days the latter part of Nov., due to illness.

Miss Smith spent five days at her home in Bradley during November.

Miss Charlotte Morris spent the weekend of Nov. 8 at her home in Warren.

The Elementary and Secondary teachers attended a district meeting at McGehee, Monday, Nov.

1. Ralph Jones State Commissioner of Education, was present and addressed the group.

Wednesday, Nov. 24th library books were exchanged and a different set was sent to each room by Mrs. Boen.

The children seemed very happy to have new books to read and talk about.

The ground around the school block was planted in grass seed Nov. 5th. The blades are springing up all around the block. There is a bright green spot in front of the office block.

The Glee Club is composed of several girls. Christmas Songs are now being practiced by this group.

The flag is raised with ceremony each morning at 9:00 in the Elementary School Block.

# Elementary

# Echoes

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January 12, 1944

## Ade Visits Elementary School

Dr. Lester Ade, Senior Education Consultant of the W.R.A., was here December 13, 14, and 15. He visited various rooms accompanied by Mr. B. S. Thompson.

He spoke to the faculty on December 15 about Relocation and its importance.

Dr. Ade was present at the assembly put on by Mrs. Reaves and Mrs. Cain's classes.

## WINTER FAIRYLAND

On December 15 Denson had its first snow. It started snowing just before the first recess for the first, second and third grades. All the children ran out and enjoyed the snow very much. The snow did not become deep but it was great fun for the children while it lasted.

## CHRISTMAS PARTIES POSTPONED

On Tuesday Night Dec. 21, 1943 the faculty in Block 23 was to have a rollicking time. The theme of the party was School Begins--Remember When? All the teachers were to come in pigtails, short skirts and breeches. Under the capable supervision of Mrs. Boen the auditorium was decorated with Santa Claus faces, holly, and a Christmas Tree. On her committee were Mrs. Matsumoto, Miss Sayegusa, Mrs. Martin, Miss Mochizuki, and Mr. Chono. On the entertainment committee were Mrs. Kamioka, chairman; Mrs. Love, Miss Abo, Mrs. Sugiyama, and Mrs. Castleberry. On the refreshment committee were Miss Okuda, chairman; Mrs. Tera-moto, Miss Nixon, Mrs. Kanamine, and Mrs. Reaves.

This was cancelled because of the flu epidemic.

## NEW TEACHERS

The following new teachers have been added to the Elementary School Faculty:

|                             |                 |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| Miss Hari (Tule Lake)       | Assistant       |
| Mrs. Murakami (Tule Lake)   | Assistant       |
| Miss Takagi (Tule Lake)     | Special Teacher |
| Miss Uyeno (Jerome)         | Assistant       |
| Miss Minamide (Jerome)      | Assistant       |
| Mrs. Cain (Oklahoma)        | 5th Grade       |
| Mrs. Ridge (Missouri)       | 5th Grade       |
| Mrs. Swofford (N. Carolina) | 6th Grade       |
| Miss Light (Tule Lake)      | 2nd Grade       |

## ASSEMBLIES

Mrs. Castleberry and Miss Okuda had an assembly on Dec. 21. Miss Okuda had a play "What Chester Learned" and Mrs. Castleberry had a variety of numbers.

Dec. 9, Miss Dollarhide and Miss Light and Mrs. Murakami had Assembly. "The Gingerbread Boy" was given by Miss Dollarhide's class. Christmas was the scene in Miss Light's and Mrs. Murakami's play.

Dec. 15, Mrs. Reaves and Mrs. Cain's rooms gave an assembly. Mrs. Reaves presented a play "Jake Snyder's Christmas". Mrs. Cain's class sang Christmas carols and told their origin.

Dec. 22 Mrs. Love, Miss Tanaka, and Miss Walker's classes were to have presented the assembly but it was postponed.

## Schools Close in Interest of Health

In co-operation with the Center Health Department, the schools were suddenly closed on Tuesday, December 22, 1943.

This was due to the flu which was rapidly increasing in this center.

## TEACHERS VACATIONS

The Christmas vacation lasted 12 days. During this short vacation many different things were done and places visited by the elementary teachers.

Those who remained in this Center and enjoyed the festivities of Denson were Miss Abo, Miss Kuriyama, Miss Tanaka, Mrs. Murakami, Mrs. Castleberry, Miss Takagi, Miss Dollarhide, Miss Hari, Miss Minamide, Miss Masaki, Miss Uyeno, Miss Sayegusa, Miss Mochizuki, Mrs. Mochizuki, Miss Okuda, Mrs. Ridge, Miss Young, and Mr. Chono.

Mrs. Reaves also spent her vacation in the Center and had her sister and her husband and daughter from Conway visit her. Mrs. Martin spent two days in Little Rock and two days in Smackover. B. S. Thompson spent his vacation at his home in Little Rock. Mrs. Boen spent her vacation with her mother in Conway. Mrs. Cain visited friends and relatives in Oklahoma. Miss Nixon visited her mother in Greenbrier, Arkansas. Miss Wake-night also spent her time with her mother at Searcy. Miss C. Morris went to Warren to spend the holidays with her mother. Miss Walker spent her vacation with her father in Springfield, Mo. Miss Avery was the guest of her mother in Lake Village.

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This issue was published by the 5th grade pupils of Miss Abo's class.

## Editorial....

Did you say "Thank you" to your friend who gave something to you at Christmas time? Even if you didn't see that good big friend, Santa Claus; to tell him you were pleased with what he left for you, we think he knew about it when you gave your thanks to father and mother, or to sister or brother. You did remember to do this didn't you? We are glad you did!

What about the Christmas party in your block, did you tell your Block Manager and those who helped him "Thank you for a good time?" We are glad you remembered that, too.

Have you written "Thanks" yet to the somebody whose name was on the present you received at the Block Party? This may be harder to do than it is to say "Thank you." And it was hard, too for Mr. Pullig in Stuttgart, Arkansas or Mrs. Webber at Omaha, Nebraska to decide what to send to us, and hard to buy and to pack so many toys. Maybe it took a long time to get it all ready to mail to Denson for us and our little brothers and sisters.

It was so much fun to see so many presents in pretty wrappings, and more fun to tear them off to see what was inside. And fun, again, to wear it, read it, or to make it go. So let's tell Mr. Pullig, Mrs. Webber, and those other new far-away friends, "Thank you for being so nice to receive a letter from Denson, Arkansas, and learn who got the presents they sent.

We think you teacher will help you write this letter, and any other "Thank you" letters you should send to someone who was nice to you.

We wish some groups would keep a list of the places to which they send these January letters. Locate them on a map; then count the states where you have pen-friends, and let us all know in the next issue of "Echoes" how many times and how far will "I thank you" echo from your room and from School Block 23?

# HAPPY NEW YEAR

## THE POET'S CORNER

The Poet's Corner is a column to which pupils contribute original compositions. All pupils are urged to turn in their rhymes, jokes, or jingles.

C is for Christmas the day we enjoy.

H is for Holly which we hang on our door with joy,

R is for Reindeer that pulls the sled through the snow.

I is for Ice which drips below.

S is for Santa Claus who comes in the night when the snow covers the wood.

T is for Telescope which Santa looks thru to see who's bad or good.

M is for Merry when we all get together.

A is for Angels who dance in the weather.

S is for Santa who comes each year to wish A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL!

Earl Ozake--5th Grade

### SANTA CLAUS

Santa Claus is a big jolly man,  
 He rides in his sleigh as fast as he can.  
 Distributing presents to good girls and boys,  
 Books and games and other toys.  
 If you wish to get gifts for Christmas 'tis clear,  
 You must be good during Christmas and all through the year.

Sarah Nobayashi--5th Grade

### ON CHRISTMAS DAY

On Christmas Day I hope I'm not away from Jerome.  
 Even if I have to go all the way down to Rome.  
 I don't want to miss my friends  
 Because I might be lonely.  
 For I don't know how to make friends in Rome.  
 I will let them ride on my pony.  
 But I don't want to be away on Christmas Day from Jerome.

Wilfred Yoshimasu--5th Grade

### SANTA CLAUS

Oh! Santa dear,  
 Oh! Santa dear,  
 So high up in the sky,  
 With reindeers seven  
 And sled full of toys.  
 He gives them to children,  
 Who are nice girls and boys.

Grace Nitta--5th Grade

## Pre-School

The Pre-school Dept. was to have presented two Xmas Programs on Wed. Dec. 22 in Dining Hall 23. A great variety of musical numbers were to be given. All the parents were cordially invited. Santa was to have appeared on the program. This program was cancelled due to the flu epidemic.

## 1st Grade

Several boys and girls in Miss Avery's class painted a fire place. Each child had a stocking hung around it and made paper toys to put in his stocking.

Fifteen boys and girls have read three pre-primers.

They had a Christmas tree. The room was decorated with Christmas bells, candles, and paintsettias.

The children made Christmas cards.

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Miss Dollarhide's class have enjoyed their new work books "Puzzle Pages."

Lynn Arkai, has been ill with bronchitis for seven weeks. George Ando has been ill. Teddy Kobayashi is ill with bronchitis. Lester Ouchida has been ill with a cold. Edward Shimaseka, Harry Toye, Joy Kanow, Midori Okada, Bruce Haremoto, and Clyde Ikuta have been absent for several days due to illness.

They gave an assembly program on Dec. 7, "The Gingerbread Boy".

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Tamiko Fukute, Alfred Miyamoto, and Takeo Kono of Miss Walker's class have returned to school after being sick for several days.

Darold Smith brought them a Christmas tree. It was a pine tree with long needles.

Minoru Inouye and Richard Kobayashi took a long walk on one Sunday.

Some boys went with Hajime's mother to hunt nuts in the woods.

Mrs. Murakami helped for one week in their room. They were decorating for Christmas.

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## ACTIVITIES

### 2nd Grade

Thursday afternoon Dec. 9 Miss Light's second grade class put on a play about Christmas stockings. Hisashi Yamamoto was Santa Claus. He filled the stockings. They are going to give it for the P.T.A.

They made a Xmas tree and decorated it. They made presents to take home. They have made leaf books after they had taken a trip to the woods and collected different kinds of leaves.

On Wednesday, Dec. 11 the children sew their first snow and discovered that each snow flake had six points and each one different from all the others.

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Due to this cold weather there has been 10 to 12 pupils absent each day in Miss Tanaka's class. Tamio Sakurai and Jean Mirasuna have returned from a long absence.

The room had the holiday spirit with its gay Santa Claus's bells, wreaths, and Xmas trees. All children drew names for gifts and limited the cost to 10¢.

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Miss Smith's class have begun work in their new workbooks.

Joe Taniguchi has returned to school after several weeks' absence.

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In Miss Morris's second grade class Hachiro Yasumura and Kazuko Kimura had birthdays during December.

Johnny Nakamura accompanied his father to Little Rock on December 10.

This group made Christmas decorations for their room and small gifts for their parents.

Dawn Ishimaru, Stanley Ota, Sachiko Taketa, Mitsuko Odachi, Daido Kubota, Jane Nakata, and Albert Murata have perfect spelling scores this month.

The children decorated their Christmas tree with strings of popcorn, red berries, oranges, apples, and paper bells.

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### 3rd Grade

Miss Morris's third grade room spent the month of December working on a Christmas unit. They were very busy aiding Santa Claus with his many duties of making Christmas presents. The pupils in the room made two presents each, stuffed animals for their brothers and sisters and pot lifters for their mothers.

For language work they have written some very interesting letters to Santa Claus. They also made Xmas booklets filling them with Xmas pictures, stories, poems and Xmas Carols.

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In Miss Wakenight's class Fumiko Kitajima has read 35 library books and Gracie Ichinaga has read 30 books.

Each child made a Xmas gift for his parent.

The children enjoyed making Santa Claus's Castle. The castle was furnished with toy furniture. Santa and his reindeer were outside ready to go on their trip to wish everyone a Merry Christmas.

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Mrs. Love's class was glad to welcome Lee Torigoye. He had been sick and just entered school.

The most talked about person in Mrs. Love's room was Santa Claus. Mrs. Love was to give an assembly on the 22nd but it was postponed. The program was to have included: "Christmas Time Song" by the class. A reading "Christmas Visitor" by Sumiko Sugimoto, "Christmas Children" by Ruby Tomita, Mary Mitsuyoshi, and George Miura, Christmas Acrostic by Grace Pato, Kazuko Hayashida, Kimiko Matsumoto, Mary Yumibe, Miyoko Konishi, Jane Sakata, Yoko Fujinami, June Hirata, and Peggy Teramoto.

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The student body and the faculty extend sympathy to Mrs. Reaves in her hour of bereavement in the death of her brother, Judge Utley.

## 4th Grade

Dr. Joe Kawahata visited Mrs. Castleberry's room and examined teeth. He said Kenneth Teramoto had the best teeth he had examined in this school up to the fourth grade.

Robert Nakaji has been absent three weeks due to illness.

The following have not been absent this year: Kenneth Ando, Henry Aragaki, James Kurita, Takemi Matsumoto, Tommy Nagatani, Kenneth Teramoto, Bill Yoshimura, Sumiya Amano, Sanaye Hayashi, Edith Meshwabara, Joy Nagawa, Alice Ueda, and Nancy Sawai.

Mrs. Castleberry's pupils gave a variety of numbers for the assembly program.

Miss Nixon's pupils decided to make Christmas presents for their parents. They went to the store to buy material for the mother's gift and also ordered some material for the father's gift. The material ordered for their fathers did not come; then they ordered handkerchiefs. Miss Nixon's class made chairs, benches, beds, tables, trucks, cars, games, and blocks and gave these toys to Miss Walker's 1st grade class.

Sammy Okubo found a turtle so he brought it to school. The class studied about the turtle and discovered many interesting things about a turtle. They named it after Miss Nixon.

## 5TH GRADE

The wildcats drew names to exchange gifts. They exchanged gifts on the 23rd of December. The Nothings were to give a play, but it was postponed. They had two trees, one for the boys and one for the girls.

The class made potholders and pin cushions for the mothers. They also made the Christmas trees out of a dead branch and green crepe paper. They decorated it with bells, chains, and snowballs made of cotton.



## Xmas Carols Presented

Mrs. Cain's class presented an assembly program on Christmas Carols.

The talks were given by Yoshie Inkoji, Grace Nitta, Grace Nakata, and Jessie Tagami. The announcers were Teddy Matsumoto and Haruru Haruta. "O' Come All Ye Faithful", "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear", "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" were the songs the class sang.

Richard Ikeda, Samuel Fukuda, and Masamizu Kitajime, were the three kings who sang "We Three Kings of Orient are".

The 5th grade class of Mrs. Ridge had dental examinations on Dec. 12. Kimiko Taguchi has excellent teeth and Del Ruff ranked next.

Several children have been absent for more than a week with colds.

### VICTORY CLUB

The Victory Club had a party on Dec. 22. The Committees were as follows: Games—Edward, Jimmie, Tatsuko, and Satoko; Presents—Patrick, Matsuo, Frankie, and Joyce; Decorations—Yukio Miya, Kiyoko, and Fukashi. They decorated the room with a colorful Christmas tree, chains and bells.

The girls made towels and potholders for their mothers and the boys carved pins for their mothers.

## 6th Grade

Mrs. Reaves' class presented a play "Jake Snyder's Xmas" for an assembly program. The characters were Old Jake Snyder, Franklin Sata, Beth, Mabel Ihami, Ann, Michiko Terigoye, Jo, Mae Kamioka, Mae, Nancy Sakamoto, Dot, Shizuko Sakaki, John, Takeyuki Kowata, Bill, Ken Sakaida, Bob, Hiro Tanaka, Ned, Joe Shimasaki, Tom, Terry Masai, Radio Announcer, Florence Ando, and Santa Claus, Theodore Ozawa.

On Dec. 6, Jiro Doi left for St. Louis. The children were sorry to lose Jiro as a classmate. There are only 10 boys in Miss Young's class.

## WHAT'S A COOKIN'

Last Thursday Miss Young visited her mother in Gurdon. She came back on Dec. 12.

Rose Tsubokawa, Keiko Shikuma, and Kimiye Oshiba made a Christmas card box.

About six children in Miss Kuriyama's class took part in the assembly, whirling the baton.

Yasuko Hirayama has been absent for two weeks due to illness.

Miss Takayo Tsubouchi accompanied her mother to Sikeston, Missouri for a short visit.

Some of the boys in Mrs. Swafford's room built a fireplace for Santa Claus. The girls in the room made a snow scene which reached across the room.

## PERSONALS

Miss Mickey Masaki substituted three days for Mrs. Reaves who was called to Little Rock on account of the death of her brother, Judge J. S. Utley.

Miss Z. Dollarhide moved from Dorm. 7 to Blk. 36. She is living with Miss Saliba and Miss Avery.

Mrs. Cain went to St. Louis for a few days to see her brother, Lt. (J.G.) Ralph Ainnecker VP-92 of the Naval Air Corps, who has been in service for the past year in North Africa. Some of his men had brought back three of the worn planes to be rebuilt, and they are flying back after a 15 day furlough in the states.

Miss Izumi went to Little Rock on Dec. 15.

Miss Abo, Mrs. Castleberry, Miss Dollarhide, and Mrs. Ridge were among the teachers going to Little Rock on Dec. 4 for a shopping tour.

Mr. Frank Takahashi, former 5th grade teacher, visited our school.

Mrs. Mikami, former secretary to Mr. Thompson, visited our school. Mrs. Mikami and husband are employed in Cleveland.

# ELEMENTARY ECHOES

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February 10, 1944

## MISS NIXON'S PUPILS OPERATE SCHOOL STORE

An Elementary "CO-op" Store was organized January 21 by the Fourth Grade of Miss Era Nixon. Under the direction of Mrs. Josie Ikeda, representative of the Jerome Co-operative Enterprises Association, plans were made and leaders elected. A board of directors composed of Joji Yoshiyama and Sumiko Harashita, co-chairmen; Isamu Asaki, Secretary; Victoria Aoki, Treasurer; Mitsuko Taketa, Ben Miyasaki, and Yaeko Yamane were chosen.

With Henry Yanabu as building foreman, the store was built in the Fourth Grade room, 23-10-A. Kanji Sahara and Kiyoko Uyetake were store decorators and Kioru Asato and Teruko Konishi were messengers. The entire class assisted.

The store opened for business Monday morning, January 23. During the first day 3,020 valentines were sold and \$30.76 was taken in. At the present time 5,282 valentines have been sold and \$54.36 is the amount taken in.

## FUN ON SNOW AND ICE

Slipping, sliding and snowballing appeared to be in order Jan. 14 and 15 when a big snow and a severe freeze made fun for Danson Elementary School children who came to school in full glee because they had never before seen such a beautiful and glorious scene. The teachers who are not so agile appeared-----some with adhesive tape fastened to soles of galoshes, others with old socks and cloths on the bottom of their shoes and managed to creep in snail-like fashion to their respective rooms. No major injuries were reported but a number of children were sent to the First aid room to receive treatment for bruised arms and shins which had resulted from falls.

## MARCH OF DIMES

"Join the March of Dimes" was really the slogan in Block 23 during the week of January 24-29. Students and teachers responded so enthusiastically that a total of \$63.74 was collected and in many rooms there was 100% child participation.

Some of the classes wrote letters to President Roosevelt stating their interest in this worth-while movement which helps to give crippled children a chance to become well and happy.

## ELEMENTARY ASSISTANTS

The following are assistant teachers:  
Miss Alice Minamide      Mrs. Alice Murakami  
Miss Anna Tanaka          Miss Mickey Asaki  
Miss Mary Kuriyama        Miss Louise Hari  
Miss Edna Uyeno

## Relocation Team Visits Center

Dr. P. A. Webber and Mr. Harold Fister spent the week of January 17-21 in the Center talking to and with the evacuees and appointed personnel. They had with them many interesting films, some of which showed the work of those who have gone out and relocated. "The Way Ahead" a W.R.A. sound-color film is a visual pictorial account of what residents are doing daily in the world outside, and a number of the scenes showed people who were once in the Jerome Relocation Center.

Dr. Webber was born in Michigan, but spent most of his adult life in Japan as a missionary and educator, and is rated as one of America's best speakers in the Japanese language.

Assemblies and auditorium work were called off for the entire week, due to the fact that these meetings were conducted in the Elementary School block.

## School Opening Delayed

In co-operation with the Center Health Department, the schools which were suddenly closed on Tuesday, December 22, 1943 did not reopen on January 3, as was scheduled and work was not resumed until Monday, January 10. This was due to a severe epidemic of flu which was rapidly increasing in a manner appropriately described in the following poem.

### "Mary's Little Cold"

Mary had a little cold, but wouldn't stay at home,  
And everywhere that Mary went the cold was sure to roam.  
It wandered into Molly's eyes and filled them full of tears-  
It jumped from there to Bobby's nose and thence to Jimmie's ears.  
It painted Anna's throat bright red and swelled poor Jennie's head;  
Dora had a high fever, and a cough put Jack in bed.  
The moral of this little tale is very quickly said-  
She could have saved a lot of pain with Just one day in bed. (Copied)

This poem can be used effectively in connection with health lessons and may be sung to the tune of "Mary had a Little Lamb".

## BATON TWIRLERS TO PERFORM

Under the direction of Mr. Chono, groups 1, 2, 3 and 4 in baton twirling will give a performance for parents only Feb. 12 in the auditorium of Block 23.

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This issue was published by the 6th Grade students of Mrs. Reaves class.

## LEADERS BORN IN JANUARY ARE LISTED

January was named for Janus, the God of Beginnings, who was a double-headed deity with one face looking forward and one looking backward. This is symbolic of the month which inspires thoughts of the past as well as of the future. The special flower for this month is the snow drop.

Many of the prominent characters of history and literature were born in January.

January 6, 1412 - Joan of Arc, "The maid who saved France."

January 14, 1741 - Benedict Arnold, a name which has become a synonym for treason to one's country.

January 25, 1759 - Robert Burns, "Bobby Burns", Scotland's greatest poet.

January 17, 1706 - Benjamin Franklin, "The Great Franklin of the Busy Brain", who discovered that lightning and electricity are identical.

January 11, 1757 - Alexander Hamilton, The patriot of incorruptible integrity.

January 21, 1824 - Stonewall Jackson, "There stands Jackson like a stone wall" an apt phrase applied to him.

January 19, 1807 - Robert E. Lee, The greatest military genius of his day.

January 29, 1843 - William McKinley, 25th president of the United States and the third president to lose his life at the hands of an assassin.

January 19, 1809 - Edgar Allen Poe, American poet and story writer.

January 1, 1735 - Paul Revere, known to school children because of his famous "midnight ride."

January 30, 1882 - Franklin Delano Roosevelt, now serving his third term as president and author of the "New Deal" in which practically all letters of the alphabet are used.

January 19, 1736 - James Watt, generally referred to as inventor of the steam engine.

January 18, 1782 - Daniel Webster, American orator remembered by his famous words, "Liberty and Union, one and inseparable."

## THE POET'S CORNER

The Poet's Corner is a column in which pupils contribute original compositions.

All pupils are urged to turn in their rhymes, jokes, or jingles.

### WINTER AND SPRING

We see snow,  
 Then we know,  
 Winter is here,  
 And we will cheer,  
 But some will be glad,  
 And some will be sad,  
 When its spring.  
 We will have fun,  
 Birds will sing,  
 And we will run,  
 And play and sing,  
 Happy Happy Spring.

Norman Ichinaga--6th Grade

### FROM ME TO YOU

I mailed a batch of Valentines,  
 And signed them all "Guess Who."  
 So if the mailman brings you one,  
 Accept my love for you!

Sam Sekikawa--5th Grade

### SPRING

The snow is melting  
 Winter is passing  
 The grass is growing  
 Spring is here,  
 And birds are flying  
 Everywhere.

Takashi Kanenaga--6th Grade

## SCHOOL MOVIES

Through the kindness of the Co-operative Enterprise in furnishing a machine and an operator, the children and teachers enjoy entertaining pictures every two weeks. These are W.R.A. films and the project is sponsored by Block 23. Films are selected with a view of the time of year, as well as, interests of pupils. The last one was "Walrus Hunting in Alaska" and "Life in Lapland."

## PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS

Once each month a professional teachers meeting is held in the mess hall Block 23 including teachers from the pre-school through the sixth grade.

Three of these meetings have been conducted this year. The topics for discussion have been on "Reading Readiness", a panel discussion led by Mr. B.S. Thompson on "Pro's and Con's of New Education" and "Is Our Elementary Science Program Functional?"

The next meeting will be on Feb. 19. Miss Light and Miss Nixon will give a demonstration on Teaching English in second and fourth grades.

These meetings are under the leadership of Mrs. Boen. Teacher participation is excellent and much interest is shown in these meetings.

## PRE-SCHOOL

The pre-school rhythm band composed of advanced students from both kindergarten and nursery classes performed for the upper grades on Thursday, January 27. The band, led by Sai Asaki and under the direction of Miss Sachiko Kinishi, presented two numbers "Treader" and "Anchors Aweigh".

On Jan. 27th 28 children of the pre-school dept. were guests at a gay birthday party given by Arleen Matsumoto in 23-05-F.

On Feb. 12 the pre-school will join the Elementary grades in presenting a Benefit Program in order to raise funds to purchase uniforms for the Baton Drill Corps. and the Pre-School Rhythm Band.

The Nursery will surely miss the presence of a highly capable teacher, Mrs. T. Kanamine who is leaving soon with her family for Omaha, Nebraska.

## FIRST GRADE

Miss Avery's class made a Valentine calendar for February.

They studied about birds in January; learned how to help bird friends; wrote stories, drew pictures, and made cut out posters.

Nearly every child in the room has read 6 pre-primers.

Miss Dollardhide's first grade have just completed a unit on the Eskimo. They made a wall freize of an Eskimo home and family.

They took an invitation home to their parents to attend the P.T.A. Our visitors this six weeks were Mrs. Ouchida, Mrs. Kobayashi and Mrs. Kobashi. They are enjoying keeping a weather chart for Feb. and talking about the weather.

Miss Walker's first grade went to the Post Office where each child mailed a letter. Now they are making a play post office in their room.

This group went to visit the fire department. Mr. Brown showed them many things at the station, and answered their questions.

The children of 8-C have a big map of the Center. Each child has put his name on his home block and some one marks all the places the class goes to visit.

## NEWS OF CLASSES

Roy Ichinaga in Mrs. Sugimoto's class has had perfect attendance since school started in October.

## SECOND GRADE

Mrs. Castleberry's second grade has some new readers. The Booster class is reading "We Grow Up", the Super man class "Our New Friends" and the "Willing Workers, Round About".

Mr. A.G. Thompson visited their room last week.

Barbara Tsutsui is ill with mumps.

The following pupils in Miss Smith's class have names on the spelling chart: June Hoshida, Myron Shirasu, Edwin Takahata, Saiko Nishizawa, Mutsuo Ageno, Dorothy Sato, and Mitsuko Laai.

Those having perfect attendance last month are; Harold Kurita, Charles Kitajima, Edwin Takahata, Harry Tamura, Mildred Aoki, Amy Mishiro, and Mary Suzuki.

Miss Morris' second grade has been studying about the Eskimos.

Our room collected \$2.70 for the "March of Dimes" and wrote a letter to President Roosevelt.

Masao Suimamoto and Stanley Ota have not been absent during this school term.

Albert Murata, Mitsuko Odachi, Kenneth Tsutsui, Kazuko Kimura, Sachiko Takeuchi, Joyce Mochizuki, Hiroshi, Shintani, Emiko Yoshiyama, Kiyomi Ishii, Dawn Ishimaru, Jane Nakata, and Stanley Ota have perfect scores in spelling this month.

Miss Light's class made a big picture for their room. It tells about children playing. They traced around the children then painted them.

For Valentine's Day they made some big valentines for a border. They traced the heads of Peter, Yosuko, Shirley, Hisato, and Danny to make the other valentines. Each portrait was painted and pasted on a big red heart then pasted on a lace doily.

## THIRD GRADE

The pupils in Miss Wake-nights' class are enjoying reading animal stories. They are learning how the animal spend the four seasons, autumn, winter, spring, and summer. They also are learning about the food clothing, and homes of the different animals.

Suizuo Ikeda, Yasushi Mochizuki, Rose Inouye and Bernice Murakami have not been absent nor tardy this school term.

Miss V. Morris' third grade is studying about, "Houses". Some attractive booklets are being made on houses. The booklets are composed of a picture of the house and a story following the picture. Material is being collected to construct several different types of houses such as the wigwam, log cabin etc.

Ronny Okimura has been absent from school for several weeks because of an appendectomy.

Joyce Matsumoto has returned to school after several days absence, due to an attack of pneumonia.

Mrs. Love's class has charge of the assembly program, Thursday, Feb. 3. The entertainment consisted of a Valentine Dance, novelty tap dance, reading and class song. The nursery school gave two numbers by the thym band and Mr. Chono presented the baton twirling group in a few minutes of entertainment.

## FOURTH GRADE

Mrs. Richmond is a 4th grade teacher in the place of Mrs. Castleberry, who is teaching a second grade.

Her pupils have just finished the "Story of Wool" in science, and have made some booklets about wool.

Superintendent, Mr. A.G. Thompson, visited this room Jan. 26.

Those having perfect attendance for the month ending Jan. 14 were: Nancy Sawai, Naomi Nakashima, Sanyo Hayashi, Joy Kagawa, Shigeko Hashizumi, William Yoshimura, Takemi Matsumoto, Kenneth Taramoto, James Kurita, Kenneth Ando, and Henry Aragaki.

**PREVENT FIRES**

## PUPILS HEAR ABOUT NEW YORK CITY

Miss C. Morris told Miss Nixon's class about New York City. She told about skyscrapers, subways, theaters, zoos, Coney Island, The Statue of Liberty, Grand Central Station, Brooklyn schools, churches, and the parks. Sumiko Hatashita, a member of their class flew from Los Angeles to New York in 1938 when she was 5 years old.

Ryu Tanaka and John Tenma have had the mumps since Christmas. Ryu is back in school now.

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The children of Mrs. Martins' class are enjoying their library corner very much this year. The number of books read by each pupil is recorded on a wall chart. Helen Kodama has read the largest number of books this year.

The pupils are now working on an Eskimo Unit. They have written stories about Eskimos. Several pictures have been drawn for their booklets. They have read the Bobbsey Twins in Eskimo Land. The picture show in nicely with the study.

### FIFTH GRADE

Mrs. Cain's class has organized a club. The following officers were elected: President, Richard Ikeda; Vice President, Sarah Nobayashi; Treasurer, Michiko Wakebayashi. They intend to have a program each Friday afternoon. Grace Nitta, Grace Kakuta, and Itoko Katayama were appointed to serve as a program committee.

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Miss Abos' class has new officers. Ann Yanaguchi, president; Wilfred Yoshinazu, Vice-president; Ellen Kibayashi, Secretary. Sho Yokota, Treasurer; Rei Yoshinobu, Sgt. at Arms; Mitsuko Teraoka is the Librarian.

The class pasted colored paper cherries on the curtains. They decorated the rooms with the February motive.

The children are making a health book, and are divided into groups. Some children are studying about vitamins. Others are studying either things about health.

## VICTORY CLUB

The Victory Club of Mrs. Mochizuki's room decorated the room with cherries, hatchet, and shield motive with the Valentino idea for the windows. Katsuro and Fukashi cut out Washington and Lincoln's profile for the wall decoration. A big party is planned for valentine.

Alice Nakayama, Patrick Yogi, and Jimmie Inouye have perfect attendance up to date.

Akiyo Nakata, Katsuro Komoto, Fukashi Iwashita have straight 100's in spelling so far.

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The Nutty Nut Club of Miss Okuda's room made a new curtain design of a tree, under the direction of Miss Sayegusa.

Their Valentine Party is to be held on Feb. 14. The following are the committee chairmen: Refreshment, Margaret Kuroiwa; Decoration, June Ichiho; Games, Chester Tanaka; Invitation, Ronald Kawachi; Program, Noboru Matsuoto.

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The following pupils of Mrs. Ridge's room have been absent from school on account of illness: Roger, Joey, Kay, Fred, Janet, Florence, Rsuruko, and Albert.

For their assembly on Jan. 27 they gave a choral reading "Winter", sang a song "Skating is Fun" and Joey Richmond read a paper on President Roosevelt and infantile paralysis.

Mr. Lester Smith talked to their class and Mrs. Mochizuki's on electricity, magnetism, and the compass.

### SIXTH GRADE

Mr. Retherford's sixth grade class has as one of its New Year Resolutions--- "Read to Learn".

They keep a booklet called "Getting Places with Words".

Dorothy Shinagawa leads with a total of 5 books read in 4 weeks.

One field trip has been made as a follow-up lesson on their study of weather.

Carolyn Love is a welcome addition to our group. She comes from Jerome Grade School.

Mrs. Retherford a new teacher comes to us from Hot Springs, Arkansas.

## MRS. SWOFFORD'S CLASS SELLS 138 PLAQUE

Mrs. Swofford's sixth grade class sold 138 plaque to get a patriotic emblem for their room.

They are having a spelling contest, the boys against the girls. At the end of six weeks the winners will be entertained by the losers.

They have completed a moving picture on travel, and plan to take it to the other 6th grades and show it.

Charlene is back at school after her long illness. She had pneumonia during the holidays.

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On Jan. 26 the pupils of Mrs. Reaves' room made plans for a Valentine Party and elected officers for the last semester.

This class responded 100% in the March of Dimes Drive.

The students who have been neither absent nor tardy this school year are Lily Inouye, Nancy Sakamoto Shizuko Sasaki, Satoe Kuni-shige, Michiko Torigoye, Mabel Inari, Takeyuki Kowata, Ken Sakaida, Theodore Ozawa, and Aki Yamamoto.

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In Miss Young's class Willie Yamano returned to school after Christmas. He was out 5 weeks due to illness. Osamu Tsutsui has the mumps.

New readers have been issued in the groups. They are "Runaway Home" and "Let's Travel On".

The new assembly monitor is Mitsuyoshi Aoki. Miss Young visited her mother in Gurdon, Ark. on Jan. 22. Edna Ishimoto took part in an assembly program Jan. 27.

### PERSONALS

Mr. B. S. Thompson spent the week-end of Jan. 29, 30 with his family in North Little Rock.

Miss Constance Avery, 1st grade teacher, left the Center to become the bride of S. Sgt. M. L. Pucket Camp Campbell, Kentucky.

Miss Anna Tanaka, ass's teacher, has announded her engagement to Sgt. H. Nishimoto of Camp Polk, La.

Miss Ruth Takagi left Feb. 7 for employment in Chicago.

Miss V. Morris, Mrs. Verna Lee Ridge, and Mrs. Boen were absent from duty due to illness.

# ELEMENTARY ECHOES

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## PERFECT ATTENDANCE OF PUPILS LISTED SIXTH GRADE LEADS

The first semester which started on Oct. 4, 1943 ended on Feb. 25. During the winter months we have had much unpleasant weather. But in spite of rain and snow the following pupils have had perfect attendance throughout the semester. They should be congratulated for their courage and good health.

### KINDERGARTEN

Group I: Malvin Karamoto, Sei Asaki.

### FIRST GRADE

Miss Dollardhide: Kanji Kobayashi. Mrs. Sugimoto: Roy Ichinaga. Miss Walker: Caroline Okada. Mrs. Murakami: Nancy Nakanishi, Thelma Masagatani, Toshiye Ikegami, Lloyd Matsumoto, Ralph Kirita.

### SECOND GRADE

Miss C. Morris: Stanley Ota, Masao Shimamoto. Mrs. Castleberry: Toshitaka Hara, Dick Oshiro, Shirley Endo. Miss Light: Michiko Hayashida.

### THIRD GRADE

Miss Wakenight: Shizuo Ikeda, Rose Inouye. Miss V. Morris: Masanori Aragaki, Norman Imahara, Anna Tange.

### FOURTH GRADE

Miss Nixon: Sam Arimura, Tommy Okamoto, Lily Aoki, Mary Inori, Arlene Yamaji. Mrs. Martin: Banpo Shiotani, Nobuye Hiraoka, Helen Kodama. Mrs. Richmond: Kenneth Ando, James Kurita, Sanaye Hayashi.

### FIFTH GRADE

Miss Okuda: Henry Ikarashi, Kay Kawanishi, Tetsuo Nakamura, Sam Sasaki, Fumiye Tanida. Miss Abo: Esther Nakatani. Mrs. Ridge: Herbert Matsuo, Kimiko Taguchi. Mrs. Mochizuki: Jimmie Inouye, Patrick Yogi, Alice Nakayama.

### SIXTH GRADE

Mrs. Reeves: Takeyuki Kowata, Eiichi Kubo, Ken Sakaida, Joe Shimasaki, Tsuneki Yamamoto, Mabel Inami, Lily Inouye, Nancy Sakamoto, Shizuko Sasaki. Miss Young: Toshio Kawamura, June Hisamoto, Doris Hasegawa, Fumiye Shino, Reiko Mineamoto. Mrs. Retherford: Kiyoshi Hanashiro, Toshimi Kurisu, Henry Teraoka, Florence Inori, Ikuko Matsumoto. Mrs. Swofford: Noriaki Aragaki, Norman Ichinaga, Toshiaki Kuwada, Charles Ueda, and M.riko Sakiguchi.

## P.T.A. MEETING HELD

A regular P.T.A. meeting was held on Feb. 16, after the Pre-school children and Mrs. Retherford's class presented the program. Mr. and Mrs. Brinton, the directors of the Cincinnati Relocation Hostel, spoke about the hostel. The Constitution and the By-laws were approved as read.

## BENEFIT SHOW A GREAT SUCCESS

### BATON TWIRLING, BANDS DANCES, FEATURE PROGRAM

The Benefit Show given on Feb. 12 in the Dining Hall 23 was a huge success! It was given by the Pre-school rhythm band, the elementary baton twirlers, and tap, hula and Japanese dancers. With Mrs. Matsumoto as chairman, Mr. Terry Chono directed the twirlers and Miss Kinishi directed the Pre-school rhythm band.

A repeat performance was given by popular demand on Feb. 19. All parents were invited to attend.

## ASSEMBLY PROGRAMS

On Feb. 10, Mrs. Retherford's class gave a play "Growth of Our Nation" and the Pre-school presented the rhythm band. Miss Austin's girls chorus sang a few numbers and Amy Sasaki sang a solo. Mrs. Castleberry's and Miss Walker's classes performed plays on Feb. 17. The plays were "Mother Goose on the Radio" and Dramatized stories.

The upper grades assembly was given by Mrs. Swofford's class presenting "The Light" and also Miss Abo's class presenting "The Spirit of the Flag." Miss Mary Kasai's girls chorus and the quartet entertained with songs.

## Art Classes Are Enjoyed

The upper grades have enjoyed Art under the capable supervision of Miss Mitsuko Sayegusa, art teacher. She has been teaching us this last semester many and various art lessons, such as: sketching, paper-mache, modeling, color wheel, finger painting, clay modeling. At present, all the classes are starting on weaving with raffia, making pin cushions, mats, and pot holders with yarns.

Mrs. Millie Kanioka, a former nursery teacher, has joined her in teaching art.

## DENTAL EXAMINATION GIVEN

All the children have had a dentist examination before Christmas and since that time 24 pupils have gone to the hospital for Repair Work.

The 4th, 5th, and 6th grades have finished the remedial work. An average of 20 teeth have been filled per day. It is hoped the first, second and third grades will be completed within the next month.

Dr. Kawahara and Dr. Tsuda are responsible for our dental program.

### CANDY GIVEN BY P.T.A.

The P.T.A. donated candy to all the children on Valentine's Day. The candy was given out by the room mothers to each classroom and enjoyed by the students.

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This issue was published by the fifth grade students of Mrs. Machizuki's class.

## THE POET'S CORNER

The Poet's Corner is a column in which pupils contribute original compositions.

All pupils are urged to turn in their rhymes, jokes, or jingles.

SPRING

The plants are peeking  
The flowers are blooming  
the animals are happy  
When Spring comes around the corner.

The birds are chirping  
The hills are bright  
The forest of green and  
The scenery so pretty  
What fun! we'll have  
When Spring is here.

. Rose Kashiwabara--6th Grade

THE SNOW AND THE SPRING

"I wonder why, "The snow would sigh,"  
 "The spring comes to melt us,"--  
 The spring might say, "With its face gay.  
 We're going to help the farmers."

The snow would talk, and slowly walk.  
"Why can't we help the farmers too?"  
The spring will explain, how plain  
It is about farmers hating snow.

With a sad heart, the snow would part,  
From the spring talking slowly,  
Nobody likes me, Everyone hates me,  
So I'm going back to the North.

The spring saw him going far away,  
He shouted, "Someone loves you still"  
"Who can it be, that likes me?"  
"It is the happy children on the hill."

Mariko Sekiguchi--6th Grade

## TOP

I wish I had a top  
One that will go round and round  
Oh what fun I could have with such a toy  
Gee, I wish I had a top  
Boy, Oh boy!

Ronald Kawachi--5th Grade

## FEBRUARY NOTABLES

Lincoln-"Four scores and seven years ago"  
Lindburgh-I flew across the Atlantic  
Ocean in 1927.--

Buffalo Bill-I carried the mail-

Mary Lyon-Higher education for woman--

Edna St. Vincent Millay-I began to write

poetry when I was a little girl--  
George Washington-I helped lay the founda-  
tions of this great republic.

Susan B. Anthony-Women have every right  
to vote and help run our government.

St. Valentine-My valentine, I love you.

## TEACHERS' MEETING

The Professional Teachers' meeting was held on Sat., Feb. 19. Interesting demonstrations on how to teach English were given by Miss Light and her pupils and Miss Nixon and her class.

# PERSONALS

Miss Mary Mochizuki, former music teacher, has relocated to New Britain, Conn. She is working in the YWCA office there. The New Britain newspaper had an article and picture of her.

Miss Mochizuki will be missed by Den-  
son Elementary School. She organized the  
Girls' Glee Club; promoted rhythm exer-  
cises, and helped with assembly programs.

Miss Shigeno Yumiba has been added to the Pre-school staff.

Mrs. Kanamine of the Pre - school has located in Omaha, Nebraska.

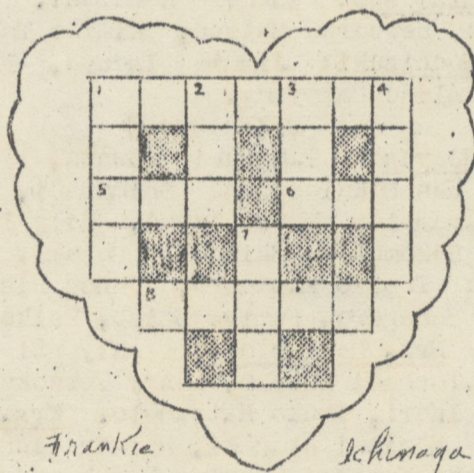
Miss Naito, of the Pre-school is at present assisting in the first and second grades.

Miss Mieko Masaki has resigned her position and will go to another Center as a transferee.

## SPORTS

The 5th and 6th Grade boys are planning to make basket ball, track, hurdling, and tumbling teams. Also the girls are planning to make a basket ball team.

Mr. Chono is director of all sports.



ACROSS

1. Famous man born in February.
5. An animal that gives milk.
6. Abbreviation of the largest state.
8. The shape of many Valentines.

## DOWN

1. Fastens a door.
2. Present, not past.
3. To have three strikes.
4. The word meaning nearest.
5. Something rationed.

# CLASS ROOM NEWS

## PRE-SCHOOL

The Benefit Program which was held on Feb. 12 and 19 by the Pre-school Dept. and Mr. Chono's baton corps was a great success. This was the first time that the pre-school children, mainly the rhythm band, performed for the general public. The program included many varieties of songs and dances. Rhythm band, army and navy songs, Japanese songs, Hawaiian hula and Japanese dances, and the 3 groups of baton corps. The chairman for the program was Mrs. N. Matsumoto.

On Feb. 16 the children performed for the P.T.A. Lucille Inami sang a solo, "Playmates", and a selected group sang "The Barber Song", "Telephone Song", and "Billy Boy".

## FIRST GRADE

Two girls from Miss Dollarhide's room, Janet Oyama and Lynn Araki have moved to Crystal City, Texas. They have enjoyed reading about Lincoln and Washington this month, and also made Valentines for their friends.

The pupils have kept a weather chart for Feb. and so far they have only 7 sunny days on their chart.

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Miss Walker's first grade class used their Valentine Post Office from February 7 through 14. Play stamps were bought with play-money. Announcements of the opening date were sent to five rooms.

Postmen were Ted Tado, Isamu Kurisu, Shigeo Konishi, Hajime Yamaguchi, Minoru Inouye, Takeo Kono, Richard Kobayashi, John Kurokawa, and Fred Odaka. They wore paper hats and mail bags made at school. Postmen who worked in the post-office were Jack Odaka, Harold Nakaji, Rose Okamoto, Caroline Okada, Taniko Fukute, Christina Araki, Takako Akiyama, Katsuko Yumiba, Horace Mochizuki and Henry Yasui.

A playhouse is being made in Miss Walker's room. Mr. Watanabe made the frame of the little room. He helped the boys to cover the walls for the Valentine

Post Office. Now it has bigger windows and looks like a little home.

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Mrs. Murakami's Class made Valentines for their mothers and friends. They mailed the Valentines at the Valentine Post Office in Miss Walker's room. They also had a Valentine Party. They had lots of fun.

## SECOND GRADE

Miss Light's class is talking about good foods to eat. They have brought pictures of good food and have made a chart of them. They try to eat what is good for them.

The class had a party on Valentine's day, and had games and refreshments at school.

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During February, Miss Smith's class studied about Lincoln and Washington and made booklets.

On Valentine's day, Mrs. Nakata, our room mother, visited our room and brought cookies which we enjoyed.

The children have made booklets to record the library books they have read.

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Darold Smith, a pupil in Miss Morris' class, has moved to Bonita, Louisiana.

Toshio Maguda had a birthday on Feb. 21.

The class made Valentines of colored paper, lace doilies and pictures for Miss Light's second grade. The Valentine box was made like Uncle Sam. A unit on the

flag has been completed.

Jane Nakata has returned to school after having been ill with the mumps.

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In Mrs. Castleberry's class Jean Hirasuna, Akiko Sugimoto, and Barbara Tsutsui are back in school after several days absence.

They had a Valentine party and served cookies and drinks.

They have some new pictures in their room.

The Booster Class is studying about cotton.

The class gave the assembly program, "Mother Goose on the Radio" Feb. 17.

## THIRD GRADE

Miss Morris' third grade presented an assembly program for the lower grades Mar. 2. The class presented a health play. Shizuko Akasaki played a few selections on the piano and Nancy Morinaka, and Joyce Imazu did a tap dance.

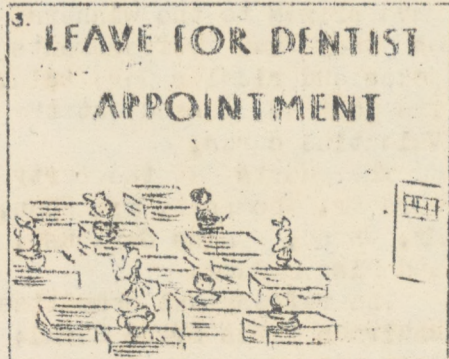
Ronny Okimura has returned to school after a long period of absence.

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In Mrs. Love's class Gladys Miura won the spelling contest for the first semester. She has missed only two words since the beginning of school. Sumile Sugimoto ran Gladys a very close race.

We were very sorry to lose Roger Tsuda from our class. Roger has gone to Washington D.C. to live.

## WHAT STARTS WELL ENDS WELL... F. IWASHITA



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Every child in Miss Wakenight's room has been to the dental clinic this week. The children are learning how to care for their teeth so that they will not have to go often to the clinic.

They have completed a study of animals. They have made a booklet telling everything that they learned in this study.

A number of puzzles were given to our room. The children have enjoyed playing with them.

A George Washington booklet was made. Pictures of Mt. Vernon were studied.

#### FOURTH GRADE

Mrs. Richmond's class is having a very interesting journey through the heart of Africa for their unit study of the Congo and Nile Rivers, the Sahara Desert, the Pigmies, Negroes, and Oasis Dwellers. The class plans to make an illustrative map of the journey.

Shigeo Hashizume tells us a new baby sister arrived at their house Feb. 16. She is very proud of her.

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Miss Nixon's class made 6 copies of the Elementary "Co-op" Store booklet. Sumiko Katashita, Lily Aoki, and Amy Nishiyama made the covers while the rest of the class made the pages.

The class played Chinese Checkers, dominoes, pick-up-sticks, authors, and checkers at their Valentine Party. Kiyoko Uyetake won the dominoes game, Joji Yoshiyama won the Chinese Checker game, John Tenma won the checker game, Joe Sato won the pick-up-sticks, and Henry Yanabu won the authors. We received candy from Miss Nixon and the P. T. A. Our guest was Mrs. Joe Okimura.

#### FIFTH GRADE

In Mrs. Cain's class the club has selected the name "The American Eagle Club". This was suggested by Yoshie Enkoji and Ronald Hirohata.

We are glad to have Michiko Wakabayashi back in school after a weeks' illness.

#### HELP PAPER DRIVE

Miss Abo's class gave a play for the assembly on Feb. 24. The name of the play was "Spirit of The Flag". The announcer was Rei Yoshinobu, Voice of Stage. Sho Yokota; Spirit of the Flag, Jane Sumida; Chorus, the class; Wilfred Yoshimasu, Law Maker; Morris Okamura, Freddie Farmer; Yoshie Narita, Charlie Carpenter; Earl Ozaki, Martin Miner; Nancy Ohashi, Fanny Factory worker; Ellen Kobayashi, the housewives; Sachiko Kurosawa, Hattie harvest; Mitsuko Teraoka, Winnie War Bond; Kimiye Tanaka, Vickie V-home; Esther Nakatani, Betty Budget; Taiko Sasaki, Connie Clothes Care; Amy Takeshita, Susie Pave Health; Takayuki Sugimoto, Sally Salvage; Yoshihisa Ishii, Gallie Claptrap; Kenneth Kagimoto, Safety Sam; Jimmy Tsuruoka; aviator; Kenneth Kiyotsuka, was Miss Liberty.

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Yoshi Nakano and Roger Miyasaka of Mrs. Ridge's class came back to school after 2 weeks' illness.

Miss Masaki assisted in their room but has gone to Tule Lake.

June, Kimiko, and Yoko have joined the baton Twirlers.

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The Nutty Nut Club of Miss Okuda's room had a Valentine Party on Feb. 14. The games played were voice tester and Bingo. Refreshments were prepared by Margaret Kuroiwa and her committee. The party climaxed with the opening of the Valentine box. Guests invited were Mr. Thompson, Mrs. Boon, Miss Sayegusa, Miss Masaki, and Mr. Chono.

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Mrs. Mochizuki's Victory Club had a Valentine Party on Feb. 14. They enjoyed playing several games and gave prizes to the winners. As they had refreshments, jokes and riddles were told. The postman passed out the Valentine cards.

The guests at the party were Mr. Thompson, Mrs. Boon, Mr. Chono, Miss Sayegusa, and Miss Masaki.

The refreshment committee chairman was Joyce Honmi;

games, Alice Atanabe; Postman, Jimmie Inouye; Invitation, Alice Nakayama.

The pupils had a 100 word spelling contest. The winners were: Jimmie Inouye, Fukashi Iwashita, Yuki Jofuku, Katsuro Komoto, Frankie Ichinaga, Masako Odachi, Takako Suzuki and Satoko Tanaka.

#### SIXTH GRADE

On Feb. 17, Mrs. Retherford's class organized a club with the following officers elected by ballot: President, Tooru Ochiai; Vice President, Florence Inori; 2nd Vice-President, Norma Shiotani; Secretary, Mery Saki; Treasurer, Yasuko Hirayama. Weekly meetings are to be held on Friday.

We have received our "Emblem of Victory" as a reward for selling 138 patriotic plaques. This emblem displays our national coat-of-arms and 5 flags representing various periods in our national history. A space is also provided to display a portrait of an American patriot. Twelve of these were provided with our gift.

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The pupils of Mrs. Reaves' 6th grade class have been very fortunate in having Mr. Thompson told to them twice during our Geography period. Club officers for the last semester are: Pres., Francis Araki; V. Pres., Mabel Inami; Sec., Michiko Okada; Treas., Hiroshi Hasegawa; Sgt. at arms, Terry Masai.

A most enjoyable feature of Feb. 14 was a Valentine party and Valentine Post office. Committees for the occasion were post-man, Theodore Ozawa; Refreshments, Helen Kimura, Michiko Torigoye, Franklin Sato, Masayuki Ohashi; Games Lily Inouye, Shizuko Sasaki, Nobuo Imai, Nobuo Kimura; Decoration, Nancy Sakamoto, Satoe Kunishige, Osamu Asata, and Katsumi Yamane.

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In Miss Young's class Mitsuyoshi Aoki has been absent two weeks. He has the mumps.

Ray Ichiho is in the hospital and will be absent for some time.

# ELEMENTARY ECHOES

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## Grade Schools Impress Washington Officials

Under Secretary of Interior, Abe Fortas and W. R. A. Assistant Director, Leland Barrows of Washington, D.C. visited the Elementary School on Friday, March 17. They were accompanied by E. B. Whitaker, Project Director; M. O. Melton, Ass't. Project Director; R. E. Arne, Head of Community Management, and A. G. Thompson, Superintendent of Education.

This is the first time that a representative of the Interior Department has visited the Elementary School.

They were favorably impressed with school procedures and were especially pleased with the fine pre-school program.

## LEADS ATTENDANCE PARADE

The perfect attendance report for last semester which was published in the last issue of the Elementary Echoes failed to include the fact that Mrs. Cain's class led all fifth grades with six pupils having perfect attendance. The pupils were: Samuel Fukuda, Kaoru Haruta, James Kawanishi, Teddy Matsumoto, Itoko Katayama, and Kiyoko Kawaguchi.

## STEP-UP PLAN ADOPTED

With the closing of school set for June 2 for the Center, it became necessary to work out a step-up program.

Pupils are now starting school twenty-five minutes earlier each morning and attending every Saturday morning.

## FOURTH GRADERS HONORED

We are pleased to announce that the March issue of the "Journal of Arkansas Education" featured a picture and story of the Elementary "Co-op" Store which was operated during the Valentine season by Miss Nixon and her fourth grade class.

This is quite an honor and we say "congratulations" to this class and their teacher.

## New Teachers Listed

We welcome to our school Mrs. McMath, who comes to us from Southwest Arkansas, where she has taught for a number of years. She is teaching the first grade that was previously taught by Miss Constance Avery.

The new assistant teachers who joined us at mid-term are Misses Marian Sugiuchi, Teruko Yeya, Asako Kawamura, Yayoi Kawada, Jeanne Nishimoto, and Mrs. Hisako Kobayashi. We are happy to have these folks work with us.

## WEBBER URGES RELOCATION

A regular meeting of the P. T. A. was held March 15.

The programs for the afternoon were given by Mrs. Mochizuki's and Miss Abo's classes.

Dr. P. A. Webber of the Salt Lake City Relocation Office made an urgent plea for the immediate relocation of all evacuees.

## CAMP SAVAGE'S DONATIONS ENABLE PUPILS TO ENJOY

Camp Savage, Minnesota gave the children of the Elementary School \$100. It was at first intended that this money would be used to purchase new books for the library. This was thought to be unwise, since these pupils will soon be separated. Instead, the money was divided and on Saturday, March 25, everyone enjoyed a party.

The fun began at 10:30 in the morning when each class had its games and contests - Bingo seemed to have been the most popular game with prizes going to the winners. The refreshments were purchased with the money given.

During the morning the rooms were visited by the following members of the Council: Mr. Konishi, Mr. Kasai, Mr. Mochizuki, and the Tribune's Shiramizu.

We wish to express our appreciation for this gift, for it afforded not only entertainment for all, but also provided excellent training in committee work.

## BEANIES OF VARIOUS HUES GIVEN TO BATON TWIRLERS

The baton girls are very pleased with the "beanies" that have been given them. These little caps were purchased by Mr. Chono, the director, with the money that was given at the Benefit Program which was presented a short time ago. Each group was given a different color: Group four received the blue "beanies"; Group three, the red ones; Group two, black; and Group one got the magenta. These girls will keep these little caps as souvenirs of the happy days spent in Denson Elementary School.

## EDUCATIONAL ASSEMBLY PROGRAM IS PRESENTED

On March 9, the fourth, fifth and sixth graders enjoyed "Bookland and "Mother Goose", plays given by Mrs. Mochizuki's class. The Humpty Dumpty characters were especially funny. The group sang a few storyland songs and Frankie Ichinaga sang a solo.

Miss Nixon's class gave an interesting imaginary trip across the United States. Pictures of the different representative features were drawn by the pupils and discussed.

Miss Akimi Uyeoka was the accompanist for the musical part of the program.

For our assembly program on March 23 we were privileged to have the High School orchestra, led by Mr. Rennick, played a number of selections.

Mrs. Martin's fourth grade class gave an interesting and educational health play.

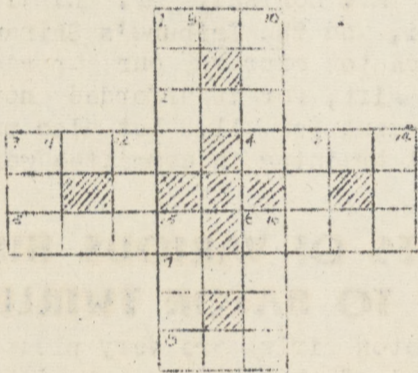
Miss Young's sixth grade pupils enacted the story of "Hansel and Gretel" with a puppet show.

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 GIVE TO THE RED CROSS  
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FRANKIE  
 ICHINAGA

FIFTH-GRADE

## ACROSS

1. A girls name
2. Abbr. National Education Association
3. Color of the sky
4. Going far away
5. Earth's nearest neighbor
6. Brisk, saucy
7. Comes from mines
8. Equipment Soldier carries

## DOWN

9. School closes in \_\_\_\_\_
10. Twelve months
11. Good-for-nothing person
12. Abbr. United Service Organization
13. Water below 32°F
14. Girl seeing a mouse
15. Cozy corner
16. Rotten moss and grass



## THE POET'S CORNER

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All pupils are urged to turn in their rhymes, jokes, or jingles.



SPRING

Spring is here,  
 Best of the year,  
 Kites are flying,  
 The snow is drying.

The birds are coming,  
 The bees are humming,  
 The days are long,  
 For winter has gone.

Suimei Mataga--5th Grade

## FLOWERS ARE HERE NOW

Here and there are heads  
 Of little peeping flowers,  
 For mother nature is calling  
 Her children, for it's spring,  
 Come now and put on your  
 Colors fair and gay,  
 Let the wind softly blow its way,  
 Let the sun shine above us all,  
 Come now for it's Spring.  
 My dear children,  
 Can't you hear the birds call?  
 Can't you hear the children play ball?  
 Come 'tis spring.

Mary Ann Iida--6th Grade

## SPRING

Spring, spring, spring is here,  
 Do you hear?  
 All the children go out to play,  
 While others go away,  
 Some are going to Tule Lake,  
 I don't know which route to take.

Wilfred Yoshimasu--5th Grade

## PRE-SCHOOL

The Pre - school Department has been fortunate in obtaining the aid of such capable new teachers as - Miss Jeanne Nishimoto (Nursery), Mrs. Hisako Kobayashi (Nursery), Miss Shigeno Yumiba (Kindergarten), and Mrs. Asaye Otani (Nourishment Section).

The rhythm band children will make a debut soon in their new uniforms purchased with the funds raised during their recent Benefit Program.

The Kindergarten Group Two pupils are now working on the pre-readiness program. They are learning how to write their names and simple words. Some are already making chart books for this semester.

## FIRST GRADE

Itsuo Arimura, Fred and Jack Odaka, in Miss Walker's class brought tadpoles to school for the class to watch their growth. One has two back legs.

Richard Kobayashi, Fred Odaka, and Hajime Yamaguchi brought crayfish. Fred Odaka brought a turtle to school for one day. It was a musk turtle, we found in a book.

Itsuo and Shigeo Konishi brought a cat to school Monday.

Children in Block 19 had a race Sunday.

Horace Mochizuki was ill. The boys and girls sent him letters.

The following children have brought books to school to read to all the children: Tamiko, John K., Pat, Ted, Itsuo, Minoru, Hajime, Richard, and Christy.

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The children in Miss Dollahide's room have enjoyed stories and activities of the life of the Dutch children this month, also St. Patrick's Day. In science they have discussed the signs of spring.

Toru Inogaki has relocated in Nebraska.

David Kodama and Masanori Kanenaga were ill with the mumps.

There were eleven boys and five girls with perfect attendance the past six weeks.

## NEWS OF CLASSES

### SECOND GRADE

The following pupils in Miss Smith's class had perfect attendance last month: Monte Ichinaga, Charles Kitajima, Hiroshi Ono, Hiroo Oji, Calvin Sasai, Edwin Takahata, Mildred Aoki, Nancy Mitsuyoshi, Haruko Nakata, Dorothy Seto, Mabel Suzuki, Mary Suzuki and Elaine Yamane.

During March they studied about Holland and made booklets.

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Miss Light's pupils are making a picture telling about signs of spring. They made flowers, butterflies and a bird. The picture tells that spring is coming. They hope to make other things that tell about spring and will add to their picture.

They have planted some seeds in a glass filled with cotton so that they can watch them growing. They are also watching some bulbs, carrot tops, and plants. As they watched some blossoms, they noticed the green leaves come out as the blossoms fell off.

They are also looking for as many different kinds of birds as they can find in the fields and woods. If they don't know their names they hunt them up in their bird book.

Marilyn Ito and Toshiko Kusaka have had the mumps. We are glad to have them back in school again.

They are still fixing their play corner. Nobuko Sumida has just made some wall paper for it.

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In Miss C. Morris' class Joyce Mochizuki was ill in the hospital for several weeks.

Hiroshi Shintani has returned to school after having been ill a week.

This group is working on a Dutch unit. Many activities are being carried on; one of the most interesting is the dressing of two dolls as Dutch children.

## Second Grade Cont.

On Friday afternoon, Mar. 17, they went to the woods to look for signs of spring. Upon their return they drew what they had seen and made the pictures into a book which they sent to Joyce. Violets and wild turnips that they dug up were planted by Masao and Teddy. Some polliwogs that they caught are being observed.

The assembly program given by this class on March 30 consisted of three choral readings and the pantomining of "Mary Had A Little Lamb."

## THIRD GRADE

Miss Wakenight's third grade class presented their assembly program on March 16. The five choral readings recited were as follows: The Gray Billy Goat, In Holland, Sky Fairies, Light Hearted Fairies, Popcorn.

Since the class had been studying about "Plant Life" in science, they made a field trip to the Center hotbeds. Many varieties of flowers and vegetables, from their seed stage to full grown plants were viewed. The much enjoyed trip came to an interesting climax as each child returned with two or more of fresh smelling celery.

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Miss Morris' third grade is studying Holland for the month of March. They have made some very attractive booklets and decorations for the room. A Dutch farm was also made. At the end of the study they plan to have a party.

We appreciate very much the money given us by the Community Council. We had a grand time on March 25.

They have been enjoying their new library books very much.

## FOURTH GRADE

Kenneth Ando in Mrs. Richmond's class returned to school Monday, March 20, after a long absence; one week of which he spent in the hospital. We are all glad to have him with us again.

## Fourth Grade Con't.

In connection with their new journey, "Mediterranean Cruise", we enjoyed listening to stories about "Rome, Long Ago," which our teacher read to us.

We have begun work on our songs and parts for the assembly program, on April 6.

Last month there were nine boys and sixteen girls with perfect attendance. The percentage of attendance for the class was 98.

The class enjoyed working on the floor map of Africa. The boys supplying the mud, camels, and pyramids, and the girls making the trees and huts.

Several convincing signs of spring are appearing in this class. Each day the girls bring flowers, and the boys have stories to offer on snakes, birds or bugs.

They have memorized two poems this last month, "Neighbors" by Helen Wing, and "The Secret" by George Cooper.

The fourth grade class of Mrs. Martin's room are studying "Holland". They plan to present a picture show of scenes in Holland. They are also working on a Dutch corner.

The class presented a play "Health Helpers" in assembly, March 23.

Yaeiko Aoki has been absent from school several days because of mumps.

We appreciate the two letters we have received from Mr. A.G. Thompson. One was thanking us for "The Elementary 'Co-op' Store booklets, and one complimenting us on our write-up in the "Journal of Arkansas Education".

On the afternoon of Mar. 17, Mr. Abe Fortas, and Mr. Leland Barrows from Washington D.C., Mr. E.B. Whitaker, Dr. Runo E. Arne, Mr. W. O. Melton, and Mr. B.S. Thompson from this project were guests of Miss Nixon's class.

## FIFTH GRADE

The American Eagle Club in Mrs. Cain's room celebrated St. Patrick's Day in their program of March 17.

They enjoy hearing the programs every Friday afternoon. Grace Nitta, Grace Kakuta, and Itoko Katayama plan them.

The boys and girls take great interest in their library books. The pupils who have read the most books in class are as follows: Yoshie Enkoji, 22; Samuel Fukuda, 14; Ronald Hirohata, 10; and Richard Ikeda, 10.

A regular meeting of the Victory Club was held on March 11. The newly elected officers are as follows: Pres., Clarence Haya-shida; Vice-Pres., Yuki Jo-fuku; Sec., Miye Kubo; Treas., Patrick Yogi. It was decided that they should decorate their room with the spring flower motive. The party chairmen for March 25 were: Refreshments, Edward Seto; Invitation, Jimmy Inouye; Decoration, George Okada; Games, Katsuro Komoto.

The Nutty Nut Club elected new officers for March; they are as follows: Pres. Chester Tanaka; Vice Pres., Marica Abe; Sec., Ronald Kawachi; Treas., Junior Arakawa; Messenger, Yuriko Egawa; Libr., Noboru, Matsumoto, and Margaret Kuroiwa.

The class is planning to make a Victory garden in front of their room.

The Wildcat Club of Miss Abo's class planned for the party which was held on Mar. 25. The games were Blow-out, Fruit Basket, Tangle, King and Queen, and Poor Pussy. The children decorated the room with red and white crepe paper. The refreshments were potato chips, pop corn, devil egg sandwiches and soda.

The Wildcats performed for the P.T.A.

Henry Mackawa and Setsuko Kirita of Mrs. Ridge's class are happy to have their fathers home from Santa Fe. Richard Nakamura, Donald Ozawa, and Herbert Matsuo are expecting their fathers to come this week.

Fourteen pupils in the room received six gold stars each for citizenship the week of March 13.

The class took a walk to the woods on March 13. They visited the sewer plant and the man in charge explained the operation of the plant.

## SIXTH GRADE

Mr. Otani visited Miss Young's room to see a puppet show.

## Sixth Grade Con't.

The following took part in their assembly program: Announcer-Willie Yamano; Gretel-Fumiye Shino; Father-Mitsuyoshi Aoki; Witch-Reiko Minemoto; Hansel-Stanley Miyahara; and Mother - Joan Murayama.

On March 13 their class and Mrs. Retherford's class went on a field trip to the woods.

Margaret Kodama, Joan Murayama, and Fumiye Shino painted a large Arkansas flag.

The girls served punch and cake to the room Mar. 18. They were defeated in Spelling by the boys. Joan Murayama was in charge of refreshments.

Mrs. Kamioka took the class on a trip to the woods. Many sketches were brought back showing evidences of spring.

On Wednesday morning, March 15, Mrs. Reaves and her pupils enjoyed a four-mile hike. This field trip was used as a basis for work in English, science, and health.

The highest ranking students in spelling and arithmetic for the first semester are in the order as named: Spelling - Ken Sakaida, Michiko Okada, Hiro Tanaka, Kay Okada, Nancy Sakomoto, Lily Inouye; Arithmetic - Ken Sakaida, Hiro Tanaka, Franklin Sata, Michiko Okada, Francis Araki, and Florence Ando.

Mrs. Swofford's sixth grade class organized a new club which is called the "Debating Club." The officers are as follows: Pres., Toshiaki Kuwada; Vice-Pres., Kaoru Aoki; Sec., Mariko Akasaki; Treas., Richard Makimoto.

In Mrs. Retherford's class interest is high in the study of Ark. History. Posters drawings, and newspaper clippings will supplement this study. Added activity of these groups include a picture show and a shadow picture story.

Reading of a required group of eight booklets on "Health Through the Ages" is under way. Susie Uyeda and Yasuko Hirayama completed ahead of schedule, those completing seven booklets are: Natsumi Tomita, Mary Saki, Norma Shiotani, Marjorie Okada, Ikuko Matsumoto, and Matsuko Yumiba.

# ELEMENTARY ECHOES

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## Shelby Boys Give Easter Favors

Thanks are due the men of the 422nd Combat Team and Mr. Earl M. Finch of Hattiesburg, Mississippi for their generous donation of Easter Eggs, candy, and prizes which made so many people happy on Easter.

Plans for going to the vacant block to have the program and Egg Hunt had to be canceled because of the weather. But these plans were revamped to comply with those of "Mr. Weather Man" and the occasion was thoroughly enjoyed.

Each classroom in the block was given enough baskets containing Easter Eggs and candy for all the pupils. These were delivered to each room early in the morning thus allowing the groups to decide how they wanted to distribute the baskets. This resulted in many Easter Egg Hunts rather than only one.

To determine the prize winners each child drew a paper Easter Egg which was numbered. The children who held the lucky numbers won the prizes. These prizes were fifteen Easter Bunnies and Hershey Bars.

At 10:00 a.m. grades four, five and six with the prize winners from the other grades, Nursery School, and Kindergarten assembled in Block 23 Mess Hall where they entertained Mr. Finch and the group of the Combat Team who were able to be in the center for the occasion. At this assembly Mr. Sam Sano, member of the Community Activities Section acted as Master of Ceremonies. Mr. Torry Chono was in charge of the program which was well rendered and enjoyed by all present.

The program was as follows: Lay That Pistol Down-Gladys Miura, Sumile Sugimoto, Peggy Teramoto, and Grace Sato, Hula Dance-Charlene Koyanagi, Rose Kashiwabara, Doris Hasagawa, Barbara Hasagawa, Josephine Araki, and Janet Yonogida. Where Oh Where is Susan-Pre-school girls. Shortin' Bread-Arlene Matsumoto and Lucille Inami. Advanced Baton Drill Corps. Tap Dance Trio-June Ichiho, Edna and Irene Ishimoto.

Following this program the prizes were awarded and then a photographer made pictures of the winners with their gay Easter Bunnies.

## READING TESTS GIVEN

Beginning April 17 through April 22, Monroe Silent Reading Tests were given by Mrs. Maude Boen to third through sixth grades.

This gave administrators and teachers a picture of the children's reading progress and ability.

The tests are being evaluated and the children are anxious to make better scores than their previous record.

## ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HOLDS ASSEMBLIES

On March 30, Miss C. Morris' class and the high school band gave an assembly. Miss Morris' class gave three choral readings: "Who Stole the Birds Nest", "Sing a Song of Spring" and "Naughty Red Robin". This was followed by a pantomime, "Mary Had a Little Lamb".

Mrs. Richmond's and Miss Okuda's class had an assembly on April 13. A song "Molly Put the Kettle On" and an operetta "Going to the Fair" was given by Mrs. Richmond's group. A Good Health Radio Program was given by Miss Okuda's class.

Miss Light and Miss Dollarhide had an assembly the following week. Miss Light's class presented a song, "Billy Boy"; skits, "Little Red Hen" and "Billy Goat Gruff". Miss Dollarhide presented an operetta "Peter Rabbit".

## BATON CORPS PERFORMS AT GAME

Mr. Chono's baton girls performed for the Pine Bluff vs. Denson All-Star Baseball game on April 16. It was very much appreciated by the spectators.

Miss Newberry, Miss Miller, and Mr. Hayashi have taken moving pictures of the baton girls.

## Visitors from Washington

Recent visitors to Block 23 were Miss Ann Laughlin of the War Refugee Agency in Washington and Dr. Van Buskirk, Education Consultant of Washington.

Dr. Van Buskirk spoke before the group of Elementary and High School teachers.

## MOVIES ARE ENJOYED

The children in the Elementary School enjoyed the following movies, April 5: "Marry Kittens", "Sky Riders", "Real Hawaii". April 19: "Washington", "Bunny Rabbit", and "The Fox and the Rabbit".

## MANY TEACHERS RELOCATE

A farewell party was given in 23-05-C by the Pre-school teachers on April 21 for Miss Naomi Sakaguchi who left May 1st for Philadelphia with her family.

Other faculty members who have left block school work are: Miss Naito for Chillicothe Business College, Chillicothe, Missouri; Miss Sayagusa who leaves for New York soon; and Mrs. Murakami who has returned to her activities as a house wife.

Miss Tsuyuko Abo is at present visiting friends in the Chicago area.

The Pre-school teachers were guests of Mrs. Tanamachi, formerly Miss Gladys Nakaka, at a lovely party recently. Her husband is staff sergeant stationed at Camp Shelby.

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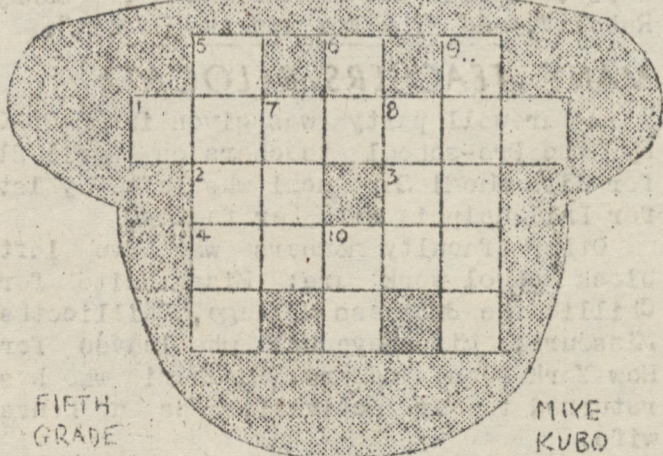
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## DAILY EXERCISE

by ROBERT HAMATAKA



## CROSS WORD PUZZLE



FIFTH GRADE

MIVE KUBO

### ACROSS

1. Opposite of some-thing.
2. Prefix meaning not
3. Comes after "so" on scale
4. Stem of a plant

### DOWN

5. To live in
6. An exclamation
7. An explosive
8. Sick
9. Reptile
10. Adjective used before a noun that begins with a vowel.

## THE POET'S CORNER

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### MY DOLLY

I have a little Dolly,  
 I call her "Lovely Molly"  
 For she's very like a rose,  
 From her head down to her toes.

One thing I like about Molly,  
 She's different from another dolly,  
 I never did hear her cry,  
 Not even a little sigh.

When I go to school each day,  
 My dolly is always happy and gay.  
 She doesn't mind when I'm not home,  
 She never worries when I roam.

When I get sick or get hurt,  
 My dolly is very much alert  
 She sleeps by me to comfort me  
 She knows when I am sick you see.

Mariko Sekiguchi--6th Grade

### I WANT TO SEE EVERYONE GAY

I want to see everyone gay  
 If you don't know how I'll show you the way.  
 First give a big smile  
 And hold it for a while  
 In a day or two  
 Many friends will be following you.  
 Now I hope you know the way  
 To be happy and gay.

Wilfred Yoshimasu--5th Grade

### FLOWER

Flower, flower everywhere,  
 Pretty flowers here and there.  
 Red, yellow, and blue, flowers  
 On the hill sides, too.  
 Little ones, big ones everywhere.  
 Let your fragrance fill the air.

Betty Uyemaru--6th Grade

### MUMPS

You have the mumps  
 And we are chumps  
 And with your horrid lumps  
 You look so funny  
 That I would say,  
 You're in the dumps  
 Boy! You better send for Doctor Bumps.

Richard Sugiyama--5th Grade

### RIDDLE

What could fly but never walk?  
 Answer: Page four  
 What could talk and fly?  
 Answer: Page four

## NEWS OF CLASSES

### PRE-SCHOOL

A delightful Easter Party was held in the Dining Hall. The Pre-School children were guests of the 442nd Combat Team and Mr. Earl Finch. The kindness and generosity of these men will be a lasting memory in the minds of those present.

A recent visitor of the Pre-school was Dr. Golda Van Buskirk from Washington.

The Rhythm Band performed for the Issei Program in the new auditorium, April 22. They wore their new uniforms and proved to be quite popular.

The Pre-School Department is busy now rehearsing for the Elementary Appreciation Program to be held in the new auditorium on April 29 at 2:00 p.m.

### FIRST GRADE

Miss Walker's first grade children have been making stencils and finger-painting.

This class went to the nurses' room one day to be weighed. Christy Ann Webb is our heaviest girl and Shigeo Konishi is our heaviest boy.

Itsuo, Shigeo and Tatsuma made a home for a cat in Block 32. The cat has baby kittens now.

Mrs. Webb helps us with our music now.

Fred Odaka and Henry Yasui are sick with mumps. Rose Okamoto, Ted Tado and Richard Kobayashi are staying at home because some in their families have mumps. Richard wrote us a letter.

Patricia Orsburn and her baby sister both had birthdays on April 18. Pat is seven years old, while Cecilia is one year old.

Miss Walker's class wrote letters to a first grade in Springfield, Missouri who had sent letters to them.

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Mrs. McMath's class is very sorry to lose Marlene from their group.

The room is now studying about seeds and plants.

The class is glad to report our children who have been ill are back with us again.

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In Mrs. Sugimoto's room, seven pupils have had perfect attendance during last month.

Their room has started a little early in making special May Baskets to give to their mothers.

They studied about frogs, snails, and turtles for nature study.

### SECOND GRADE

Upon completion of a Dutch unit by Miss Morris' pupils, "Open house" was held. Other grades studying Holland were invited.

This month a flower unit has been begun and many activities are being planned.

Reading groups have made booklets: Group I - Flowers We Know, Group II - Cotton, Group III and IV - Birds We Know.

Hachiro Yasumura was ill with the mumps.

Dawn Ishimaru, Jane Nakata, Irene Kodani, Sachiko Taketa, Daido Kubota, Kazuko Kimura, Mitsuko Odachi, and Marion Jane Adachi have the highest Spelling scores this month.

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Haruko Nakata of Miss Smith's class has returned to school after being ill with the mumps.

Monte Ichinaga has left to go with his family to Nebraska.

The following are the pupils with perfect attendance in the class last month: Hiroshi Ono, Hiroo Oji, Calvin Sasai, Edwin Takahata, Mitsuko Inai, and Mabel Suzuki.

The class took a walk to the woods, gathered wild flowers and leaves from the different trees.

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Mrs. Castleberry's class has had perfect attendance for one week.

Mrs. Boen visited their room.

Barbara, Joyce and Yoneko brought flowers this week while Jimmie and Kiyoshi brought turtles for their room.

The class has made clocks and are learning how to tell time.

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Kiyoshi, Tom and Marilyn of Miss Light's class have had the mumps and are back at school. We are glad to see them. Several others have mumps, when they return we will be happy, too.

We have a big calendar in our room. On it we put the weather for each day.

We are making a series of farm pictures in our room to use on our windows.

Thursday, April 20, was our day to entertain in assembly. We had a song "Billy Boy" and two plays "The Little Red Hen" and "The Three Billy Goats Gruff". We hope the children liked them.

### THIRD GRADE

The following pupils have been absent from Miss Wake-night's class because of having the mumps: Marian Yasui, Fumi Nagami, Lily Imahara, Amy Higashihara, Edwin Sakaguchi, Robert Ito.

Iwao Kamikawa broke his right arm Sunday night while riding a bicycle. We are in hopes he can soon return to school.

The children took a walk on April 12. They studied the plants and animals that they saw along the way.

In arithmetic the pupils have completed the multiplication tables that are required in the third grade.

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Mrs. Love's class is very sorry to lose Jean Kawamura who is moving to Nebraska.

Their class has made attractive flower booklets in their science. Many spring flowers have been brought to their room for study.

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Miss V. Morris' third grade has been working very hard on their study of pets. We have already studied about eight pets. Stories, songs, and pictures are being collected and placed in folders. Some of the children have enjoyed bringing their pets to school.

The following people have made one hundred on spelling everyday so far in the month of April: Marjorie Mitsui, Toshimasa Hosoda, Grace Matsumiya.



## FOURTH GRADE

Mrs. Martin's class has been studying birds. They are making bird booklets. Several of the boys are making bird houses. The class plans to go on a field trip to observe birds.

The following children have been absent several days because of mumps: Sachiyo Kobashi, Barbara Toshizuki, Kaoru Sunada, Marjorie Ohta, and Yoshiye Tomono.

Tokuo Masuda of Mrs. Richmond's class has returned to school after several days absence because of a badly infected tooth. He was to have played one of the principal roles in our operetta but because of his continued absence, the part was rehearsed and played by Masakazu Hatanaka.

They were very happy to have been the guests of Mrs. Martin's fourth grade room at their moving pictures of "Holland".

Mrs. Richmond's class was one of the "lucky" receivers of pencil sharpeners.

On April 6 Midori Enkoji of Miss Nixon's class relocated to Helper, Utah. The class is sorry to see her leave but hope she will be happy in her new home.

Sam Arimura sprained his ankle and was out of school a week. Tommy Okamoto is also out with mumps.

We enjoyed seeing a show about Holland in Mrs. Martin's room April 8.

Seiyo Tsuji brought a pollywog to school April 4. We are watching it turn into a frog.

## FIFTH GRADE

Mrs. Mochizuki's fifth grade class was glad to receive a pencil sharpener. The class thanks Miss Yeya for drawing the lucky number. The radishes and the morning glories planted by the boys in the Victory Club are coming up successfully.

George Hamaji brought a baby turtle which was named Vic.

Frankie Ichinaga left the center on April 12, for Mitchell, Nebraska.

The class is planning to answer Frankie's letter.

Jimmie is absent on account of mumps and Mutsuo is quarantined.

Miss Abou's class color is black and gold. The class flower is Tulip. Their class bird is the canary.

Kenneth Koga is going to relocate to Colorado on April 20.

Their room has finished their health book.

Mrs. Ridge has lost two of her pupils, June Misono went to Hoehne, Colorado, and Roger Miyasaka went to Saint Louis, Missouri.

Nobuo Sunada has been out the second week with the mumps.

We are making picture frames with raffia.

Mrs. Ridge has given to the class health certificates.

Mrs. Cain's class has lost three nice girls. They are Setsuko and Itoko Katayama and Yoshi Enkoji. The twins, Setsuko and Itoko want to Des Moines, Iowa. Yoshi went to Helper, Utah.

The pupils had a great interest in getting work ready for display on Father's Night of the P.T.A.

Two of the boys in our class have recently won prizes. They are Edward Ito who won a prize at the kite contest for having the prettiest kite and Masamizu Kitajima who won a prize at the Easter party.

The members of Miss Okuda's class enjoyed a light refreshment after their assembly program on April 13. The refreshments were given to the class by Norma Funakoshi, who resettled in Helper, Utah with her family.

## SIXTH GRADE

The entire class of 33 pupils in Mrs. Reaves' room will participate in the assembly program, Thursday, April 27. Patriotism will be the theme and modern "Mother Goose" characters demonstrating how they are saving in order to buy War Saving Stamps.

All boys in the class had perfect attendance for the sixth month of school but mumps caused several days absences among the girls.

The class has been making a study of conditions which cause tornadoes and maps have been used in locating the states and counties in which so much destruction has been done recently.

Florence Kouama of Miss Young's class is ill with the mumps.

Margaret Kodama left for Crystal City, Texas in April.

Miss Young visited her home in Gardon, Arkansas on April 15, and returned on April 16. Miss Mary Kuriyama substituted for Miss Young during her visit.

Last week the class finished "America's World Background" in the history book.

Following are the pupils who won prizes at the Easter party: Keiko Shikuma, Reiko Minamoto, Mitsuyoshi Aoki, and Dorothy Nishiyama.

Mrs. Swofford's class have a program in their Debating Club every Saturday morning. One Saturday morning Mr. Thompson and his daughter attended our program.

Miss Yeya taught our room while Mrs. Swofford was visiting her husband in Larado, Texas.

Mrs. Retherford's class received Easter cards from Tooru Ochiai, Crystal City, Texas. Tooru was our class president.

Marion Tsutsui is leaving next week to live in Grand Island, Nebraska.

The class post office is a reality now and they have sold a total of \$13.25 worth of Defense Stamps, called for one C.O.D. package, insured three letters, and bought one money order.

A new postmaster is chosen each week from the assistants so that many may have this experience.

They have been studying rationing so that when they relocate they may be of assistance to their parents.

They are beginning a unit in math on measures and will be learning how to make sales slips, receipts, etc.

Flowers adopted by the various states have been studied. A field trip with both our home room teacher and our Art teacher, Mrs. Kamioka, will help us in this study. Sketches will be made and plants collected.

## LOST AND FOUND

Please claim all lost articles at 23-12-F and 23-6-F.

## Answers to Riddles

1. Airplane
2. Parrot

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## PRINCIPAL RESIGNS

### ACCEPTS POSITION

#### IN STATE DEPARTMENT

Mr. Byron S. Thompson Principal of Danson Elementary School, resigned here May 11 to accept a position in the Vocational Rehabilitation Division of the State Department of Education.

The greater part of his service rendered in the field of Education has been in elementary schools due to his love for pupils this age.

Prior to his arrival at the Jerome Relocation Center, October 3, 1942, he was principal of one of the elementary schools in North Little Rock.

Under his principalship the Denson Elementary school was established and developed to merit an "A" rating.

Mr. Thompson won the confidence of pupils, teachers and patrons by his kindness, patience and understanding in solving the many problems that confronted them.

"Block 23" wishes for him, happiness, success and contentment in his new work.

Before leaving the school Mr. Thompson was presented a picture in appreciation for his service rendered.

## FATHER'S NIGHT PROGRAM

On April 26, the Elementary School gave a father's Night program. Many fathers and mothers were present.

Miss Young's room presented a puppet show, "Hansel and Gretel". Miss Okuda's room presented a health program and sang songs. Miss Dollarhide's room presented the play "Peter Rabbit". Everyone enjoyed the program.

Each room had a small exhibit of the work the children had done.

After the program the P.T.A. served refreshments.

## ANNUAL 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE PARTY

The annual sixth grade party was held Wednesday, May 31, at 3:00 p.m. in the mess hall 23. This party was given by the P.T.A. for parents, teachers and sixth grade students.

The following program representing the four sixth grades was given; Song - God Bless America, Tap Dance, Reading - Mabel Inami, Song - Auld Lang Syne, Presentation of Report Cards, Presentation of gifts from the fifth grade.

Good luck to you sixth graders as you go from Elementary to Junior High.

## FARWELL PARTY

Each of the six baton groups had a farewell party the week of May 22. They played games and roller skated. There were refreshments served and also prizes given by Mr. Chono. All the girls have enjoyed their Baton Corps this year and feel that it was well worth their time.

## WHO'S WHO IN SIXTH GRADE

### Girls

### Mrs. Reaves

Most studious ----- Nancy Sakamoto  
Best reader ----- Mae Kamioka  
Best singer ----- Shizuko Sasaki  
Best leader ----- Mabel Inami  
Best all around ----- Michiko Okada  
Best musician ----- Michiko Torigoye  
Best artist ----- Satoe Kunishige  
Quietest ----- Jane Ikeda

### Boys

Most studious ----- Hiro Tanaka  
Best reader ----- Terry Masai  
Best singer ----- Osamu Asato  
Best leader ----- Francis Araki  
Best all around ----- Ken Sakaida  
Best musician ----- Wallace Tsuda  
Quietest ----- Norman Shiotani  
Best artist ----- Aki Yamamoto

### Girls

### Mrs. Retherford

Most studious ----- Ikuko Matsumoto  
Best reader ----- Yukie Horie  
Best singer ----- Vanette Retherford  
Best leader ----- Takayo Tsubouchi  
Best all around ----- Susie Uyeda  
Best musician ----- Mary Saki  
Quietest ----- Florence Inori  
Best artist ----- Takayo Tsubouchi

### Boys

Most studious ----- Toshimi Kurisu  
Best reader ----- Bill Uyeyama  
Best singer ----- Arthur Yokota  
Best leader ----- Bill Uyeyama  
Best all around ----- Henry Taraoka  
Best musician ----- Arthur Yokota  
Quietest ----- Harley Tonooka  
Best artist ----- Bill Uyeyama

### Girls

### Miss Young

Most studious ----- Reiko Minemoto  
Best reader ----- Jean Murayama  
Best singer ----- Doris Hasegawa  
Best leader ----- Florence Kodama  
Best musician ----- Lucille Ouchida  
Best all around ----- Reiko Higashi  
Quietest ----- Lucille Ouchida

### Boys

Quietest ----- Cecil Tange  
Best all around ----- David Sugiuchi  
Best reader ----- Toshio Kawamura  
Best leader ----- David Tado  
Best artist ----- Willie Yamano  
Most studious ----- Toshio Kawamura

### Girls

### Mrs. Swofford

Most studious ----- Yukiko Sakaoka  
Best reader ----- Mary Ann Iida  
Best singer ----- Toru Kamikawa  
Best leader ----- Charlene Koyanagi  
Best all around ----- Mariko Sekiguchi  
Best musician ----- Mariko Akasaki  
Quietest ----- Hideyo Uyemaru  
Best artist ----- Pat Uno

### Boys

Most studious ----- Ernest Hirose  
Best reader ----- Takashi Kaminaga  
Best singer ----- Toshiaki Kuwada  
Best leader ----- Richard Makimoto  
Best all around ----- Norman Ichinaga  
Best musician ----- Toshiaki Kuwada  
Quietest ----- Yugi Arita  
Best artist ----- Toruo Fujii

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This issue was published by the Sixth Grade students of Mrs. Swofford's class.

## EDITORIAL

In the month of May there were three holidays, May Day, Mother's Day, and Memorial Day. May Day came on the first of May, Mother's Day on the fourteenth and Memorial Day on the thirtieth.

May Day is the time when workers take rest and celebrate by hanging May baskets on the doors and dancing around the May Pole. Long ago in England the people used to decorate the queen with many flowers.

We celebrate Mother's Day because we think of Mothers as the one who brings up great people in our world. If it wasn't for them, we wouldn't have any great heroes as we do today. On Mother's Day let's always give them a rest and do the housekeeping for them.

On Memorial Day we go to the cemeteries and decorate the soldiers grave with wreaths, soldiers who died for our country in war. Some people go to the Unknown Soldier's grave. On this day, we should put our American flags up and remember the soldiers who have died that we might live in a free country. This year we have many other soldiers to honor and to be proud of. Let's all honor our service men and be proud of the fact that they wear the American uniforms, not only on Memorial Day but every day.

Mariko Sekiguchi

## CROSS WORD PUZZLE



### ACROSS

1. Awkward
2. Something we breathe
3. Amer. Maine
4. Amer. package
5. Like
6. To look
7. Past tense of sit

### DOWN

1. Small hats
2. Not dislike
3. Persuades
4. Not lazy
5. Opposite of a no

## POET'S CORNER

The Poet's Corner is a column in which pupils contribute original compositions. All pupils are urged to turn in their rhymes, jokes, or jingles.

### JOLLY ROBINS

Robins sing a lovely song  
 For they are never to be wrong,  
 They are very very, swell,  
 When they stay nice and well.

Please play with me here  
 For other Robins play over there,  
 Come back to me you see,  
 I'll be waiting by this tree.

Maoru Aoki--6th Grade

### RIDING, SWING

I was riding very high,  
 And I could see the bright blue sky  
 And then down I came again;  
 I'm back to where I just began.

Up again into the sky,  
 To watch the birds go flying by,  
 And then down again I came,  
 I always liked to play that game.

Mariko Akasaki--6th Grade

### BOOKLAND

Off we go to bookland  
 Come now, let us be on our way  
 First we go to fairyland  
 And spend a pleasant day.

Then we go to historyland  
 Of heroes brave and strong  
 Who, fought for their freedom  
 It never has gone wrong.

Mary Ann Hida--6th Grade

### DOWN BY THE STREAM

Down by the cool stream  
 Where the waters play and gleam  
 There the fishes stay  
 And all day long they play.

There the clear water runs  
 While the fish enjoy their fun  
 When they hear a very loud splash,  
 They are all gone in a flash.

Suzie Uyetake--6th Grade

### MY KITTY

I have a little kitty  
 It's fur is smooth and warm,  
 It always plays with me,  
 If I do it no harm.

My kitty sure is cute,  
 Playing with yarn or string,  
 But when its time to go to bed,  
 She is a frightened little thing.

Yukiko Sakaoka--6th Grade

## PRE-SCHOOL-

Miss Asako Kawanura has been added to the staff of the Nursery Dept. She was formerly a substitute teacher in the elementary grades.

The photographer is very busy these days taking various class pictures of the Pre-school.

The Evacuee teachers held a farewell party for Mr. Byron Thompson in room 5-C&F. A short impromptu program was given which included a reading by Mabel Inami, song, "Shortenin' Bread" by Arlene Matsumoto and Lucille Inami, hula dance by Doris Hasegawa, and a baton drill by Takayo Tsubouchi, Mariko Sekiguchi, Satoe Kunishige.

The teachers then took a group picture with Mr. Thompson. Refreshments were served in 5-F.

Mrs. Kimi Saggiyama recently visited her daughter Marian, at Wooster College, Ohio. Enroute she stopped at Chicago and Cleveland.

Dan Cupid has been very active on the school grounds. His newest "victim" is Miss Joanne Nishimoto who is now the fiancée of James Tsutsui. Heartiest congratulations, Jeanne!

Chiyoko Yoshimura, Shizuma Aoki, Lily Yamada and Ruby Tsujioka had perfect attendance for March and April.

The Group 2 Kindergarten made frames for pictures. They have two crayfish and two tiny turtles for their class pets. They feed them flies.

## FIRST GRADE

Caroline Okada of Miss Walker's class went to Tule Lake.

Horace and Shigeo had birthdays on May 18. They made fruit and vegetable sandwiches. Mr. Mochizuki brought a cake and potato chips. Pat brought candles for the cake.

Miss Walker and all the children went for a walk by the train tracks. They saw many frogs and polliwogs.

May 22 was so rainy that only four children came in the afternoon.

Robb Okamoto has the mumps.

Each child in this group has made a scrapbook.

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## NEWS OF CLASSES

June Aoki in Mrs. Sugimoto's class had an accident and is in Little Rock receiving treatment. Each pupil wrote her a letter and helped make a scrap book.

Roy Ichinaga has recovered from a broken arm and is back in school. We are happy to see him back.

## SECOND GRADE

Mrs. Nakata, Miss Smith's class room mother, visited their room and presented souvenir gifts from the PTA.

The following had perfect attendance last month: Yutaka Asaki, Tommy Marubayashi, Joe Taniguchi, Myron Shirasu, Hiroo Oji, Mutsuo Ageno, Maimie Hayashida, Irene Kanno, Mabel Suzuki, and Mary Suzuki.

Tetsuo Nigao, Haruko Nakata, Mary Suzuki, and Elaine Yamane had birthdays in May.

A letter was received from Calvin Sasai written on the way to Tule Lake.

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Miss Light's class misses Yotsuye Yamanishi. She left for Tule Lake with the first group that went. Stanley Uyeyama was supposed to go with the second group but at the last minute was able to stay. They are glad he is still at school with them.

They are glad to have Asako and Nobuko Sumida, Agnes Miura, Tetsuro Higashi and Yoshiko Hayashida back at school. They were out because of the mumps.

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Jane Nakata of Miss C. Morris' second grade has relocated with her family in Utah.

Saturday, May 6, a farewell party was given for the children going to Tule Lake. Sandwiches and orange juice fixed by the pupils and cake brought by Irene were served.

Teddy Kunishige, Kiyomi Ishii and Kenneth Tsutsui had birthdays during May.

Several rounds are being learned by this grade. Choral readings are also being learned. The children are planning to invite two or three rooms to hear them.

Masao Shimamoto has not been absent nor tardy during the school year.

The group wrote letters to Jane this week in answer to a letter and several postcards received.

Sgt. and Mrs. Larry Ashida of Little Rock visited this room recently. Mrs. Ashida is the former Miss Pitsy Nakamura, who assisted in the First Grade last year.

## THIRD GRADE

The class was very happy when they received a card from Edwin Sakaguchi. The Sakaguchi family relocated in Philadelphia, May 1. Edwin said he had been to the Betsy Ross House, Independence Hall and the Franklin Institute.

Miss Wakenight's class made Mother's Day cards.

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Miss Morris' third grade spent most of May studying flowers and plants. Each child made a flower booklet of stories and pictures of some of our common flowers.

The culminating activity took the form of a picture show presented to the various rooms in the block. The following pupils took part in the program: Toshimasa Hosoda, Dennis Goda, Stanley Umada, Jeanette Wakita, Betty Nakatani, Joyce Matsumoto, Jane Suguchi, Grace Matsumiya, Marjorie Mitsui, Ben Naimi, Nancy Morinaka, Ruby Nakagawa, and Shizuko Akasaki.

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Mrs. Love's room and Mrs. Castleberry's second grade presented a Mother's Day program May 11 for assembly. Mrs. Love's girls gave "The Pineville Baby Show" - Gladys Miura, the judge, was very unpopular among the little mothers after she awarded the prize to Ruby Tomita's baby. Sumile Sugimoto was the proud mother of twins and was very disappointed when one of her babies did not win.

The class received a card from Kimiko Matsumoto and she had a very nice trip to Tule Lake.

The following pupils left for Tule Lake: Masato Ohara, Kooshi Hirayama, Eugene Sodetain, Kimiko Matsumoto, Gordon Ozawa, and George Katori.

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## FOURTH GRADE

The fourth grade class of Mrs. Martin's room gave a Mother's Day party, May 13. The following program was rendered: an acrostic by six children, a choral reading by four children, the history of the carnation, and presentation of gifts to the mothers. After the program the children and visitors enjoyed several games of "Bingo". Refreshments were served the class and the following visitors: Mrs. Kobashi, Mrs. Toshiyuki, Mrs. Okada, Mrs. Sue, Mrs. Arie, Mrs. Boen, and Mr. B. Thompson.

Kyoichi Arie has been absent from school several days.

Banjo Shiotani has a perfect attendance record for this year.

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The following pupils transferred to Tule Lake: Sumiye Amano, Violet Egawa, Janet Matsuo, Fay Sueyasu, Yasuko Uemoto, Shizuko Yamamoto and Kenneth Audo.

They are especially proud of Sanaye Hayashi because she has not missed a day of school since the opening day October 4.

They rounded out their unit on Australia by drawing a map of it showing correct lines of latitude and longitude, capitals, and boat and railroad trips.

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Miss Nixon's class is reading about ants in their Science book so they decided to see if they could find some in Block 10. They all seemed very busy.

Isamu Asaki is back in school. He had the mumps.

Tommy Okamoto is ill in the hospital.

Arlene Yamaji and Mary Inori are the only two people in their class who have been present every day this year.

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## FIFTH GRADE

The Nutty Nut Club of Miss Okuda's class was sorry to lose Yuriye Amano, Yuriko Egawa, Kenichi Hatanaka, Noboru Matsumoto, and Nobuko Ohara.

The class has written a letter to Kenichi in Rohwer.

Henry Ikarashi is the only pupil in the class to have a perfect attendance this school year.

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Mrs. Cain's class was sorry to lose Masanizu Kitajima who went to Tule Lake.

The class received letters from Setsuko and Itoko Katayama who relocated at Des Moines, Iowa, Yoshie Enkoji, who relocated to Helper, Utah, and Miss Marion Sugiuchi who recently relocated at Cleveland, Ohio. Miss Sugiuchi was their assistant teacher.

They are glad to have the following pupils back: Kaoru Haruta, Grace Kakuta, Yoshiye Kumano, Masako Munakami, Timothy Taira, and Shigeru Yashimura.

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The Victory Club met on May 19. Katsuro Kamoto was elected secretary to fill the place of Miye Kubo who has left the center for Tule Lake.

The boys of the Victory Club have been practicing baseball and George Okada was elected captain.

As a result of steady care of the Victory Garden, the radishes and morning glories are growing nicely.

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The Wildcats Club elected new officers. Yoshio Narita, president; Takayuki Sugimoto, vice president; Esther Nakatani, secretary; Morris Okamura, treasurer; Kenneth Kamimoto, sgt. at arms; and Ellen Kobayashi is the librarian.

Wilfred Yoshimasu their former president and Earl Ozaki left for Tule Lake.

Sachiko Kurosawa had the mumps.

## SIXTH GRADE

The pupils of Mrs. Reaves' class have vied for honors the past semester, especially in spelling and arithmetic. The highest grades in spelling were made by Ken Sakaida, Hiro Tanaka with Michiko Torigoye, Michiko Okada, and Sumiko Okada for third place. The honors in arithmetic were won by Kin Sakaida, Hiro Tanaka, and Terry Masai.

The class enjoyed a grand field trip on Saturday morning. Mr. Paris and his co-workers at the post-office were very kind and considerate when escorting them through the office. They were shown and equal a mount of courtesy by the manager of the green house where they saw many varieties of plants.

Miss Young's class went on a picnic to the bayou May 11. The boys went swimming while the girls prepared supper.

Doris Hasegawa and June Hisamoto have perfect attendance records.

Reiko Minemoto has returned to school after two weeks' absence.

Stanley Miyahara, Fumiye Shino and Yoko Ohara went to Tule Lake.

Joan Murayama, David Tado, David Sugiuchi, Reiko Minemoto, Willie Yamano and Toshio Kawamura are in reading group I.

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Mrs. Swofford's class is glad to have Charlene Koyanagi, Kaoru Aoki back at school. They were out two weeks with mumps.

They were sorry to see Thomas Komori leave for Tule Lake. They hope he likes Tule and will be happy there.

The class took a field trip Friday morning. Each child brought back an insect and a plant. They drew them and each child will make a report on the particular kind of bug or plant he brought back. This will complete their nature study notebook.

The class wishes to remember Denson by.

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Mrs. Rotherford's class has been busy with school closing activities as well as regular work.

They just completed a unit of reading on "How People Work For Us". and each student has made a booklet containing stories, pictures, and their original class work in directed activities or study assignments and a prize is to be given to the boy and the girl having the best booklet in each group.

The class has now bought \$42.40 worth of defense stamps. Carolyn Love has completed a bond and has begun another.

Two children have left for Tule Lake, Yasuko Hirayama and Akira Iwashita. A farewell party was given in honor of the two.

