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TOPAZ HIGH SCHOOL

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NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY CONSIDERED BY EXEC COMMITTEE

STUDENT CARD REPORT

Approximately three-fourths of the student body cards have been sold by the senior core class representatives, according to Juro Hayashida, student body treasurer.

Students are urged to cooperate and reach the one-hundred per cent mark.

The holder of a card will be able to participate in certain school activities and attend special events.

Cards will be sold until Monday, November 1. After that date sales will be closed.

Girls' Reserves Organized

Under the temporary chairmanship of Sachi Kawahara, sophomore, the senior high school Girls' Reserves was organized at rec 4 with Mrs. Louise Watson and Miss Toshi Kobo as sponsors.

The club is planning a full schedule of activities. Interested girls may still join.

Officers will be elected at the next meeting.

Two Alumni Gets Honors

Ayako Ota and Michiko Ara, '43 graduates of Topaz high school, recently joined the Independent Women's Organization at Hanover College, Hanover, Indiana, where the girls are enrolled in the freshman class.

In the English placement tests given to entering students, Miss Ota ranked in the upper 10% of her class.

To determine whether the senior high students desired the organization of a branch of the National honor society here, representatives of the student council brought the matter up for consideration in the core classes last week.

590 Students In Senior High

"Man" shortage has taken on the nature of a critical problem elsewhere, but not at Topaz high school.

Of 590 students in the senior high, 301 are boys and 289 are girls.

In the junior high there are 241 boys and 224 girls, reassures Victor Goertzel, registrar.

Approximately 221 of the 1055 registered students are "new faces" from Tule Lake.

Juniors Hold Class Social

Admitting only class members, a Halloween social will be held by the junior class next Friday evening in the high school work shop.

The committees in charge are composed of Utake Yoshida, Junji Doami, Sue Yoshiura, Daisy Uyeda, Hiroko Yoshimine, Paul Bell, Pete Matsumoto, Kenzo Ishimaru, Ryoza Kumekawa, Shiz Namba and Mas Sumimoto.

Those attending will be assessed 10 cents each to cover expenses. Refreshments will be served.

CORRECTION:

Designing of the student body cards by Mas Yabuki's art class as stated in last week's RAM-BLER was a misprint. The design was drawn by Ham Hamazaki and Mike Ichimaru of the Topaz art department.

If the problem was favored, senior high students who are scholastically high and filling other qualifications, will be eligible for membership.

"It would certainly be fine if our school was able to join," said Noboru Kobayashi, student body president, "but if no interest is shown the matter will have to be dropped."

Three other relocation centers are in the national organization.

Topaz High Accredited

Credits given at the Topaz high school will be accepted as from all accredited secondary schools, according to word received from Charles H. Skidmore, superintendent of the state department of public instruction.

The official letter to Mr. L.C. Noble, Topaz superintendent, said that a diligent effort has been made on the part of center officials to make the work given in Topaz high school equal to that given in the State's best schools.

This communication confirmed the previous report that the high school was on an accredited classification.

Jr. Hi C.A. Elect

Asako Kawamoto, high freshman, was elected president of the junior high Girls' association at the election meeting last week.

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FASHION NOTES



This is your fashion critic giving you the latest news and views on fashion trends here.

Now that winter is approaching, pastel shades, cool rayons and colorful prints worn by the girls this summer do a decided fade-out and woolen dresses, dark sweaters, skirts, slacks and raincoats are appearing. Some of the girls already in winter apparel are Janet Iwasaki and Sachi Kawahara.

Have you seen Sachi Dowke's neatly-knitted moss green sweater? Or Seiko Akahoshi with her solid color all-around pleated skirts?

Ada Nakagiri's white wooden shoes are always so spick and span and very practical.

The well-dressed girls have huge square white kerchiefs to avoid the misty morning's revealing effects on hair-dos.

The ever popular multi-colored plaid jackets keep the many high school boys protected from penetrating winds of "old man winter". Rain repellent reversibles for either sunny or hazy days, are ideal for a boys' wardrobe. Gov't issue rubber boots are typical footwear during the muddy season.

Incidentally-----considered among our best-dressed of the week are Kathleen Asano, freshman, and Ben Fujihara, senior.

BY RETURN 
MAIL

Dear Native '45er,

It seems that you feel as though the Topazans are not doing much in co-operating with the school's activities. I feel that there is a slight misunderstanding somewhere. We will take for example the last two dances. Who were the students on the floor? The majority as you might know were Topazans. So let's give the native students some credits.

There is certainly no reason to be disappointed in the school. After all it's the students that make up the school and not the Topazans alone. Let's all pitch in 100% so we won't have any more disgusted students.

J.I.

"EGO" OUTLET

Such childish mannerisms such as the defacing of school walls show a definite trend towards a lack of education.

If a student has not passed that stage, it proves he is not equipped with an adequate amount of knowledge to be in high school. Those words are strong---but are as true as facts.

One must realize that to deface a wall with names, scribbling or cartoons is actually a ridiculously simple-minded act. It is only natural that any person indulging in the marking of walls should be regarded as a simpleton trying to show off or satisfy a selfish element possessed in his mind.

The saying "Fools' names and fools' faces are always seen in public places" is particular a good reference to one who marks public property. He is, obviously, the biggest fool.

It is surely not too late for such a delinquent to reform---better late than never. There are only a few who appear to be hopeless cases.

TOPAZES TO S.S.C.

For the splendid efforts displayed by the Students' Social Committee in promoting social activities in Topaz high school, hearty commendations are extended to each S.S.C. member.

The committee sponsored the Hello Day dance and the very successful Inaugural Ball, and is therefore deserving of all praises. Hats off to the S.S.C.

SPICE CUPBOARD

Among the twosomes seen at the Inaugural Ball were Sock Yoshida and Mabel Takahashi, George Hiraga and Terry Yamasaki, Harry Kitano and Hana Abe, Masa Taketoshi and Rose Adachi, Paul Bell and Kumi Kariya, Shig Nomura and Kimie Hara, Tom Imagawa and Patti Iwanaga.

Better date Lou Minamoto up for the Junior hi Halloween dance, Kenny Ozawa, before Kats Mifune does.

Wyno Nagasawa is the gal to watch! Our spies report that a "two-legged reason" is responsible for her change into a reserved young lady.

Why is it that Herbert Nagata wears his glasses now? Is it because he is beginning to enjoy the scenery now that the Tule Lake girls are here?

The girls are raving about a certain tall and handsome Mike M. of the ninth grade from Tule.

It was proved at the ninth grade class meeting that Bill Roden surely rates with the girls.

Can you imagine: Tom Fukuoka with a slitzie, Tee Kanemasu without a grin, Chinky Hidekawa being quiet, Kenzo Ishimaru without any monkey-business, Yosh Takakuwa without an answer or Mr. Carlson without his suspenders?

Most amazing transformation of all time! Two talkative fellows, J.K. and H.O. took a turn for better and became peace-loving citizens of the 6th period journalism class. (That loud applause you hear is from Miss Kawahara.) Their eyes instead of their mouths are occupied by two charming lassies in the same room.

MOVIE COME MAZE

One Foot In Heaven.....	Dwight Nishimura
Snow White.....	Mabel Takahashi
Wizard of Oz.....	Mits Asahara
Above Suspicion.....	Harry Kitano
Vivacious Lady.....	Tsuki Takaha
Magnificent Brute.....	Yosh Takakuwa
Girl Crazy.....	Hide Kashima
Slightly Dangerous.....	Roy Harano
Hot Spot.....	Mr. Goertzel's office
Desperadoes.....	Topaz High Co-eds
Swing Shift Masie.....	Rosie Uyeda
Human Comedy.....	Tak Kubota
White Savage.....	Miss Gerard
The Big Shot.....	Mr. Nuttall
The Keeper of the Flame.....	Patti Iwanaga
Get Hep to Love.....	Marty Oshima
For Whom the Belles Tow*.....	Mike Mayeda
Sabotage Squad.....	Faculty
I Walked With a Zombie.....	Seiko Akahoshi
Crime and Punishment.....	Gerard and Goertzel, Inc.

*Typographical Error

ON THE.... ..SPOT

Approximately 5'5" of modesty plus what it takes to be the student body president, and you have Noboru Kobayashi, a regular fellow.

Noboru, who evacuated from San Leandro, Calif., was born in Geneva, Illinois on September 25, 1926.

His hobbies are in the line of sports, and his favorite subject is physical education.

One sure way to please him is with his favorite dish, fried chicken. Girls? No, he is absolutely silent on this subject.

Here's a tip in case anyone is interested, but please don't all rush this busy man at once!! Noboru can dance, and furthermore he comments on dancing, "It's okay."

With such a remarkable person guiding, everyone may feel confident of having a very promising year of school activities.

Father: "Well, son, what did you learn today?"

Son: "I learned to say 'Yes sir,' and 'No sir' and 'Yes ma'am' and 'No ma'am.'"

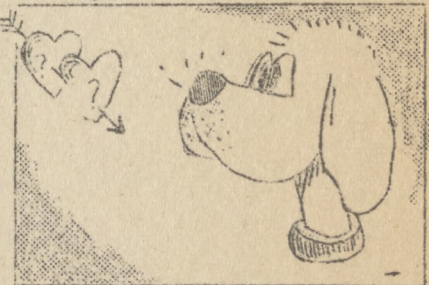
Father: "You did, eh?"

Son: "Yeah."



The magazines tell us all about puppy love---how entrancing and wonderful it is. Movies are full of spring fever, even in winter. But when we come to Topaz, what do we find?

Sprinkles of it here and there, but the general attitude, as one physics teacher, Joe Mori, so aptly put it, "Puppy love? Phooey!"



In a popular magazine, a renowned psychologist writes, "Puppy love and true love are one and the same thing. The only factor which differentiates between them is the ages of those involved. The emotions that teen-agers go through and those of the adults are identical. Poor teen-agers however, can't do anything about it while adults can!"

So laugh that one off, you scoffers of puppy love!

GIRLS SPORTS

To discuss plans for a girls' basketball and hockey tournament a Girls' athletic association meeting was held last Wednesday in rec 32.

Margaret Kawaguchi was elected manager for basketball with Bubbles Keikoan and Sachiye Fujii as her assistant. Kay Yoshiura will manage hockey with Toshiko Katsumoto and Mariko Kawaguchi assisting.

Games with Delta and Fillmore may be possible for champion teams, according to Betty Nakaso, G.A.A. president.

Electing Mariko Shinoda as vice-president, Midori Hashimoto, secretary, and Tee Kanemasu, treasurer, senior high girls met Friday in rec 32 to fill the Girls' association cabinet positions under Betty Nakaso, president. Yoshiko Keikoan

SPORTS

RAMS DEFEATS DELTA IN MONDAY TUSSLE, 18-7

Sparked by their line-backing center Stanley Tsujisaka in an 18 to 7 victory over a heavier Delta high eleven, the Rams scored twice in the 2nd period and once in the 4th to practically dominate the game, MAYEDA MAKES SIX POINTS

In the opening minutes of the scoring period, the Rams struck with lightning power. A quick smash by Kimura natted 5 yards to the Delta 49 yard line. Then Nakaso, on an unexpected 'sleeper' play, tossed a flat pass to Mayeda, who sprinted 40 yards to pay dirt. No player was within 25 yards of the alert Mayeda. With Nakaso holding the ball, Sano's try for point went wide to the left.

RAMS AHEAD AT HALF-TIME

A few minutes later Tanamachi intercepted a pass intended for Christensen on the Delta 32 yard line. After straight-arming 2 tacklers, Tanamachi went 33 yards unmolested for a touchdown. Sano's kick for point went low, hitting the crossbar. The Rams led at half time, 12 to 0.

DELTA SCORES IN THIRD QUARTER

The Deltans scored their lone touchdown in the 3rd period when Landson skirted around left end, and breaking into the open, ran 57 yards to a touchdown. Blair kicked the extra point.

Late in the period Delta recovered the Ram's 4th down muffed kick on the latter's 14 yard line. Two line smashes netted 4 yards to the 10. On 3rd down a ram offside put the ball on the 5 yard line. A line buck was held for no gain. With 4th down and a yard to go for a last down, Tsujisaka came knifing in to spill the ball earlier on the 6 yard mark, and to stop Delta's threatening drive.

In the last quarter a desperate pass by Christensen was intercepted by Kimura on his own 37. Kimura tight-roped down the south sideline for a 63 yard gallop to the 3rd touchdown. Kitano's kick was stopped on the 1 yard line.

The Rams, superior in deceptive aerial attacks and fast running plays, edged Delta on the ground by 53 yards to 48. In the the Rams garnered 45 yards to Delta's 9.

Stand-outs were Tsujisaka, line smashers Harano, Hamada, Kimura, and all the linesmen who made a gallant goal line stand.

Bob Hata, was injured in the 3rd period.

LINEUP

Clarke	LER	Bell
Anderson	LIR	Ishimaru
Porter	IGR	Yoshida
Nielson	C	Tsujisaka
Anderson	RGL	Takakuwa
Nielson, Capt.	RTL	Sagimori
Black	REL	Inouye
Christensen	Q	Harano
Landson	LHL	Hamada
Skeobold	RHR	Kimura
Blair	F	Kitano

SUBS:

Fullmer	Nakaso, Nakamura, Yoshida, Taketoshi, Yamada, Morikawa, Matsumoto, Hamada, Kubota, Sumimoto, Matsuzaki, Murakami, Katsuura, Tanamachi, Sano, Mayeda, Hata, Iwasa.
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*** Statistics of Game ***

	Topaz	Delta
Number of kickoffs	4	2
Number of 1st downs	6	3
Number of punts	2	3
Average length of kicks	28	31
Number of passes	10	6
Passes completed	4	1
Yards gained by rushing	53	48
Yards gained by passing	45	9
Fumbles	2	0
Number of TD	3	1
Points converted	0	1
Yards lost from rushing	14	11
Passes intercepted	3	1

*** Scoring by Quarters ***

Topaz	0	12	0	6	-----18
Delta	0	0	7	0	-----7

DON'T
FORGET
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The Ram-Bler

THE
FOOT-
BALL
DANCE

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TOPAZ HIGH SCHOOL

November 4, 1943

S.A.C. CHOSEN BY COUNCIL

From a list of names submitted by members of last semester's Student affairs' committee, the executive council chose the limited 10 persons who will serve this term if they receive the approval of the teaching staff.

Created last year as the highest governing student board with powers comparable to the Supreme Court, the Student affairs' committee accepts students for membership on the basis of scholastic and executive ability.

The 10 selected candidates, subject to approval, are Sachi Kawahara, sophomore; Ryoze Kusakawa, Seiko Akahoshi and Chester Kaku, juniors; Tak Kubota, Hime Enomoto, Yosh Takakuwa, Shinsuke Ochi, Mariko Shinoda and Toshiko Katsumoto, seniors.

The Student affairs' committee was late in formation this term due to the loss of the original list of names recommended by the former members.

DR. E. STANLEY JONES SPEAKS TO STUDENTS FRIDAY

"Of all the audiences I have faced throughout the world, I would rather address high school groups," said Dr. E. Stanley Jones, world famous evangelist and missionary to India, in his opening remarks to the high school assembly at the new auditorium last Friday morning.

He said that modern youth is more honest, and that this honesty will eventually lead young people to the feet of God.

Dr. Jones referred to a

FOOTBALLERS PREPARE HOP

Committees are going ahead with preparations for the Topaz varsity football dance to be held on November 13, according to Kenzo Ishimaru, publicity chairman.

Yosh Takakuwa, committee chairman, reported that tickets will be sold for 35 cents per couple if bought in advance. Tickets sold to couples at the door will cost 50 cents. Stags will be assessed 75 cents to discourage stags and to encourage more couples.

HARVEST AID GIVEN DELTA BY STUDENTS

Twenty high school boys took a leave of absence from the school for one week to work in the sugar beet harvesting at Delta, according to Victor Goertzel, registrar and director of guidance. They left Tuesday for the labor camp in Delta where they will be housed.

SCHOOL SETS ARMISTICE DAY PROGRAM

In observance of Armistice day, November 11, a city-wide program will be sponsored by the student body at the high school during third period.

The tentative program is as follows:

1. Flag ceremony.
2. Junior high chorus.
3. Student speaker.
4. Introduction of veterans and visiting soldiers.
5. Soloist.
6. Message by Charles F. Ernst, project director.
7. Junior high chorus.

At 11 o'clock in the morning, those present will bow their heads in a moment of reverent silence in commemoration of the first World War's dead.

Climaxing the day, a football game between the Topaz Rams and the Fillmore high school Eagles will be held on the local gridiron.

LIBRARY HAS NEW HOURS

With remodeling completed in the library, including the addition of spacious windows on the north side, Miss Lottie Lamb, librarian, announced that the libe will be open hereafter Tuesday through Friday evenings from 7 to 9 o'clock.

Miss Lamb's assistants are Teru Kanba, Yaoko Tsunura and Nancy Toji.

Because of the lack of necessary commercial equipment, the RAM-BLER will be published bi-monthly instead of weekly.

The girls' trio, May Hayashida, Sachi Kawahara and Fumi Manabe, completed the program with the selection, "Londonerry Air."

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NEEDED COOPERATION A-I

There are certain students among us who are continuously complaining about everything. A favorite pastime seems to be disagreeing with teachers in their every word and action.

When faced with that they believe to be a lot of homework, they begin building up to the point where the teachers are literally torn apart.

We have not shown the proper respect due to our new teachers. By disliking a teacher the moment he steps into the room, we make it difficult not only for the teachers but also for ourselves.

At the same time, the students may rightly feel that the teachers do not apply evacuee psychology in their methods of teaching and thus an air of 'teacher not understanding student' invades the atmosphere of classrooms.

So come on, students, let's break down that wall of stubbornness, and co-operate with the teachers. Our attitude might possibly determine how well we will get along on the outside.

H.H.

THERE ARE ALWAYS UNSUNG HEROES

Where there's a will, there's a way, but it took some unsung heroes, definitely possessing that will, to find a way to reduce to some great extent the school's mud problem.

Last week a group of energetic volunteers began shoveling gravel on the dirt walks. Now when the weather causes mud to form on the school grounds, the gravel will help students in going to classes with as little mud clinging to their shoes as is possible under the circumstances.

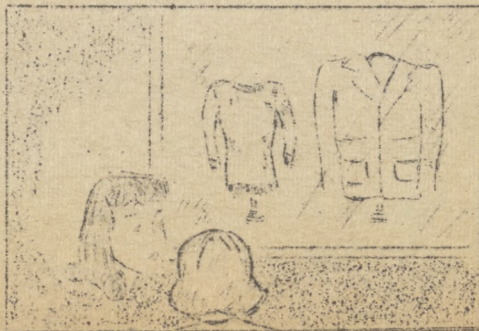
We extend praises and sincere thanks to those fellows who offered their services to the school in this emergency. They are, undoubtedly, heroes in the truest sense of the word.

FASHION

With winter approaching, the desire for new clothes prompts girls to dig through pattern books, and puts sewing machines on full time duty.

Visiting the high-school sewing and tailoring classes, we note many girls busily working on all-around fine-pleated skirts of colorful plaids.

Girls are also shipping up loose-fitting Hollywood Rogue shirts as an addition to their wardrobes. Ruri Harabayashi was seen wearing a very smart white one with two pockets. Michiko Takaki's tan rogue shirt with brown trimmings is really something to rave about.



Former Tule Co-eds aren't the only ones that are wearing wooden clogs. Tak Doi's flashy green pair is very eye-appealing.

Senior Rose Adachi is in top fashion with a scarlet blazer jacket piped in white. A hunter's green wool skirt completes the smart outfit.

Mittens and gloves, in keeping with the cold season, are also appearing. Among the most nifty are Shi-eko Suzawa's fluffy fur mittens with leather palms.

For either rain or shine---the muted brown and red plaid reversible coat owned by Ai Hatashita is definitely eye-catching.

Winter may bring on handsome woolen outfits, but those ill-fitting mackinows will also be with us.

Best dressed of the week: Seniors Kay Hureta and Masami Oishi.

The RAM-BLER is your paper, existing for informational and entertaining purposes. All material placed in the Contributor's Box in the school library will be considered for publication.

UNTIL YOU HAD TO LEAVE

Of all the things that
happened.
In our little special
group,
Dances, parties, games and
such
That didn't mean very much.
For you were always
planning,
Until you had to leave.
Parting with friends,
Was very hardest of all.
For they were close and
dear ones,
The best you ever had.
You had such pleasant
times with them,
Until you had to leave.
Some were very special
friends,
Who were always there to
help you.
But you never knew how
much you'd miss them,
Until you had to leave.
You hardly ever recalled
the past,
Your mind was looking
forward.
Forward to things about
to happen,
Until a 'something' inter-
fered.
Looking forward was always
something,
Until you had to leave.

---N. Takahashi

BUGOLOGY:

"EEEEK! snakes!"

"Eeeek! Oh, how horri-
ble! It's so slimy. Take
it away!" These are the
shrill screams that drift
out of the biology class
windows.

After being tormented
and stared at for several
weeks the good-natured and
harmless snakes receive no
favorable comments from
the timid female students.

Yes, a garter and rat-
tle snake, very much a-
live, are the pride of the
'bugology' class. They
thrill the students by eat-
ing a live toad occasion-
ally,---(boys only for it
is a little too touching
for the girls.

There are approximately
245 pupils enrolled in se-
ven biology classes. Five
are taught by Mr. Carlson
and two by Mr. Ozaki.

From the Comics

Batman.....Toshiaki
Sekaguchi
Bullet Man.....Juny
Tsujisaka
Boots....Bubbles Keikoan
Lois Lane.....Yo Wishii
Shadow.....Sam Matsuhara
Wonder Woman.....Betty
Nakaso
Kid Commandos...Football
Managers
Imogene.....Sadame Hara
Phantom Lady.....Kitty
Yamauchi
Baby Dumpling....George
Murakami
Little Lulu....Y....Miye
Yoshimori
Rosie.....Helen Fukui
Flash Gordon.....Tomio
Katsura
Tarzan....William Hamada
Mutt'n Jeff.....Wacky'n
Paul
Henry.....Tubby Yoshida
Smiling Jack.....Tommy
Masuda

ON THE ----

SPOT

Hailing from Alameda,
California, Betty Nakaso,
Girls' athletic associa-
tion president, is the i-
deal all-around Topaz
school girl.

Betty was born in Ala-
meda on December 12, 1925.
She is 5' tall, and over-
flows with magnetic indi-
viduality that is appeal-
ing to all who know her.

The G.A.A. prexy's weak-
ness is pork, and as far
as she is concerned, beans
belong in the garbage can.

"Anytime you're ready,
let me know," is her most
commonly-used phrase. Joan
Fontaine is her favorite
actress; Helen Forrest,
singer; Glenn Miller, orchestra.

Knitting, reading and sports are her hobbies. She
enjoys classical music---Beethoven's musical composi-
tions in particular.

As for an ideal boy she figures he should be plain,
tall, dark and handsome. Her ideal girl would be
plain, not too talkative; friendly and not too social-
minded.

Betty plans to take up the study of medicine in
college.

At present she is teaching a fifth period physical
education class. Betty was the junior class secretary
last year.

SPICE CUPBOARD

Seen around---

was S.T. with Yo'Bright
Eyes' Ikeda, and they ap-
peared exceptionally well-
matched.

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Wanted!---

Two beauties by a cou-
ple of sophisticated and
eligible males. Young and
inexperienced preferred.
If interested, contact Tom
Yamane and Aki Asai.

* * * * *

Speaking of hairdos---

Daisy Uyeda has a ter-
rific interest in the "Kan-
kan-bo-zo" styles. Until
it is determined whether
she is serious or not,
hold onto your wigs, fel-
lows.

* * * * *

Incidentally---

from the Contributors'
Box and on blue stationery
was written the question,
"What is the true name and
age of the handsome 11th
grade boy that is called
Robert Taylor?" The ques-
tion is open to the public
for answers.

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THROUGH THE JUNIOR HIGH
KEYHOLE-----

Hard-to-take----

but Mike Hananouchi has
been playing 'hard-to-get'
since his one and only
left Topaz.

* * * * *

Roses in bloom?----

No, it's the case of
Kashima plus Nomura that
is blooming still, and ac-
cording to the latest re-
ports it is far from the
wilting stage.

* * * * *

Here and there----

the spotlight is on Emi
Horano and J.K., and Mic-
key Tanaka and B.H.

JUNIOR HI NEWS BRIEFS

Election of the Junior high school class officers was completed last week.

Student leaders will be as follows:

Ninth grade---Bill Roden, president; Flo Miko, vice-president; Muts Hayaishi, secretary.

Eighth grade---Keiji Shimizu, president; Mike Hananouchi, vice-president; Toshiko Suzuki, secretary; Shoji Shimamoto, treasurer; Joe Kita, historian.

Seventh grade---Hayami Fujii, president; Lily Nomura, vice-president; Lou Minemoto, secretary.

At the last executive board meeting, it was decided that the Junior high school will have new student body cards. Plans are now being made by the executive board for the printing of the cards.

Hear ye! Hear ye! All Junior hi students start racking your brains to find a name for your own school paper. Plans for a Junior high school paper were announced this week.

To the person submitting the best name, a prize will be awarded.

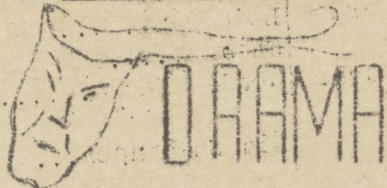
Entries with your name and first period room number may be placed in the name box at the library by November 12.

MATSUURA IS YELL KING

George Matsuura, senior, was appointed head yell leader of Topaz high school by the executive council last week.

Matsuura was introduced to the student body as the new yell king by Noboru Kobayashi, president, at last Friday's assembly held at the auditorium.

He will be assisted by Tut Hirano, Patti Iwanaga and Tsuki Takaha.



Presenting two one-act plays, public speaking and drama students will perform tomorrow night at dining hall 32. The plays are under the direction of Mr. Bud Evans of the speech department.

Starring in "The Vene Effort" will be Midori Hashimoto, Albert Nishikawa, Helen Fukui, Jin Morikawa, Ben Fujihara and Nobuko Tanaka.

Leading roles in the play entitled "Red Flannels" will be taken by Fudee Takahashi, Elsie Itashiki, Kaye Kanzaki and Ben Fujihara.

Tickets will be distributed to the public by the two casts, according to Mr. Evans.

REPORT CARDS TO BE OUT NOV. 12

Report cards are scheduled to come out on Monday, November 15, according to Mr. Victor Coertzel, registrar.

The cards will remain the same as last year's except for an invitation to the parents on the back, and an added 'E' for excellent cooperation, responsibility and work habits.

Mr. Coertzel also stated that the coming mid-term grades were only "in progress" grades, and do not go down on permanent records. There are two permanent grades a year.

CONFIDENTIAL GIRLS ONLY

(Editor's Note: This subject was suggested by a Topaz high school boy.)

By Miss Inquisitive

May I ask one question, girls? Just how poisonous are the Topaz hi boys? Not very or not at all! Then why do you say, "I'm busy tonight", "Sorry, bud, but I have to stay home", or "I'm not feeling well" when a guy asks for a date? Gee, why be like that?

After all, everyone can't be a Hank Lucetti or shall we say a Yosh Yamada or Sus Iwasa.

Just what would happen if all the girls acted like that, Topaz hi would really be a sad place, wouldn't it? So, girls, let's all do something about this problem.

In conclusion I would like to add a confidential piece of advice to the "Sorry, I can't go girls". It may be that you've never been to a dance, but you've been asked. When are you going to start? Now is the time! In Topaz hi we have the most considerate boys of all Utah. (Ahem.) Tell Tom, Dick or Harry, that this is your first dance, and I can bet that it won't make your evening any worse than if it were your tenth dance. You can expect the best time of your life.

THE AZIMORCOR

by Ada Nakagiri
Butte, Arizona

Mrs. J. M. Dawson, well known authority on the Christian Home and Family, delivered a short address to the members of the Girls' League at the first assembly of the term.

Attractive new buildings of adobe were ready for the use of senior high school students this fall as they returned to school.

Manzanar, California

receive their long awaited diplomas.

Amache, Colorado

Mr. Carey McWilliams of California, a well-known writer and lecturer and champion for the Japanese Americans' cause, spoke to the Amache Sr. high school student body assembly.

Hunt, Idaho

In the recent survey conducted in the core classes, it was revealed that approximately 400 students are planning to go out during the harvest vacation to help gather the Idaho potato crops.

VARSITY SPOTLIGHT

SPORTS

Sakaye "Sock" Yoshida of the high school football varsity is 5'8" and 142 pounds of solid personality from Redwood City, California.

Sock was born in Tacoma, Washington, on June 18, 1926, moving to California at the age of two. Before evacuation he attended Sequoia high school.

The football star enjoys mathematics and does not care for history. Blue is his favorite color. (Watch all the girls begin wearing blue now!) Any kind of steak is his favorite, and he hates even the sound of tripe. A pet peeve is his first name, Sakaye. His friends call him "Sock".

Girls, take special note. Are you qualified? Yes, providing you're nice-looking, about 5'2", cheerful but not rowdy, active and about 110 pounds. Sock might possibly find or perhaps has found his ideal in Topaz high.

Our hero's main ambition is to graduate. He dances, jives, collects football stars, likes Tommy Dorsey, Glenn Miller, Dinah Shore and Bing Crosby. Yes sir! He's right in there!

GIRLS PLAN DELTA GAMES

With junior and senior high girls' softball teams practicing after school every afternoon, weather permitting, games with the Delta girls are being planned for the near future, according to Betty Nakaso, G.A. president.

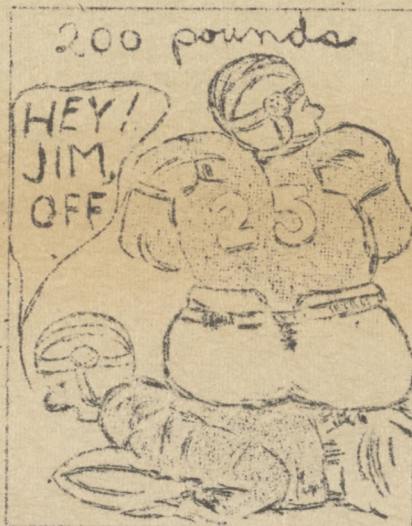
The line-up for the team has not been made as yet.

Featuring musical talents, tomorrow's assembly will be presented by the Girls' association.

EAGLES TRIMMED BY RAM VARSITY, 18-8 FRIDAY

Amazing the large crowd present, the Topaz Rams battered and rampaged a helpless Fillmore eleven dizzy to a sounding score of 18-8, on the latter's gridiron turf last Friday.

The Rams jumped into an early lead, when history again was repeated with pass-spearing Mike Mayeda snagging a beautiful 26 yard pass from Roy Harano on a "sleeper" play, Mayeda outrunning the Eagle secondary into the end zone for the first score.



LINEUP

W. Mert	LER	M. Mayeda
H. Abraham	LTR	W. Hamada
H. Paxton	LGR	M. Yoshida
P. Grousbeck	C	Tsujisaka
W. Olsen	RGL	Takakuwa
D. Labram	RIL	Tanamachi
R. Robinson	REL	H. Sano
G. Devoe	Q	R. Harano
J. Warner	LHR	G. Hamada
D. Warner	RHL	T. Kimura
L. Keel	F	H. Kitano

Scoring by quarters:

Topaz	6	6	0	6	-----18
Fillmore	0	6	2	0	-----8

Statistics of Game:	T	F
No. of first downs:	5	2
Yds. gained by Rush:	250	77
Yds. lost by Rush:	29	21
Passes thrown	5	7
Passes completed	2	0
Passes intercepted	1	1
No. of T.D.	3	1
Safety	0	1
Yds. lost by penalty:	0	0

The kick for the extra point was not good.

The Eagles bounded right back into the game when fullback Keel carried the pigskin from the Rams' 30 yard line to the 1, where Mayeda overhauled the ball-carrier. On the next play Keel submarined over for the score. The try for an extra point failed.

In the same period the Rams forged ahead, when Nakaso fired a flat pass to halfback Yamada, who raced over his own right end, shaking off tacklers. Speedy Yamada scooted 40 yards into the end zone for the second touchdown. Sano missed the try for an extra point.

Late in the third period, Harry Kitano, attempting to pass from his own end zone, was nailed for a safety.

The longest run of the day was made by Yosh Yamada, who took the ball on a naked reverse on a fake punt by Sock Yoshida. Yamada, aided by savage downfield blocking by Iwasa, Mac Yoshida, Mayeda and Nakaso, tight-roped the sidelines for a sensational 72 yard gallop. The Rams' try for the extra point was missed again.

The fast broken field blocking by the Rams enabled them to spring long gains throughout the afternoon. Due to the wet field the passing was cut down considerably. The punting on both sides was not good.

Paul Bell, second string right end, made a spectacular play when he spilled three would-be blockers who were leading interference for fullback Keel, enabling the secondary to smear the ball-carrier.

NO CUSSIN', VARSITY AIM

The unofficial organization of a non-swearers' league has forced the football team to part company with much of their colorful "French".

The policy seems to be no raw jokes, swearing or foul actions.



Said One Too Much

If you don't think that the penalties are staggering, or that the methods are ineffective, just take a look at Jim Morikawa's right arm. It is slightly discolored.

Wacky Sumimoto can also testify as he was almost "laid out". He just managed to stay on his feet with the aid of Sambo Nakaso's crutches.

Perhaps more "clean-up" crusades like this ought to be fostered around block 32 between the hours of 9 and 4.

GRIDSTERS TO GIVE BENEFIT

A convertible davenport will be offered as first prize in the football benefit to be sponsored by the varsity during half-time in the Ram-Fillmore Eagles' grid contest.

Tickets are being sold by the players and managers at 10 cents each, or six for 50 cents.

Minor prizes will be given to other lucky winners.

ATTENTION BOYS!!

Don't forget the varsity basketball signup in 32-7-F. Even though it may only be for H2O boy, sign up!



SPORTS

TOPAZ STILL UNBEATEN; DOWNS RABBITS 19-7

Topaz, maintaining its unbeaten record, outclassed a Delta grid team for the second time in two starts. Topaz, paced by signal-calling Harano, Kitano and speedster Yamada, battered the Rabbits to the tune of 19-7.

The Rams, showing a classy exhibition of running and passing, scored twice in the second period and once again in the 3rd, holding the Rabbits to a lone touchdown in the 4th quarter.

Topaz fumbled away its first touchdown march in the first quarter, but got an even break when Delta fumbled on their own 9 yard line. Yoshida's crack through center netted 8 yards to the 1 yard line, where Kimura plunged over standing up. Late in the second quarter, alert Sano recovered a loose ball on the Delta 20. Iwasa then took a naked reverse from Hamada and skirted wideover his own left end to paydirt. Mayeda's try for a drop-kick went low. Topaz led at half-time, 12-0.

In the 3rd period a desperation pass by Christensen was deflected into the arms of Kitano, who ran 23 yards, unmolested, into the end zone.

The Rams, never able to cash in on the extra point, finally scored its first, when Mayeda raced over his own right end.

Delta, in the 4th quarter, took to the air. Christensen finally connected to Fulmer in the end zone. On a quarterback sneak, Christensen scored the extra point.

Playing their hearts out to lead the Rams in brilliant defensive work were line backers Tsujisaka, Nakamura, Sumimoto, Takakuwa, Tanamachi, Isai-maru and Sagimori.

Topaz will lose the services of signal-calling Sambo Nakaso for the rest of the season. Nakaso pulled a leg ligament in the 2nd quarter.

LINEUP:

Sano	LER	Fulmer
Hamada	LTR	Nielson
Yoshida	LCR	Porter
Tsujisaka	C	Nielson
Takakuwa	RCL	Anderson
Tanamachi	RTL	Anderson
Mayeda	REL	Black
Harano	Q	Christensen
Kimura	LHL	Landson
Yamada	RHR	Fulmer
Kitano	F	Blair

Statistics of game:	T	D
Yards gained	100	35
Yards lost	11	20
Passes thrown	8	6
Passes completed	2	3
Yards from passes	34	30
Penalty	4	1
Yds. lost by penalty	20	5
First downs	5	4
No. of punts	2	3
Average kicks	32	31

GIRLS BEGIN MAJOR SPORTS

Turnouts for the girls' hockey and basketball teams began last week.

Class teams will compete for championship honors in intramurals scheduled to start next week.

BENEFIT

FOOTBALL DANCE!

Stadium:	d.h. 32
Kickoff:	8:00 p.m.
Reserved seats:	35¢
Unreserved seats:	50¢
Bleachers (stags)	75¢
Sponsor:	Varsity
Date:	November 13

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CAMPUS BRIEFS

The Junior Red Cross Drive has been successfully completed and all the donations have been handed in, according to Mrs. Marguerite Hudson, advisor.

HI-Y GROUP TO BE FORMED

Plans for a much-needed Topaz Hi-Y are being formulated under the auspices of the Topaz YMCA.

The purpose of the Hi-Y will be service to the yourself and others and it is planned that this chapter will be affiliated with the National Hi-Y organization.

The beginning club will probably consist of about 12 boys who will draw up the constitution and plan the program for the year.

Board members for the organization are Emil Sekerak, chairman, the Rev. Carl Nugent, Dave Tatsuno, Shigeo Hotta, Tad Fujita, Bill Fujita and George Hiraga.

June Graduates Scatter Widely

Activities of the June graduating class were revealed by Claude C. Cornwall, chief relocation officer, early this week.

Of the 219 students of the class, 100 are now working in Topaz; 62 are out on seasonal leaves; 20 went to college; 15 transferred to Tule Lake; 14 went out on indefinite leaves; 2 went to Japan; 2 transferred to Manzanar; 1 volunteered for the army; 3 are inactive.

Compared to last term's 219 graduates, there are 175 seniors this semester.

HOME ECONOMICS BAZAAR TO FEATURE FOOD SALE

The highlight of the Home Economics bazaar this afternoon will probably be the food sale, stated Mrs. Marguerite Hudson, head of the Home Economics department.

The feature of the food section will be the public demonstration of doughnut making to be given by the celebrated boys' cooking class, said Mrs. Louise Watson, director of foods.

Among the food items will be home-made bread, apple turnovers, cookies, cup cakes, rolls and cocoa.

Pincushions, colored mittens, lapel gadgets, aprons and hand-knit anklets will be shown. All items are products of the Home Economics classes.

Juniors Set Prom Date

Every Harry, Dick and Tom Is coming to the Junior Prom

So every boy with a stick or broom

Come on and dance at the cool Skyroom

So swings the motto for the coming Junior Prom to be held December 11 at dining hall 32. The affair promises to be one of the biggest events of the fall term. It will feature new and better refreshments, according to the committee in charge.

SENIORS HAVE GALA SOCIAL

Music by the nation's famous bands and refreshments fit for a king, such as chicken sandwiches, cream puffs, jello and punch, drew approximately 125 seniors to their first get-together party this semester. Harry Kitano was emcee for the occasion.

Two Clubs Hold Successful Sale

Co-sponsored by the Girl Reserves and the Drama club, a successful food bazaar was held last Wednesday in dining hall 32 during the lunch hour and after school.

The Girl Reserves made a net profit of \$29.45, while the Drama club made \$17.10. The Girl Reserves donated 50 percent of the profit to the '44 Ramblings yearbook.

NEXT STUDENT FORUM READY

What will prove to be a highly-successful student forum with the expressed topic "What's Wrong With Topaz High?" is scheduled for Thursday, December 9, in 8-EF.

Defending the high school will be Eleanor Gerard, social studies teacher, and the accusers, Noboru Kobayashi, student body president, Jim Morikawa and Midori Hashimoto.

The moderator will be Norman Hirose.

CALENDAR

Dec. 2	Home Economics Bazaar
Dec. 8	Educators' Conference
Dec. 11	Junior Prom
Dec. 15	Junior Assembly
Dec. 24	Senior Dance
Dec. 25	Christmas
Dec. 27-31	Vacation.

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OUR SCHOOL

"This school is all shot! What a sad case this school is! School is waste time!"

These are just a few of the sayings being tossed around on the Topaz campus. Why? Why are the students making such remarks about their own school? Is it because they are not having the activities they were accustomed to having before evacuation? Is it because the school isn't functioning as students think it should? There must be an answer to why school interest is disappearing.

This school is ours and we determine the quality of it, and how things should be operated. If we don't agree on any issue, we can always voice our opinions and suggestions....so, let's not sit back to watch school disintegration and mutter, "I told you so!" When you come down to it, it is the people who make the world what it is, and the success of any group depends on member co-operation.

Let's get a new slant, a fresh viewpoint, on our Topaz high school.

MIKE MAYEDA

INTRODUCING NEW STAFFS

In an endeavor to disperse writing and publication responsibilities on the school paper to reach more members of the class, the 40 journalism students participated in staff re-organization last week. Two staffs were elected to operate on alternate weeks in getting out the RAM-BLER. Whether this action will bring over-all results remain to be seen.

This week's staff is listed in the masthead at the top of the page. Isamu Nagata, senior, will direct both staffs. Next week's staff is as follows:

Ada Nakagiri, editor; Jim Morikawa, feature editor; Mike Mayeda, sports editor; Yoshiko Koikoan, girls sports; Jim Kawamura, business manager; Mits Asahara, production manager; Teruko Sato, circulation.

EDITOR'S NOTE: In spite of the cautions released by ye RAM-BLER, the Contributors' Box continues to be stuffed with news about the same campus personalities. This note serves to silence those grippers, who demand that gossip and feature tidbits include as many students as possible. For good campus coverage, we solicit co-operation.

A COED'S PRAYER

Oh God, Please tell me what to do

I'm really in a daze
Please set me right and
straight and true
And lead me from this maze.

Please tell me is it right
or wrong

To hold hands, dance cheek
to cheek

It seems to be the recent fad
As I watched the seniors last
week.

And I don't mean with just one
boy,

But all of them, and even more
'Cept minusing the guy that
all the gals have marked
"Keep off-----a Bore."

I always thought that all that
stuff

For just the steadies was
reserved

But now I see that every boy
Seems that privilege to
deserve.

You see, I don't want to be
called "sad"

Or yet deserve that term "bad"
So please, God, tell me what
to do

And don't forget---THAT FELLOW
TOO!!

PATTI IWANAGA

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

We are now attending Western Michigan College here at Kalamazoo, Michigan.

The other day a copy of the Ram-bler came into our hands and we were more than glad to see our former school paper again.

Being former students, we are always anxious to read about Topaz high school activities. We would certainly appreciate it if you would put us on your mailing list and send us each a copy.

You've a swell paper and we wish you the very best of luck.

TETSUO OCHI

---That's what keeps the spirit of a school going--- reports from former students. We'll gladly mail out copies.

--ED.



HUNT, IDAHO

The property damage, caused by a blazing fire that swept the Hunt high school's science room and other parts, was estimated between \$2000 and \$3000.

BUTTE, ARIZONA

Butte high school students will undergo a Jekyll and Hyde transformation during the "Slave Days" in which the ever suffering boys will become slaves to the girls on one day but the next day will change into domineering and arrogant men making the girls do the slaves' work.

ON THE SPOT

Mr. Kenbo Nishimura, Mr. Dwight to you, probably has more relatives in the USA than any other niseigrandparents are in Colorado; other relatives scattered from here to New York....first viewed the world in Berkeley, California in 1928....insists his greatest vice is not being old enough and staying out too late....happy to be a part of this cock-eyed world....likes color blue like most men; abhors orange....Dinah Shore and Lena Horne leave him gasping; has no male favorites since his shower warbling will do (he thinks)if pork cutlets and cha-shu were the only food invented, that's okay with him....Artie Shaw's "Dancing in the Dark" is A-1 with him....favors USC....Paul Bell is best friendsays Topaz girls are dull (don't take it personal, girls)....expects to be research chemist....ideal girl must be smart, on the better looking side and dress smartly....probably owns the "shiningest" shoes in school.

HOLIDAY MOODS

The second Thanksgiving day, observed within the boundaries of a relocation center, is now a thing of the past, but the memory lingers....

Nosing in on time for the 10 o'clock breakfast and attending the afternoon gridiron classic (we should have won) were perfect turkey day starters.

Most memorable event was the feast of the traditional bird (poor fellow was unaware of Pearl Harbor, too!)....the sight of the succulent turkey, in its holiday finery, was enough to take its toll of drooling victims. Gee! Thanksgiving day should come every week.

A glance at the calendar tells us that Christmas is around the corner. Once again we shall hear the refrains of "White Christmas" hummed and whistled by the young set as the snow falls....and the sparkling beauty of the Topaz countryside will leave us breathless (we all have imagination)....the guys and gals bundled in dark mackinaws dotting the landscape....and, most of all, we think about our friends and the future....

G.Y.M.

Hi-Fellowship Calendar Given

With the release of their calendar of coming events from December 5 to January 2, the high school fellowship is going in full swing.

The coming events are listed as follows:

- Dec. 5--Speaker: Dr. Joseph Goodman; topic is "How is California?"
- Dec. 12-Educational movie directed by Dave Tatsuno; singspiration.
- Dec. 19-Election of officers; business meeting.
- Jan. 2--Candlelight installation service.

High school fellowship meetings are held Sunday evenings from 8 o'clock at the inter-faith center.

SPICE CUPBOARD

While the teacher blushed, the "ever-inquisitive" boy, Joseph Nakahiro listened eagerly to our own Hiro Okada giving the "low-down" on women during production night yesterday.

In case Dr. Anthony of radio fame should retire, we are sure Hiro would qualify to replace him.

The boys think Isamu Momii's cute. Wonder if the girls get the same reaction?

Rams Schedules Big Blowout

In recognition of their successful season, the Ram gridders will have a frilly, football blow-out, strictly a la masculine. the banquet will be held Saturday from 6:30 p.m. at dining hall 32.

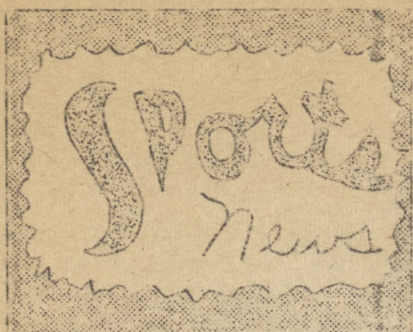
Forty persons, including players, managers and coaches, will attend. The chicken dinner menu was planned by Yosh Yamada and Yosh Takakuwa. The boys will serve themselves.

Ki Tanamachi and Kenzo Ishimaru are co-chairman. Other committee heads include Tomio Katsura, gen. arrangements; Wacky Sumimoto, entertainment.

NEW BOOKS

More than 30 new books have been added to the library shelves, it was revealed by the library staff this week. Some of the most popular books, favored by students are "I've Got Your Number", "How To Dance" and "2500 Jokes."

A list of all new books has been posted on the library bulletin board for the information of all students.



VARSITY SPOTLIGHT

Beau Jack! The name echoing on the campus belongs to Tommy Masuda.... born in the hamlet called Irvington in California 16 years ago, he attended Washington Union high school there....he stands 5'6" and tips the scales at 180 pounds....called Beau Jack because of his interest in the world's welterweight king, the colored boy from Augusta, Georgia....favorite vocalist is Lena Horne....maestro Tommy Dorsey is topsanything on the menu, so long as it's food, suits him....The Stanford Indians appeal to him.... spends spare time in block 37 laundry room to hit a bag (we mean punching bag)plays hard to get when the wolverines come scenting....seals his lips when femmes are mentioned and looks wise....Topaz coeds wish he'd break down and attend some of the dances.

GIRLS SPORTS

All girls interested in badminton are requested to sign up as soon as possible, it was announced by Betty Nakaso, G.A. president.

Girls are also requested to bring their own shuttlecocks for none are available as yet.

It is being planned so that the girls may accompany the boys to play preliminary basketball with outside schools, according to Miss Muriel Matskin, P.E. director.

Also a return softball game with Delta is being arranged.

COMMISSARY EKES OUT 2-0 WIN OVER RAMS

Before approximately 1000 chilled spectators Thanksgiving day, the Commissary eleven edged out the Topaz Ram prepsters by the baseball score of 2 to 0, on the local turf in their third encounter. The two previous tilts were deadlock matches.

SPEAKING OF SPORTS

Eichi Adachi, former star for the Topaz Rams and the star twirler on block 30's softball championship team, has won a berth on the Huron high school varsity basketball team as a first string guard.

Adachi, only 5'6", is controlling the rebounds off both backboards. His teammates, averaging 6', are wondering how he can spring off the floor so high and with such ease.

With Adachi as guard, the Huron cagers from South Dakota are gunning for the state championship. Let's all wish Adachi lots of luck!

Feet Measured Shoes Coming

Astonishment reigned in the P.E. department Tuesday when all the assistant teachers were asked to get the shoe sizes of all students. The question was answered when it was revealed that the WRA was intending to furnish each student with a pair of tennis shoes.

The Turkey Day contest proved to be a see-saw, bulldog battle except for some action-packed moments in the first period.

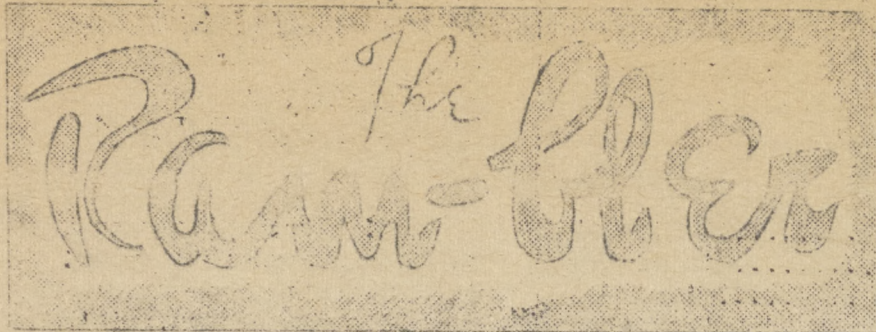
Commissary drew blood in the initial quarter when H. Kariya, right tackle, sailed out from nowhere to block Roy Harano's punt on the Rams' 12 yard line. Here the Commissary boys battered to the 1 yard line, aided by a 5 yard offside penalty. Then the tables turned. A 5 yard penalty was chalked against Commissary. After 3 running plays and 1 pass play the Rams took over on downs. Sus Iwasa, taking a reverse was smacked down in the end zone by right end Sam Yamanaka for an automatic safety, putting the school boys behind 2 to 0.

From here on it was strictly a defensive game. Both teams could not penetrate each other's scoring territory after the brief scoring thrust in the first quarter. Minus several key players, both teams were not at full power. Commissary was minus their big gun, Tachi Tanaka, and the loss of prep stars, Yosh Takakuwa and Tony Kimura, forced Harano, quarterback, to full in at the guard position.

LINEUP		
Commissary	Pos.	Rams
Masuda, G.	LER	M. Mayeda
Tanaka, K.	LTR	W. Hamada
Yano, G.	IGR	M. Yoshida
Yamane, K.	C	S. Tsujisaka
Nemoto, H.	RGL	R. Harano
Tamura, M.	RTL	K. Tanamachi
Yamanaka, S.	REL	Z. Matsuzaki
Nitta, S.	Q	S. Nakaso
Nakayama, S.	LHL	S. Iwasa
Nakagawa, H.	RHR	Y. Yamada
Tanaka, T.	F	H. Kitano

Score by quarter:				
Commissary	2	0	0	0-----2
Topaz	0	0	0	0-----0

EDUCATORS CONVENE HERE



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JUNIOR PROM SLATED AS TONIGHT'S FEATURE

Large Turnout Expected

Dragons and lanterns will be a part of the decorations for the "Sky Room", magical scene of the Junior Prom tonight from 8 o'clock at dining hall 32. Master of ceremonies will be Iako Takahashi, junior class president.

Always one of the big events on the school calendar, the prom is expected to draw the support of many of the students.

Featuring the exciting "Skyroom Cocktail" and new and surprising kinds of sandwiches, the refreshments will be unique, the committee in charge announces.

Patrons and patronesses will be Principal and Mrs. Drayton B. Nuttall, Mr. and Mrs. Iwao Hashiguchi and Yosh Isono.

Food Bazaar

Prove Hit

Clearing approximately \$70, the Home Economics class successfully concluded their food bazaar last week.

Among the most popular food items on sale proved to be the cup cakes and apple turnovers. Hand-made Christmas toys and novelties were also on sale.

The class purchased a set of pottery, dishes and additional class equipment.

TEACHER LEAVES

John Chandelor, English teacher, left Sunday for Columbus, Missouri, to do graduate work in speech correction at the state university.

CALENDAR

Dec. 10 Junior Prom
Dec. 11 Rams vs. Delta
Basketball game
Dec. 15 Junior Assembly
Dec. 24 Senior Dance
Dec. 25 Christmas
Dec. 27-31 Vacation

CAMPUS BRIEFS

The '44 Ramblings staff and all organizations, clubs and groups of Topaz high school will sponsor a "Winter Carnival" scheduled for the latter part of January, according to Sachi Kawahara, chairman.

Enomoto Is Editor

YEARBOOK STAFF NAMED

Introducing the members of the '44 Ramblings yearbook staff:

Himeko Enomoto, high senior, was named editor-in-chief of the publication. Assisting her will be Joan Ihara, senior.

Other editor appointments include Isamu Nagata spring editor; Sachi Kawahara, literary; Mari Shinoda, photo; Mike Mayeda, sports; and Setsuko Asano, junior high. Business manager is Tak Kubota.

Other staff members are as follows:

Yosh Yamada, Yosh Takakawa, Tom Imagawa, Tomie Katsura, Chiyo Soneda, Mas

SCHOOL HAS FIRST CONFAB

Approximately 25 school administrators, representing five counties, participated in the southern Utah educators' conference held in Topaz Wednesday from 11 a.m.

In the morning the administrators toured the project libraries, schools, churches; the hospital, the Boy Scout lodge and the sewing centers where English for the issei is also taught.

Luncheon was served at 1 a.m. at dining hall 32 by the cooking class.

The business session was held at the high school from 2:30 a.m. A thorough presentation of WRA aims was explained by Drayton Nuttall, principal.

Juniors Plan

Class Assembly

Pentative plans for a junior assembly to be held December 15, in dining hall 32 are being formulated, according to Elsie Itashiki, chairman.

Kenzo Ishimaru will act as master of ceremonies.

Taketoshi, Shun Ochi, Ada Nakagiri, Sachi Fujii, Kay Iriki, Fumi Nakabayashi, Jack Yoshizuka.

Tosh Katsumoto, Keoru Morita and Betty Nakaso, seniors;

Paul Bell, Tubby Yoshida, Ryozo Kumokawa, Seiko Akaboshi, Kimi Ihara and Betty Hayashi, juniors;

Dwight Nishimura, Alice Fukui and Asayo Ashizawa, sophomores.

Eugene Sasai, Rentaro Hashimoto and Fay Nakazawa, junior high.

Specific assignments will be detailed to the yearbook staff in the immediate future.

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LOOKING FORWARD

Topaz high school, is to most of us, symbolic as one of the drab - looking blocks that comprises the metropolis of Topaz, Utah. The only distinguishing factor of this common block is that this particular sub-division of desert waste was officially designated as the secondary institution of learning for Topazans of high school age.

As we reminisce over experiences here in the future, we will invariably recall our prep school memories. Block 32 will probably remain as a hazy impression within our minds, linked subconsciously by most of us, as a place where we used to "hang out and fool around" during our prolonged period of confinement.

And as we brush away more cobwebs within our craniums, we may suffer pangs of remorse for not having buckled down in school. Regrets of the past are useless and depressing: therefore, we should eliminate such memories. How? The answer is purely elementary.

Start taking school a degree more seriously and start realizing its place in your life.....then, perhaps, prep school reminiscences will be more comforting and satisfying. ISAMU NAGATA

FORUM: MAMMOTH SUCCESS

"What is wrong with Topaz high?" was the topic for the highly successful forum! I Dec. 8, in room 3EF. Moderator Norman Hirose presided over the affair. Speakers included three students, student body president, Noboru Kobayashi, Midor Hashimoto, and Jim Morikawa, seniors, and Miss Eleanor Gerard, representing the faculty.

The main points brought up by the student speakers centered around much needed cooperation, both between student and student, and students and faculty. The expressed feeling was that unless something was done concerning this noticeable lack, the situation, already a disturbing factor, would become worse. Also brought to the front was the need for more cooperation, unity, and school spirit. To supply this need, it was suggested to form a band, many clubs, a student court and jury, and to hold more assemblies and rallies.

Miss Gerard gave some facts about the lack of teachers which not only is affecting Topaz, but also schools all over the country, she disproved a rumor concerning the credits of Topaz high school.

T.ITO

Fashion Notes

Brr! Brr! Winter sure means business this week! Now that the hand of winter is waving to us, it's time to delve into suitcases and trunks and bring out the red flannels, or something equally suitable.

Among the moth---ball scented apparel appearing are those indispensable earmuffs to protect our delicate extremities from the nip of Jack Frost..... Striking two - tone hooded jackets are very popular with boys like Tak Kubota, Mac Yoshida and Kenzo Ishimaru.....in the true confessions of our campus coeds we find that last year's clothes, touched up with clever novelties and accessories, are the vogue. Switching standbys of bright color combinations will supply the need for sunny hues. So, girls, why not be the light of some fellas life this season.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

DEAR EDITOR:

As an alumnus of dear Topaz High School, I am naturally interested in all activities there.....so how about sending me editions of the RAM-BLER?

While I am slapping the ink around and wasting a good stamp too, will you please give my regards to Miss Gerard, Mr. Goertzel, Dr. Joe Goodman Ph.D. (punk horse doctor), and anyone else remembering a slovenly person, who sometimes answered to the name "Tan-eye".

This member of the mighty class of June '43 will be awaiting an answer about that subscription.

Paul Tani
Heidelberg College
Tiffin, Ohio

James Kawamura sat rigid as a sweet thing approached him and planted nickies on his cheeks. But to his dismay, he found that it was none other than Miss Yuji Koyama.

ON THESPOT

San Leandro's (a small town, population 18,000) contribution to Topaz high school is 5'2" sweet-dispositioned Sachi Helene Kawahara....although her past has been that of the up and up, being student body secretary before evacuation, her present activities top it all....This live wire is Girl Reserves prexy, forum chairman, on the yearbook staff and a leader in church circles (Let's have more girls like her)...she likes noodles (and she has oodles of personality).... according to big sister, she isn't interested in boys, but we know she likes them as much as cream puffs!...her favorite pastime is reading.... she thinks zoot suits are horrid (so better discard them, fellas)....wants to be a lawyer...(We know she'll make good!)



ROHWER, ARKANSAS

With the War Stamp and Bond Drive going into its last week, the National Honor Society announced that the goal set at one jeep was soon over-subscribed. To date the sales total \$2507.95. The goal has been exceeded by 100% and a drive for a third jeep is underway.

The jeeps will be sent to the 100th Infantry in Italy which is entirely composed of Japanese Americans.

GRANADA, COLORADO

Heading the list as the first, the Amache "IT" published their anniversary edition.

Use Topaz soap. Doesn't lather. Doesn't bubble. Doesn't clean. It's just company in the tub.

VARSIITY MASSACKES OPPONENT

With a cloud of dust, a streak of light and hearty "Hi-yo Silver", the Ram varsity plunged into Dining Hall 32 as the "school bell" (no relation to Paul Bell) chimed to resound throughout the city. The mighty Rams were going to feast (and how?) tonight.

After grace was rendered by Doc Goodman, the players began their gruesome wrestling match with the underdog (chicken)! First a left jab (with a knife of course), a right cross, left cross, and ouch, give him the Red Cross!

The victorious Rams emerged from the dinner table with their buckles unhitched after a full dinner consisting of: rich crispy chicken, creamy mashed potatoes oozing with brown gravy, pie a la mode with crushed pineapple, cake, plus all the punch you could guzzle down.

Entertainment started with songs, stories, and jokes (all sanitary, of course).

Guests for the evening were "Doc" Goodman, casaba coaches----Koba, Saito, and Hashiguchi, and last but not least--Kawamoto.

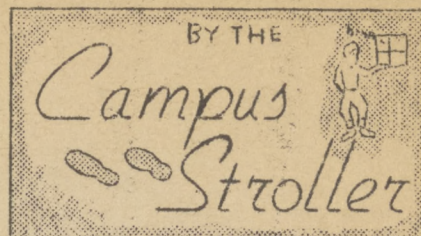
We'd like to thank Mr. Hayashida and Mr. Matsumoto, who made our banquet possible by doing the foundation work of the dinner and to the fellas who all pitched in for the great feast.

MUSEUM TO BE MADE

To discuss future plans for a museum, the biological section of the A.A.S. met in the laundry room last Tuesday.

The exhibit will contain various specimens of reptiles, an aquarium and charts.

Koji Ozawa, senior, presided.



While strolling through our campus the other morning, I chanced to hear "Glamour Boy" Iwasa and a score of other fellows discussing a certain Miss Nakamura, who attended the Can-Can dance practice (What's A.M. going to say, Sus?)....While en route to the library a group of girls were discussing the masculine sex, and the next thing I heard was Tony Kimura and Hisanori Sano's names. SIGH! SIGH!In the library I saw Etsuko Honnami in her attractive "King Size" sweater (Why don't you loan that sharp, razzle-dazzle sweater to Yosh Isono, Etsuko??)....Upon leaving the library I saw "Casanova" Min Sagimori pestering H.F. for her graduation picture (Why don't you break down, Helen?)....Entering the gym office, Mary Tsuda was reading "True Romance". In an instant we knew she advertised "Luckies" Tsuda One (Two to one)....immediately leaving the office we were entertained by George "Kibei" Murakami's Japanese chant which made us hastily depart the campus until next week.....

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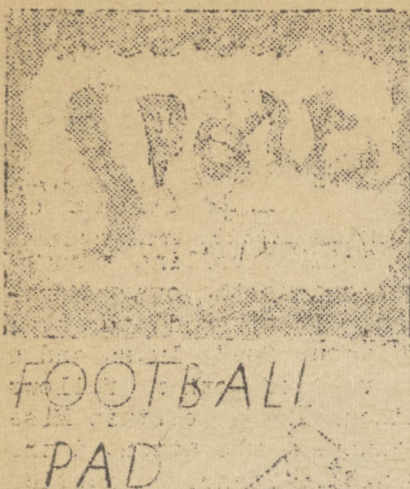
BOOKS



As of last Saturday, 2,820 books have been issued to the students, according to Miss Lottie Lamb, library supervisor. Until the supply runs out books will be distributed every two weeks.

Text books will be available in the near future, it was stated.

The seventh grade classes of Mrs. Maurine Westover and Mrs. Ellen Henderson were given preference in book selections because of their assistance in sorting out the books.



IN APPRECIATION

That tall, dark and handsome coach of the Ram football team with little to say is Keichi Kawamoto. A former Berkeley High student, he was one of the best blocking football backs there. He is 5'8 1/2" tall and weighs 151 1/2 lbs.

Being a 20-year-old-bachelor, he blushes when girls but just watch him! He gorges on Italian dinners, enjoys boogie-woogie and Paul Robeson's version of "Old Man River".

He did a fine job as coach. It was through his teachings that we learned the true value of football.

-----and that "healthy batch of muscle" is "Hash" Hashiguchi of San Francisco where he was a business man traveling far and wide. He was a star linesman in football, swimmer, badminton champ and a San Francisco Mikado. He is now assistant basketball coach.

It was a privilege to play under the guidance of these two who gave their untiring efforts for the success of the team. We appreciate their contribution in making us better players and students. It can truthfully be said that we learned something worthwhile and really enjoyed ourselves.

MIKE MAYEDA

FUKUHARA
LEAVES

Out in the fresh air for seasonal work is former P.E. teacher, Larry Fukuhara. He left December 3, for American Fork where he is expected to be employed in a packing shed.

FIRST CASABA TILT
SLATED WITH DELTA

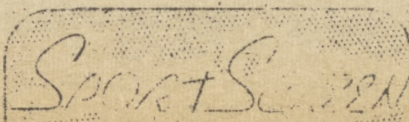
To tangle with the Delta high school quintet in their first practice encounter of the season, the Ram basketball players will trek to nearby Delta tomorrow afternoon.

LOOPLESS
TOFAZ

Topaz high school was denied membership in the Utah state high schools athletic association, but definite arrangements were established to compete against outside schools, it was decided at the educators' conference Wednesday.

The schools mentioned are: Delta, Hinckley, Fillmore, Millford, and Wasatch academy.

Further negotiations to compete against more schools are under way, according to Drayton B. Nuttall, principal.



The long-awaited gym is scheduled for completion December 17. Basketball, volleyball and badminton can now be played indoors. Five tiers of bleacher seats are installed on both sides of the gym. Now we'll have comfort, we hope....

The Ram quintet is considering new outfits. The color has not been set....

Inter-class boys' casaba tournaments are proving popular. The matches are held from 1:30 p.m. Maybe the good Amazons ought to organize....

Students are anticipating the finish of the ice skating rink near the campus. The ground is already leveled....

The P.E. department is negotiating for lumber to construct hurdles. This action is a good start for the track season....

Results of last Friday's Delta-Topaz basketball games were:

Delta: 37 Topaz: 27
Delta: 13 Jayvocs: 45

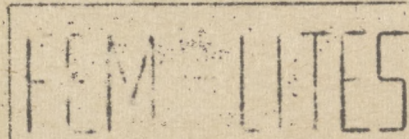
Though minus the services of many stars from last season, Coach Fred Koba will rely on dependable reinforcements from Tule Lake, plus Topaz's own returning players.

The Ram roster is as follows:

Henry Hidekawa, George Hamada, Yosh Fujita, Stan Tsujisaka, Yosh Takakuwa, Osie Tamaki, Akira Hirota, Willie Hamada, Tets Sano, Hisanori Sano, Mas Oishi, S. Yoshimine, K. Kusunoki, Mike Mayeda, Yosh Yamada, Akira Nakamura, George Matsuura, Tut Hirano, Bob Utsumi, Hideo Kashima, Jim Nakamura, Mas Taura, Togo Oshima, Joe Morita, Paul Kikuchi, Jim Kawamura, J. Iwata, Bill Morozumi.

Noboru Kobayashi, Harry Hiruo, Harumi Kojimoto, Sambo Nakaso, Junji Doami, Akio Nakata, Shig Nomura, Mas Kato, Mas Sumimoto, R. Iwata, S. Takata, Toru Ota, Jack Yoshizuki, Kiyoshi Ogo, Jack Gooding, Billy Hirose, H. Matsumoto, Frank Sasagawa, T. Orita, Eicki Shibata.

It is expected that Coach Koba and his assistants, Mits Saito and "Hash" Hashiguchi, will be able to judge the quality of their players through their initial game.



Mud! That's Mari Shinoda to us at school. Mud is our G.A.

Hailing from Berkeley, she was born on October 28, 1927 and is 5'3". Berkeley High was her school.

Her ideal boy must be tall, dark and good-looking (What! No originality?) Her dream stars are Ronald Reagan and Teresa Wright. Her canary is Ray Eberle.

Mud is one of the junior class basketball stars. BUBBLES KEIKOAN

AUDITORIUM DEDICATION SET



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STATE RULES FOLLOWED BY TOPAZ HIGH

The Topaz high school faculty has decided to conform with the Utah state requirements for eligibility in student activities, according to Dr. Joseph Goodman.

The general requirements are: a student must be under 19 years of age; he must be regularly enrolled; and he must maintain passing grades at all times. The specific requirements for a student are: 1) a student must take at least four units; 2) he must receive no F's and not more than one D; and 3) he is permitted to receive more than one "unsatisfactory" mark from the same teacher, but he cannot receive U's from two or more teachers.

An advisory board is to be formed, consisting of three persons: the guidance teacher, a teacher appointed by the principal, and one student.

The principal function of the board will be: to declare the eligibility of students desiring to participate in school activities, reinstate ineligible players, advise and investigate student-teacher relationships.

RESERVE PARTY

To encourage more girls to join the senior Girl Reserves, a party will be held December 27 at room 8 EF. All girls are invited to attend.

Those coming are asked to bring a "white elephant" Christmas gift. Refreshments will be served.

"FUN-TASIA" DATES GIVEN

January 8, 9 and 10! Remember those dates! The show of all shows----"Musical Fun-tasia" will be sponsored on those nights by the '44 Ramblings staff in the new auditorium, according to Hideo Enomoto.

This super, colossal production will be studded with "first class" entertainment, featuring many surprise numbers. As an added feature, the faculty will present a skit.

CLASS WILL HAVE PROGRAM

Mrs. H. C. Plummer's senior English students are to present a Christmas program this evening Thursday, December 23. The theme for this program will be "How the Christmas Spirit Survives."

The program will consist of the recitation of several well-known Christ-

NOBLE TELL'S PROGRAM PLANS

In recognition of the completion of the new gymnasium-auditorium, dedication ceremonies have been planned for Wednesday, December 22; it was revealed by Le Grande Noble, superintendent of education.

Preceding the formal dedication will be a Christmas concert to be presented by the Delta high school band and choir.

Speakers for the program include Charles F. Ernst, project director, and Seiki Muneno, chairman of the community council. The Boy Scouts will present the colors.

Also participating on the city-wide program will be the community education section and the interfaith group. The community council will give short talks on the topic "What the Auditorium Means to the City."

Completing the services will be vocal and instrumental selections by the Topaz School of Music.

mas tales, retold by members of the class, in order to give students a purer and more accurate understanding of the true Yuletide spirit, said Mrs. Plummer.

SCIENCE CONTEST

The third annual nation-wide Westinghouse Science Talent Search is being conducted by the Science Clubs of America, it was announced by Leon Westover, head of the science department. The contest, first of its kind to solicit participation of Topaz students, will be under the supervision of Mr. Westover.

Students already participating are Sachi Fujii, Koji Ozawa, Howard Mizuhara, Kay Iriki, Toshiko Katsumoto, Yosh Takakuwa, Helen Fukui and Tomie Katsura.

The 40 winners of the preliminary contest will be given an all-expenses paid trip to Washington, D.C. to attend the Science Talent Institute and take the final examination. The first place winner shall receive the Westinghouse Science Scholarship, which is \$2400. Contestants must submit a 1000 word essay, entitled, "My Scientific Project."

Mr. Westover announced that there is still time for more entries. Interested students are asked to contact him at his office.

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OUT OF THE FOG

Similar to the blanket of fog that shrouds our city these days is the fog of defeatist attitudes that has enveloped the students of our high school. This feeling is only too well represented by such oft-heard expressions as Waste Time and Lose Fight, Man! If one would only stop to analyze such expressions and look beyond to those who use them, it would be clearly perceived that these words are used as outlets for the users' insufficient selves.

Having once met failure---especially evacuation, more generally, the hardships brought by center life, students have reacted like outcast curs, turning malicious and slinking away when approached by opportunities, and have developed a don't care, hang dog attitude, which is proving disastrous.

Illustrating this attitude is the poor participation in school affairs. Our campus leaders try to pull us out of this defeatism by sponsoring many activities, but we pay little attention to their efforts.

As all fogs are lifted and the sun peeps through, so must this fog break and let the sun of ambition break through. The sooner this event takes place, the more advantages we will reap from it. It is up to us to clear the skies.

PATTI IWANAGA



KAMPUS CRIER
POSTON I, ARIZONA

Names of national honor society members, whose applications were passed by the faculty committee of six, were revealed Monday.

SCHOOL HERALD
SAN JOSE HIGH SCHOOL

'44 Helps Win the War! From its paper-bound cover to its patriotic slogans, the '44 "Bell", school yearbook, will be turned over to activities of a school at war.

THAT SNEEZE

A SNEEZE

I sneezed a sneeze into the air
and it landed,
I know not where:
But hard and cold were the looks of those
into whose vicinity,
I had snoze.

P.S. This little verse is dedicated to those recent influenza victims of weeping eyes, aching backs and running noses!

SCRIBE NEWS

OAKLAND TECHNICAL HIGH

A paper drive for the national effort was sponsored by the school. The paper collection will be undertaken periodically.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

DEAR EDITOR:

Won't you please tell me what all the initials around here represent? All we hear is S.S.C., S.A.C., S.R.C., C.E.S, and many others.

After all, the S.S.C. might even stand for Students' Sabotage Corps!

"BEWILDERED"

DEAR EDITOR:

We're all agreed that we had a beautiful, inspirational, uplifting and courageous forum on "What Is Wrong With Topaz High?"

Well, I haven't noticed any startling application of the reforms suggested that day (except in Mrs. Westover's classes).

HOPEFUL

DEAR EDITOR:

Why doesn't some one or something arouse the sophs from their social and academic sleep? Aside from one or two leaders, the class has contributed nil.

2 BRIGHT IDEAS

FASHION NOTES

By Doris Matsunami

Topping the limelights in the fashion flash for this week.....

Have you seen Fujiko Takahashi with a cleverly designed two-piece suit? It's a brown tailored jacket and a matching skirt which is just the thing for this winter---or Yoo Ikeda with smartly tailored brown slacks and a plaid jacket to match?

Many of the campus girls are busily knitting the ever popular Sloppy Joe sweaters with matching anklets. Seen with a neat-looking green one is Miyoko Sakurai. Mentioning anklets, knitted argyles seem to be a rage among our fashion trends. Seen with a clever green and yellow combination style is Peggy Tanaki.

These are a few of our top recognized fashions.

OH! THAT DESERT ISLE!

By Joan Ihara

With whom would you like to be stranded on a deserted island? You have your ideas and the following certainly have theirs!

"Well, all by myself and my gang," says Jim Morikawa. "No, no! I mean with my journalism teacher, Harumi. M-m-m-m!"

Original Yuji Koyama wants the Ziegfield Follies and nothing else."

"Frank Sinatra and palm trees, of course!" yells back Natalie Nakamura.

"Who, me?" says Bubbles Keikoan. "I want a basketball court and a nice, big basketball."

Harry Kitano dreamily rolls his eyes and states, "I'd like a glamorous girl about 5'6" slim and a real dream. I might bring that trombone, too," he adds.

ON THE SPOT

Who hasn't noticed that amiable, magnetic personality of rambling Jim Morikawa around the campus?

Modest Jim was born in Seattle, Washington, (his birth he calls 'nature's worst blunder') and was very popular with young and old. People probably think that Jim hails from Iowa, because that is where the largest per cent of our corn comes; however, his jokes are on the beam. Only jolly Jim could make up the kind of jokes that he distributes.

Mrs. Morikawa's little boy resembles Andy Devine, only our Jim is a better-looking physical and mental version (we think and hope).

Weighing close to 200 pounds and standing 5'8", he is very athletic, football being his favorite sport. This bubbling contribution to mankind, incidentally, is a favorite topic with Topaz dudes and coeds. He's that terrific! That colossal!

S.A.C. HOLD FIRST MEETING

In their first meeting held Tuesday afternoon, the Student Affairs Committee decided to revise the school constitution and to make plans for a national honor society club. The constitution committee will be headed by Norman Hirose.

The S.A.C. is the judicial department of the student body, according to Ryozo Kumokawa, chairman.

SENIORS READY FOR SOCIAL

With Yosh Takakuwa, general chairman, promising an even greater affair, senior students will have their second class party next Thursday night from 8 o'clock at dining hall 32. Yo Kishii will be emcee.

Admission will be 10 cents. Each senior is expected to bring a gift costing a maximum of 15 cents to trade with a fellow senior so all in attendance will receive a gift.

Committee heads include Mary Tsuda, Joan Ihara and Chiyo Senada.

PROM HELD

Thirty-five couples attended the Junior Prom December 10 at dining hall 32, patterned that night after the Chinese Skyroom in San Francisco.

Soft lights, beautiful decorations in royal blue and gold, the music of leading bands and refreshments added to the enjoyment of all who attended.

Entertainment during the intermission was provided by Kaz Maruoka and Albert Noda on the trumpets, and Ichiro Sasaki accompanying on the drums.

STAFF MAY VISIT PRINTERS

Three members of the '44 Ramblings staff expect to visit the Art City Printing company some time next week to draw up plans for the yearbook.

Due to scarcity of materials, it is expected by the committee that changes will be noted.

SPICE CUPBOARD

----Come to Mrs. Plummer's classes to hear "True Confessions" (especially 1st period).

----We know one block 12 coed who thinks it would be a delight to go out for an evening's fun with Jim Morikawa. Are you listening, Jim?

----Herbert Yamato, why do you always talk about one Mary Tanaki?

----Katherine Miho, aren't you glad that a certain T. K. is coming back from Denver for a visit?

----Imagine! Janet Iwasaki was actually caught looking for a man during 6th period Wednesday.

----Yoo Ikeda and a certain post graduate are going places. Right, George Yamamura?

----Patay N., when are you going to ask "Tommy Dorsey", and we don't mean the trombone artist either.

CAMPUS BRIEFS

Preparations for the Winter Carnival, involving participation of all active clubs and societies on the campus, are in full swing, announced Sachi Kawahara, chairman.

Soph students will hold their first class party tonight at recreation hall 10. Tut Hirano will be the chairman.

The junior assembly set for December 15 has been postponed until January 14, according to Clarence Ostlund, class adviser.

Hurray! The week from December 27 to 31 has been announced as Christmas vacation week by Drayton B. Nuttall, principal. School will commence January 3.

VARSITY JOSES FIRST GAME

The Ram cagers opened the '44 season by going down in defeat at the hands of the Delta High Rabbits on the latter's hardwood Saturday night. The scoreboard registered a 37 to 27 score.

Coach Koba, trying to find a 5-man combination, was helpless as Delta cagers made impossible shots from all angles. The half-time score favored the Rabbits by a 26 to 12 count.

Mike Mayeda led the local scorers with 11 digits, followed by Yoshio Yamada with 5. Willy Hamada went into the scoring column by tallying 4 points. Pace, Rabbit forward, topped both teams by tipping in

RAMS TAKE HINCKLEY

14 points.

In the preliminary game the Ram Jayvees ran wild by walloping the Rabbits 45 to 13. Harlon Sano paced the Topazans with 13 points. Potay Nagata and W. Hamada tallied 12 each.

SCORE IS

40 - 16

By Fred Hayashi

Coach Fred Koba's green and gold Rams brought home the first bacon of the season by thrashing the Hinckley cagers, 40 to 16, Wednesday night at the latter's court.

The first half was a low scoring game with both teams displaying bad passing and ball handling. The Rams had a 3-point lead in the first period, the score being 11 to 8.

A half-time pep talk was probably the turning point. Hank Hidekawa and Mike Mayeda finally found the range with set-ups and long range shooting.

The Rams' tight defense bottled Hinckley's offensive thrust often, resulting in the low score off the Hinckley five. Center Hidekawa led the scoring honors with 14 digits, followed by Mayeda with 13 tallies.

Hidekawa, proving to be a dead eye, had 8 opportunities from the floor, and cashed in on 7. He missed one shot.

The Rams peppered 58 shots at the basket, making good on 16 field goals.

RAMETTES EKE 26-24 VICTORY

Topaz High's girls' cabsaba team, in making its first appearance on the hardwood, edged out a taller Hinckley sextette in a nip and tuck basketball game Wednesday night. The score was 26 to 24.

The Ram Amazons, led by Bubbles Keikuan, Mari Shinoda, Nakanizo and Yoe Ikeda were the big noise in winning the game.

Hinckley took a commanding lead in the first period, and led 18 to 16 at half-time.

The second half was a hot contest with both teams not ahead by more than 2 points. With 30 seconds remaining and the score tied at 24 all, Bubbles Keikuan, classy forward, faked beautifully and dribbled around an opponent to score the clinching field goal.

Topping scoring honors were Keikuan, Nakanizo and Shinoda with 6 digits apiece. Playing a magnificent defensive game were Hyno Nagasawa, A. Keikuan and Nancy Takahashi.

Fred Hayashi

24 GAMES SCHEDULED

According to head coach Fred Koba and his two assistants, M. Saito and I. Hashiguchi, the Topaz High Ram basketballers will have a heavy schedule to follow for the 1944 season.

Arrangements are being made by the coaches to get games with Wasatch Academy, Beaver, Milford, Fillmore and the Provo high schools.

Games in the newly-constructed gym will get under way in the early part of January. About 24 games are being scheduled for the Ram cagers.

STARS RETURN TO VARSITY

The Ram quintet has been strengthened somewhat by the return of two players from last year's varsity, Vince Monii and George Yamamura, guards.

BOWL GAMES

New Year tussles----
WASHINGTON vs. U.S.C. in Rose Bowl, Pasadena, Calif.
TEXAS vs. L.S.U. in Cotton Bowl, Dallas, Texas.
TEXAS AGGIES vs. TULSA in Orange Bowl, Miami, Fla.

Pos.	Name	Fg	Ft	Pf	Tp
F.	Fujita	0	0	1	0
	Mayeda	5	3	0	13
F.	Kusunoki	1	0	0	2
	Sano H.	0	0	0	0
	Matsuura	0	0	0	0
G.	Hidekawa	7	0	1	14
	Hamada	0	1	0	1
	Yamada	0	0	0	0
G.	Tsujisaka	0	0	0	0
	Yamamura	0	1	0	1
	Tanaki	2	0	0	4
G.	Monii	1	3	0	5
	Sano T.	0	0	0	0
Total		16	8	22	40

	Fg	Ft	Pf	Tp
Hinckley				
Total	8	0	9	16

Election Day
February 2nd

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Support Your
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Election Date Set for February 2

Seniors Receive Diplomas at Impressive Rites

With "Build the Peace of All Nations Upon the Youth of Today" as the theme, high school commencement exercises were held last Friday evening to climax a week of senior activities. A capacity audience witnessed the impressive cap and gown rites, first graduation ceremony to be conducted in the new auditorium.

PROGRAM

Processional—"Pomp and Circumstance".

Pledge of Allegiance — Led by Yosh Fujita, chairman.

National anthem—Graduates and audience.

Invocation—Rev. S. Shimada.

Welcome address—Yosh Fujita.

Class speakers — Harry Kitano and Helen Fukui.

Vocal selections—Girls' trio.

Presentation of class — Principal D. B. Nuttall.

Presentation of diplomas—Superintendent L. G. Noble.

Address to graduates — Project Director C. F. Ernst.

Class hymn—"Song of Peace"—graduates and Kaoru Inouye, guest soloist.

Recessional—"Pomp and Circumstance".

GRADUATES

Sachi Adachi, Yoshiko Aoki, Makiko Endow, Himeko Enomoto, Yoshio Fujita, Helen Fukui, Roy Harano, Midori Hashimoto, Yukio Hayashi, Henry Hidekawa, Minoru Hi-

Campus Briefs

All subscription orders of the '44 Ramblings must be in by the end of this week, according to Tom Imagawa, business manager.

The latest count of yearbook sales indicated that 599 copies had been sold. Sales will be open to residents at a later date.

"Have You Got It?" will be the topic of the next forum meeting, scheduled for next Wednesday! Student and resident speakers will be on the panel.

Students are not yet used to the new schedules. Remember, home room comes between second and third periods.

ronaka, Harry Hiruo, Satoko Igarashi, Joan Ihara, Naomi Inai, Patti Iwanaga, Tomoe Kanemasu, Sekio Kanzaki, Tomio Katsura, Lillie Kawai, Ayako Kawamoto, Harry Kitano, Machiko Kimura, Helen Mori, Miyoko Moritomo, Hiroshi Nagai, Gumiko Nakabayashi, Ken Nihei, Michiko Nishikawa, Shunsuke Ochi, Min Sagimori, Grace Saiki, Nobuo Sasamoto, Grace Sayegusa, Chiyo Sonoda, Tsuki Takaha, Yoshio Takakuwa, Paul Takata, Nobuko Takeshita, Osamu Tamaki, Yoshiko Tanaka, Mas Taura, Stan Tsujisaka, Hanako Tsumura, Yoshiko Tsurui, Florence Tsuyumine, Lumiko Uchiyama, Yoshie Wada, Hideko Yago, Mary Yamanaka, Michiko Yamashita and Kazuo Yoshii.

List of Juniors Who Graduated Last Thursday

Marking the second junior high school graduation here, commencement exercises were observed by 35 high ninth students last Thursday night at the school dining hall.

Lee Suyemoto and Hana Sonoda, class speakers, talked on the topic, "Future of the Nisei." The welcome address was given by Amy Tamaki. The Rev. Eiji Euehiro delivered the address to the graduates.

Others on the program were Kathleen Asano, invocation; Shigeru Omori, benediction; and John P. Phillips, musical selection. The song, "The American Prayer," was sung by the graduates.

GRADUATES

Kathleen Asano, Yoshiye Fujimori, Joe Fukada, Sumi Haramaki, Mutsumi Hayashi, Mary Hidekawa, Sei Hirose, Suzanna Inai, Asako Kawamoto, Masao Kato, Shigeo Kinoshita, Misae Kojimoto, Iwao Kuwano, Etsuko Marubayashi, Harumi Matsuzaki, Mitsuko Maruyama, Grace Matsumoto, Florence Miho, William Mizono, Harry Mizote, Herbert Nagata, Takanori Nakayama, Shigeru Omori, Isako Sawai, Kazuko Sekimachi, Akira Shigetomi, Hana Sonoda, Shiro Sue-naga, Lee Suyemoto, Amy Tamaki, Ichiro Tanaka, Mikio Tanaka, Takeo Yago, Sumiko Yoshikawa and Kimiko Yoshizawa.

Due to the lack of sufficient nominees for student body offices, a nomination committee has been organized, two from every grade, according to Noboru Kobayashi, student body president.

February 2 has been definitely set for the election day. Tentative plans include that of a campaign assembly, probably on February 1.

Names already submitted to the election committee are Jim Morikawa, President; Shigeo Sugiyama, Vice-president; Betty Hayashi, Secretary; Mike Mayeda, Boys' Association president, and Rose Uyeda, Yell Leader. The office for Treasurer and Girls' Association president are still open.

Tanamachi Heads Senior Class; Other Class Officers Revealed

In a spirited election for class offices last Wednesday, Ki Tanamachi emerged victorious over Mike Mayeda, Tak Kubota and Yosh Yamada as senior class president. A revote between Ki and Mike was necessary to determine the winner.

Other winners in the senior class were Hisanori Sano and Peter Matsumoto as vice-presidents; and Kay Iriki and Doris Matsunami, secretary-treasurer.

Junior class election results showed that Ryoza Kumekawa was elected prexy. His cabinet will include Hiroko Yoshimine and Tatsuo Sano, vice-presidents; Seiko Akahoshi, secretary and Sachi Kawahara, treasurer.

Other nominees were Sam Nakaso, Clem Nakai and Shizuo Namba, president; Sadame Hara, Fuji Hada, Marty Oshima and Dwight Nishimura, vice-president; Junji Doami and Tomiko Kasai, secretary; and Yutaka Yoshida and Shig Sugiyama, treasurer.

Sophomores chose for their president Willie Hamada. Vice-presidents are Ashi Ashizawa and Florence Miho. Secretary-treasurer is Rose Uyeda.

Presidential candidates included Nancy Takahashi, Robert Hirabayashi, Mabel Takahashi, Toshio Adachi and Ben Dote. Running for vice-president were Tut Hirano, Herbie Nagata and Lee Suyemoto. Secretary-treasurer nominees were Ann Sutow and Hisa Nonaka.

Winter Carnival Plans Progressing

Remember February 5 and 6 as the dates determined for the Winter Carnival, announces Sachi Kawahara, chairman.

Sponsored by the active, bustling '44 Ramblings staff, the carnival promises to be one of the biggest school functions. It will be held in (Continued on Page 5)

Presenting the Undefeated Rams . . .



Varsity that did yoeman work of wading through a season of no defeats with outside schools,

line: Mike Mayeda, Mac Yoshida, and Hisanori Sano. Backfield: Willie Hamada, Stan Tsujisaka, Yosh Takakuwa, Ki Tanamachi, Tony Kimura, Harry Kitano, Roy Harano and Yosh Yamada.

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Our Goal Is Clear

We, as American Japanese students, underestimate the responsibility placed upon us to alter unfavorable public reaction toward us. At the same time, we have an obligation in fighting for the preservation entitled to us. As students, we have ample communication with the outside public to demonstrate our faith in this country. We are to take part in the building of the world of tomorrow. Let us take that thought into consideration and strive to eliminate racial discrimination.

We have and always will have black hair and yellow skin, which, to the public, signifies "a Jap". That imposes upon us the task of making the people of this nation see beyond our physical characteristics. Let us follow this new year of 1944 with our heads held high in the hope of a strong future. Let us believe that we can conquer all things.

—Nancy Takahashi.

Room for Improvement

To the school:

I'm a student of Topaz Hi and not a very good one, but I often wonder why our school can't be a little better. I have attended some of the school forums and I really think they are helpful. We really need more school spirit. We need a school band, orchestra, school court and a flag. I see that we have a nice flag pole but where is our flag? I think some of these things we can really have, but how?

It's because we don't have more co-operation. I don't mean just a few of the students. I mean everyone, students and the Caucasians. Why can't our relations between each other improve and make Topaz a better school. I would like to give my thanks to "Doc" Joseph Goodman for what he has done for the Topaz Hi. I wish him the best of luck and may he have all the success and happiness for years to come.

Happy-Go-Lucky.

The Long Path, Seniors

It's here again—that time of year when the Seniors will again be departing from our beloved Topaz High School where they spent their last year of study, success, happiness, sorrow, fun and hardships. For them graduation is the result of work and accomplishments. These seniors had long struggled and looked forward to this event. Here in Topaz we know you graduates as part of our school, but tomorrow you will be students in college, or perhaps taking part in this present world struggle as a soldier or a nurse. For you seniors the path of life will not be easy. Once in awhile men are inclined to trip themselves on obstacles. Others attain their goal of success. Here's hoping you all succeed. We undergraduates are following your footsteps. We intend to carry on the program you have set for us. In the meantime, may you carry pleasant memories of Topaz till we all meet again.

—Joseph Nakahiro.

Letters to the Editors . . .

Friendly Greetings:

Through my association with Seiji Aizawa and Himeo Tsumori, former Topaz students now attending Elmhurst College, I have been enabled to read The Ram-Bler. By way of comment on an editorial "Out of the Fog," by Patti Iwanaga in a December, 1943 issue, I should like to send words of encouragement to you. One thing you must do is to face with open eyes the prevailing circumstances with which you are confronted. Hundreds of thousands of Americans are concerned over the injustice done, and deeply feel a responsibility to do all we can to "right" this unjust wrong.

If you can understand this growing wave of constructive interest which you are belatedly riding, I am sure that the only influence a "lost fight" or "waste time, man" attitude on your part, would be to strengthen whatever negative element there might be.

If you can take heart and with a new spirit "get out and push", I promise that those of us who live where the "fog" is not quite so thick, will get out and "pull." In such a joint action no time would be wasted and that no fight would be farther from being lost.

"It is up to us to clear the skies," says Miss Iwanaga. That us is all inclusive. Have no doubt about it, with new vision and faith, and new hope, those skies will again be clear and blue and free.

Herbert Muenstermann,
Elmhurst College,
Elmhurst, Illinois.

Farewell Message . . .



FUMI SUGIHARA

To my students and friends of Topaz City High School: Since October, 1942, I have associated myself with this school, and I deeply regret severing my affiliation with it. However, I shall continue to follow your good records from friends I leave here. I hope that the students this year prove as co-operative as the last, and even go so far as to improve school appearances and spirit. I have enjoyed knowing the students and faculty, and count my year's experience with you among the best in my life. Feliz ano nuevo—Hasta la vista.

—Fumiko Sugihara.

(Editor's note: Miss Sugihara, Spanish instructor left Topaz this month for New Mexico to join her fiancé.)

Dear Editor:

When I receive the Ram-Bler, I always look in the "Spice Cupboard" first. I am interested in that because it gives the inside story on my former school mates. I am attending Mechanical Arts High School here. The teachers are swell! There is not one ounce of prejudice against me or any of the Negroes that attend my school. I am a drummer in my school band here. Please give my fondest regards to all my school friends in Topaz —"Jackson" Kawakami, St. Paul, Minnesota.

The Clothesline

AIR YOUR GRIPES

We think the teachers of this school should be more easy on homework. We get so much the students "lose fight." Maybe our teachers should consult each other on homework assignments. They might be horrified to discover what the homework adds up to.

—F.O.

Is our student body run on democratic principles? Is every student given a chance to speak his mind? Yes! Then why don't we exercise these rights? Meetings after meetings are held concerning vital campus issues, but the majority of students have little or nothing to contribute. They just sit like mutes except for one or two brave souls.

When these so-called "quiet" students really exercise their vocal cords is outside the meetings. Then they proceed to criticize school administration, poor student body or class leadership and management. Yes, they have a fine time in mass griping. If worthwhile suggestions were directed in the right places, maybe we'd be the better for it.

—"T"

As a student of Topaz City High School, I would like to know why we had semester tests two or three hours long in each class. I think it a waste of time, because from the beginning to the end of the semester, we have had so many tests, including "Pearl Harbor" or surprise tests.

If a teacher answered this, he or she would say, "Why don't you study and learn it?" Well, we could learn it if we weren't so overloaded with homework in every class. We have to study so late at night that by the time we finish, we're so sleepy that we've forgotten what we studied.

—R.S.

Why doesn't the school provide us with book covers for our books? Print "Topaz High School" on the covers; make different sizes and sell them at two cents each. Also, why doesn't the school have beanies in the school colors and sell them? They'd make cute souvenirs.

—S.F.

Where is our so-called rally committee? They tell me one is existing, but I've never seen it. There is no excuse for "smoke time" when smoking is prohibited.

—"Bewildered"

"Fun-tasia" Reviewed . . .

Our music critic attended the "Musical Fun-tasia" performances and brought in the following account of some of the numbers.

Although the microphone distorted the tone of the piano greatly, Mabel Sugiyama held the audience in ecstasy. Her first number, a medley sounding very much like "The Earl" was played in a style typical of Pete Johnson, combined with some influence from Jess Stacy and Teddy Wilson. Her second number, "Star Dust", was played well, but she should have played it first as her medley would have brought the audience to a feverish pitch, which is the ideal time to exit.

The climax of the show was the presentation of the "Jivesters." The five-piece outfit includes a reed, two trumpets, a guitar and a drum. Their theme opened with the reed man playing the clary in Artie Shaw style. They jumped right into their first number, "Blues on Parade." It was the same arrangement as used by Woody Herman. The tenor man, Takeshi Enomoto, took the first solo. He has a good tone but should not have the orchestration so closely. This was followed by Kaz Maruoka's trumpet solo. Then the tempo was changed with "Moonlight Serenade." Again the tenor sounded off first, followed by a change to the "licorice stick" by the same man. This instrument seemed to bring out his defects in breathing and in cutting the notes too sharply.

The guitar pounded out a good solid beat. Next came "Let's Dance" (the B. G. orchestration). Enomoto took off on the clary with an attempted imitation. He should have tied his notes instead of cutting them so sharply. The tempo was unsteady. The tenor has a good tone, but there isn't much originality to his ideas. The trumpet man should try to take a hot solo with a vibrato.

The finale was a medley which included "Music Makers," "Little Brown Jug," and "One O'clock Jump." The tenor took off again. His tone seemed much better than on the other numbers for he had a slightly rough Websterish tone. The trumpet was also improved as he did not have a vibrato. In the climax there was a riff between the trump and tenor men. The drummer took a very disgusting solo, which didn't sound like anything worth talking about.

This outfit has very good potentialities in the tenor and trumpet men. If they get a good pianist and also a drummer with imagination, a good beat and technique, and fill in with a few more sidemen, the band should turn out well.

Financial Help Offered Graduating Seniors

To give financial assistance to 1944 graduates of January and June intending to go to college, a student aid scholarship fund will again be established through the support of center residents, it was announced.

According to Sasato Yamate, chairman of last year's scholarship fund committee, 31 students from last June's graduating class were given aid.

YOUTH CONFERENCE TO BE INSTITUTED

A youth conference will be inaugurated in Topaz February 11, 12 and 13 with the support of high school students and young adults, it was announced last week by Dave Tatsuno, chairman. "Adventuring into New World Patterns," as the theme.

"High school students, especially should turn out wholeheartedly for the big confab, because stress will be concentrated on that group," Tatsuno said.

Recognized authorities in several fields are being contacted by the program committee, headed by the vice-chairman, Harumi Kawahara, to speak on current significant topics. Subjects covering social application of religion, leadership training, readjustment problems, minority problems and activities, education, labor and American unity will be discussed.

A musical program and dance are also being considered, in conjunction with the youth conference.

High school students already contacted for conference work include Ky Tanamachi and Jim Morikawa, official announcers; Sachi Kawahara, co-reception chairman; and Tom Imagawa and Yosh Yamada, co-chairmen of general arrangements.

GRADUATES FETED BY P. T. A. GROUP

To honor the graduates of the Topaz junior and senior high schools, the Parent Teacher's Association gave a reception at the school dining hall following last Friday night's commencement exercises.

Members of the faculty and parents of graduates also attended the function.

Dramatists' Play Well-Received

The Theta Alpha Phi presentation of the 3-act play, "The Carter Family", was received with warm enthusiasm at the Delta and Millard high school on January 13 and 17, respectively.

Thespians were Albert Nabeshima, Fujiko Takahashi, Seiko Akahoshi, Eugene Sasai, Sumi Ashizawa, Jack Gooding, Shig Sugiyama, Patti Iwanaga and Alice Akita.

Assisting B. D. Evans, drama coach, was Aileen Yamate, student director.

Theta Alpha Phi was selected last week as the name of the drama club.

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Senior Prom Is Gala Affair; 100 Couples Attend

Considered the most spectacular student dance of the year, the gala Senior Prom was held in the auditorium last Wednesday night with approximately 100 couples in attendance. Harry Kitano, class president, was master of ceremonies.

Patterned after an exclusive country club, the "Winter Wonderland" gave an atmosphere of soft lights, cozy tables, and lounge sofas placed in strategic points. A white picket fence surrounded the dance floor.

In charge of the social event, the high spot of the senior calendar, were chairman Yosh Takakuwa, Yosh Yamada, Roy Harano, Mike Mayeda, Ki Tanamachi and Tee Kanemasu.

Seniors Observes Week of Festivities

High seniors observed Senior Week from January 16 to 21 in their last round of school activities.

Commencing with the baccalaureate service Sunday night, the week of festivities continued with the senior-faculty basketball tilt, the class banquet in Delta, the outing and the highly successful Senior Prom.

Henry Hidekawa was chairman of Senior Week.

Topaz Hi-Y's Map Out Spring Activities

With a membership drive underway, the Topaz Hi-Y began the new year with many activities in mind.

Membership is open to any junior or senior boy who is willing to do his best for the good of the club. The club will be interfaith with no restrictions as to religion to give everyone an equal chance of joining. Application blanks may be obtained in 32-10-E.

Some activities planned for the year are as follows: to have several concessions in the Winter Carnival with Junji Doami as chairman, weekly meetings and get-togethers, and the formation of a basketball team.

The sponsor-advisers are the following: Emil Sekerak, Dave Tatsuno, Bill Fujita, Tad Fujita, Geo. Hiraga and Shig Hotta.

"Fun-tasia" Proves Perfect Hit

It was perfect! That's what everyone thought of the "Musical Fun-tasia," sponsored by the '44 Ramblings staff on January 12 and 13. The faculty and student participants gave the audience two jam-packed hours of worthwhile entertainment both nights.

The football varsity and the Joker Hada-Clem Nakai skits were slightly on the embarrassing side to the feminine spectators, but the majority of the audience was "rollin' in the aisles."

Giving a big thrill to local gals was the breathless crooning of the Japanese Frankie, Stan Shusho. On the other hand, singers Elsie Itashiki, Florence Nagano and Yoe Ikeda gave the boys a rare treat.

Red hot music was supplied by the "Jivesters," a terrific five-man swing band. Mabel Sugiyama entranced the audience with her solid sendings a la boogie woogie.

Plenty of corn was supplied by Yosh Isono, emcee, and his fast-talking sidekick, Eugene Sasai.

Other acts included a ballet chorus, faculty play, South American jive dance, professor stunt, and can-can dance.

All in all, the "Musical Fun-tasia" was considered by critical observers as one of the best student-faculty performances here.

"Downbeat" Dance Proves Success

The "Downbeat" sophomore hop, held on Friday, January 14, was considered a tremendous success with approximately 50 couples dancing to the top tunes of the nation's bands.

Exchange Extracts . . .

By Natalie Nakamura

Hunt Hi Lites put out their anniversary edition over the Christmas and New Year vacation. It contained stories and articles written by the students. —Hunt, Idaho.

DAFFY-NI-TIONS . . .

Eyebrows—Eyebrows thru' the library every noon.

Died—As in seven, eight, died.

Angle—I married an angle—acute one too!

Rapture—Rapture arms around me honey.

Heart—Where heart thou Romeo?

Debate—No fish—debate was no good!

Axe—As in the advertisement, "Axe the man who owns one."

Zinc—I zinc I will stop now, this zincs. —Amache "Itt"

Women's faults are many.

Men have only two;

Everything they say ?

And everything they do.

No wonder a hen gets discouraged. She can never find things where she lays them.

—Denson "Condensor"

IDEAL JOES AND JANES

Male critics on the campus put their heads and minds together the other day, and the following results were produced.

Harry Kitano	HAIR	Michiko Nishikawa
Shiz Namba	EYES	Norma Kanzaki
Tony Kimura	LEGS	Nancy Takahashi
Tomio Katsura	BRAINS	Lumiko Uchiyama
Peter Matsumoto	PERSONALITY	Seiko Akahoshi
Mac Yoshida	SMILE	Chiyo Date
Jim Morikawa	HUMOR	Rosie Adachi
Roy Harano	BUILD	Charlotte Atlas
Kenzo Ishimaru	CLOTHES	Tak Doi
Mike Mayeda	ATHLETIC SKILL	Bubbles Keikoan
Ky Tanamachi	DISPOSITION	Helen Fukui
Yosh Fujita	POISE	Kathleen Asano

Want Ads . . .

Any person who took Social Science L-12 from Miss Gerard and has notebook for past term and who is deficient in Speech—a reciprocal trade agreement—see Albert Nabeshima.

A date for the President's Ball—see Mako Takahashi.

Candidates for student body officers—see Election Committee.

A good Sociology book—see Miss Sharvy.

A mimeograph machine, lettering guide, typewriters and other essential needed to put out school papers—see Harumi Kawahara, journalism teacher.

P. S. At present, students are only equipments.

On Leaving . . .

As the high seniors leave us to enter new paths in the journey of life, we can't help but look back to the swell times we've all had together at Topaz high school.

The graduating seniors have planned lots of successful events for the enjoyment of all students. Juniors and sophomores, too, have participated in the activities of a highly busy school year.

Let's all be thankful that we have a school to attend—to study and to enjoy the rich benefits of an education and social life.

—Natalie Nakamura.

Speak for Yourself . . .

A too familiar "line" heard around the campus—"I should of at least got a 'B' in that class!"

Journey to Springville
On Yearbook Business

To discuss page arrangements with Harrison Conover of the Art City Printing company, which is publishing the school yearbook, representatives of the '44 Ramblings took a trip to Springville Saturday.

The group included Tak Kubota, editor-in-chief; Tom Imagawa, business manager, Dwight Nishimura, technical editor, and Misses Harumi Kawahara and Shervy Sharvy, literary and business advisors, respectively.

The scene was in the reading room of a large public library. A man was reading birth and death statistics. Suddenly he turned to the man on his right and said, "Do you know that everytime I breathe a man dies?"

"Very interesting," replied the stranger, "why don't you chew gum?"

CHAN-SU

By Joan Ihara

After four long years of absence, Leap Year has finally rolled around. Not that the girls are desperate. Oh, no! But there are women who just don't know the ropes.

For the benefit of the green-horns, this is the preparation: Make yourself attractive. Now don't get me wrong and dive into that vampirely make-up with mascara and all the trimmings. Plain lipstick is O. K. Soap and water can always do the rest. . . Carry yourself high, not your nose. . . Watch your clothing. Anything that isn't too loud is O. K. . . Now come the real ropes. Of course it'll cost you money. Go to the Co-op and get the tickets your fake aunt or cousin gave you. Phone him, that man you have in mind, and tell him about the tickets. Then he'll call for you. . . Most girls keep the rest of their line a secret, so now it's up to you.

Senior Will

The auspicious class of January, 1944, the second graduating class of Topaz City High School, Topaz, Utah, do hereby declare that the following is their last will and testament:

Sachi Adachi wills his sparkling black eyes to Eddie Iwata.

Makiko Endow wills her reliable alarm clock to Frank Sasagawa (no more tardies).

Himeko Enomoto should be will-ed some executive ability from Sachi Kawahara.

Yosh Fujita wills his ability to play basketball to Ben Dote.
Helen Fukui wills her psychology book to Miss Gerard.

Roy Harano wills his masculine physique to Albert Nabeshima.

Midori Hashimoto leaves her brass knuckles to Yuji Koyama.

Yukio Hayashi leaves his ability to study to Wacky Sumimoto.

Henry Hidekawa leaves his "wolfing" tactics to any one who is in dire need of it.

Min Hironaka leaves his farming ability to the Topaz city slickers.

Satoko Igarashi wills her sweet, pleasant voice to Sam Nakaso.

Joan Ihara leaves her best seller, "How to Hook a Man", to Miye Yoshimori.

Naomi Inai wills her doodling ability to Mr. Yabuki's art classes.

Patti Iwanaga wills her sleek, slim figure to Chiyo Date.

Tomoe Kanemasu wills her ability to "loose fight" to any one who can "find fight."

Sekio Kanzaki bequeaths his ability to get along with Mrs. Plummer to anyone who gets her for English.

Tomio "Flash" Katsuura leaves his rocket ship to Kazu "Dale" Nao.

Lillie Kawai wills her shoe ration ticket to Mas Nagamoto.

Ayako Kawamoto wills her athletic ability to Miss Matzkin.

Harry Kitano leaves his skill in getting along with all teachers to Osamu Fujikawa.

Machiko Kimura bequeaths her nonchalance to Ryoza Kume-kawa.

Helen Mori wills her secretarial ability to Motoko Ishiyama.

Miyoko Moritomo leaves her flair for socials to Norman Hirose.

Hiroshi Nagai wills his skill in being in the wrong place at the right time to Hiro Okada.

Fumi Nakabayashi wills her quiet disposition to Masa Takatoshi.

Ken Nihei wills his bewildered look to Mr. Joe Mori.

Michiko Nishikawa leaves her way with men to May Hayashida.

Shun Ochi bequeaths his literary talent to Mrs. Westover's classes.

Min Sagimori wills his future sister-in-law to Mike Mayeda.

Yoshiko Saiki wills her "poker face" to the card sharks.

Nobuo Sasamoto leaves his gold tooth to the scrap drive of Millard county.

Grace Sayegusa bequeaths her hobby of collecting men to Tomi Kasai.

Chiyo Sonoda wills her persuasive tongue to Miss Sharvy.

Tsuki Takaha wills her vivacity to Kumi Kariya.

Yosh Takakuwa leaves his scientific knowledge to Leon Westover.

Paul Takata bequeaths a black eye to any bum fooling around with M. T.

Nobuko Takeshita wills her sweat shirt to Mike Mayeda to replace his holey one.

Osamu Tamaki leaves his modesty to Willy Hamada.

Yoshiko Tanaka bequeaths her shyness to Ashi Ashizawa.

Bill Taura leaves his "carrying the torch" ability to Nob Kobayashi.

Stan Tsujisaka leaves his skill at yo-yo to Tak Kubota.

Hanako Tsumura bequeaths her height to Seiko Akahoshi.

Yoshiko Tsurui bequeaths her picture to the soldiers at Camp Shelby.

Lumiko Uchiyama leaves her combination of brains plus beauty to all Topaz coeds.

Yoshie Wada bequeaths her "sacred look" to the wolfesses of Topaz High.

Hideko Yago wills her pearly teeth to anyone waiting for a dental appointment.

Mary Yamanaka wills her garbage jacket to Sus Iwasa.

Kazuo Yoshii leaves his wavy black locks to Tomi Kawamoto.

Graduating Seniors
Make Future Plans

An inquiry made among graduating seniors of their tentative plans for the future resulted in the following tabulations . . .

Post-graduates: Yosh Fujita, Ossie Tamaki, Jumiko Uchiyama, Helen Fukui, Midori Hashimoto, Hideko Yago, Michiko Yamashita, Naomi Imai, Machiko Kimura, Ayako Kawamoto, and Chiyo Sonoda. Among these post-graduates they have made plans for the coming fall: Himeko Enomoto, "Expect to go to Muskingum College, Ohio, in the fall"; Henry Hidekawa, "Expect a scholarship from Long Island University"; and Tomio Kanzaki, "Post graduate and then try for Notre Dame."

College: Yosh Takakuwa, "Intend to enter New York University in the fall. In the meantime, I may P. G."; Bill Taura, "Going out to college, don't know yet which"; and Harry Kitano, "Go to school in Milwaukee."

Work in Project: Yoshiko Tanaka, Bette Takeshita, Makiko Endo, and Grace Saiki. Michiko Nishikawa "work in the P. E. department," and Miye Moritomo "work as nurses' aid; then go to beautician's school."

Chronology . . .

Another chapter has been added to the bizarre story of Topaz High School; the fall term of 1943-44.

It all started with that day when every student woke up, horribly contemplating what was in store for them; for today was the opening of the new fall semester, September 13.

A perplexing situation arose when Eiichi Adachi, president-elect and Terry Nakahiro, vice-president, both left leaving the top offices vacant. As a result of another election, Noboru Kobayashi and Paul Bell, president and vice-president, respectively, joined the other student officers, elected at the end of the spring semester, Dwight Nishimura, Juro Hayashida, Peter Matsumoto and Betty Nakaso.

Drayton B. Nuttall replaced Dr. G. L. Woolf as principal of Topaz High School.

By the end of the first week of October the Topaz Hi campus was interrupted by the appearance of former Tule Lake students. For a few days, natives and settlers said nothing, just stared.

On October 14, the first edition of the school paper, now "The Ram-Bler," was presented to the students. The repercussion was terrific; every body was quiet.

To get better acquainted with Tuleans, a Hello Day dance was held in dining hall 32. The place was overflowing . . . with emphasis. The student body was asleep.

The illustrious Inaugural Ball was held October 23, in honor of the newly-elected officers, but the student body slumbered on.

Talk of the new gym-auditorium, expected to be completed by December 1, the students were still in a coma. The pyramids took a couple of hundred years to build, the people were wondering how long the gym is going to take.

First dance, "Back to School" as its theme, was held on September 24. "Although there weren't as many couples as anticipated, the dance went off well," said Peter Matsumoto, chairman, weakly. The student body was starting its long winter hibernation.

The Boys' Association, under Peter Matsumoto, president, sponsored another "successful" dance and raffle.

The student body stirred a little when the football varsity chose Shigeko Suzawa as varsity queen.

B. D. Evans, new drama coach, presented "The Vane Effort," first to Topaz student body and then to Fillmore. Students participating were, Nobuko Tanaka, Midori Hashimoto, Ben Fujiwara, Albert Nabeshima, Helen Fukui, George Hiraga and Nancy Akita.

The students were given hot-foots in forms of mid-term exams. For the rest of the week after report cards were issued, the students were moaning: "I should of got that . . . I should of got this." For a while it seemed assured that the school were coming out of their lethargy, but they gradually slipped back.

Now, few students began to suffer from insomnia, started to agitate, "Where's our activity! — What's wrong with our student government!" Lot of noise, but not enough to arouse the dead.

Rehearsal for the much talked-about Musical Fun-tasia started.

The mighty-but-meek Senior class the more successful of the classes, held their first get-together

HAPPY LEAP YEAR

By Patti Iwanaga

This is the year no good for Hades And heaps upon shoulders a heavy load.

Makes active feet lag and eye-brows sag,
Poor fellows of Topaz—a weary road.

Although it's still early, effects do show,

You can tell from their eyes that their minds are low.

Poor boys, with their hearts so full of dread,

And looking so weak and under-derf.

But looking over across the way,
Strange, how the gals seem happy and gay;

Their eyes seem to sparkle, their feet to prance,

Anticipating, perhaps, a coming dance.

They all get rugged and put on their jeans,

Wonder what all this track practice means,

And in jiu-jitsu seems also to have a place too.

My gosh, what else are these gals gonna do!

Now maybe I've got you wondering why

The gals start running; the guys wish they could fly,

So I'll reveal to you the fear
The fellows all have of

"Happy Leap Year"

Winter Carnival . . .

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the auditorium both afternoons and evenings.

All campus organizations and activities will participate. The carnival will be open to the general public.

Organizations announced the following as their carnival representatives: Chester Kaku, Student Affairs committee; Etsuko Honnami, Student Social committee; Tubby Yoshida, Student Representative committee; Howard Mizuhara and Koji Ozawa, Association for the Advancement of Science; Peter Matsumoto, Boys' association; Betty Nakaso, Girls' association; Miye Yoshimori, Girl Reserves; Junji Doami, Hi-Yi; Tak Kubota, Ramblings; Dwight Nishimura, executive board; Midori Hashimoto, drama club; Miye Shinoda, alumni; Michio Suzuki, sophomore class; Astor Mizuhara, junior class; and Harry Kitano, senior class.

Paul Bell will be finance secretary. Floor walker will be Jack Gooding.

on November 26.

There is no more to be said—only events, the Senior Prom, Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year and finally the last week of the term, the Senior Week and Commencement.

We are now starting on a new term, just how successful it will be depends entirely on the attitude of the students, and that of the faculty. Until that is accomplished, there will be no real student body, no real student government, and until student attitude changes, there will not really be a Topaz High School.

Support Your School

THE RAM-BLER

Topaz City High School, Wednesday, Jan. 26, 1944

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Judging Beauty

The editor roars into my sensitive ears, "Find the beauty of Topaz High!" Wow, says I to me, what an assignment, but I dashes out, sprawls on the basketball court, and watches the parade of beauties (?) strut by . . . A sweet, lithesome thing just turned the corner gracefully. Yes, it's Tony Kimura, the baby-faced menace with the shy eyes and wistful smile. Then "Buttercup" Kitano of the pearly teeth and the flirtatious eyes pranced by. His luxurious fur top bobbed in the breeze with each step . . . In the distance I spotted Mike Mayeda displaying a mosquito scar on his well-shaped gams. His buddies cooed in sympathy as they studied the slight hump temporarily disfiguring those chorus girl limbs. James Fujita's fascinating smile had me drooling, or is it swooning? I came out of the trance just as the tall, slim figure of Ky Tanamachi passed me by . . . Suddenly, in my line of vision came Shig Namba, that man of the beautiful eyes. Four boys just sauntered by, and Hisanori Sano stood out conspicuously for his complexion fairly glistened! By the way, what did the editor want? Oh, yes, find the Topaz beauty! Say, aren't beauties supposed to be girls? Oh well, for my money these lovely men will do . . . And me, a man!

LIFE

Of a Topaz Student

As a sophomore he enters, bashful, but willing to learn, and adapts himself to this new environment. (He hasn't met Miss Gerard yet); as a high soph, he becomes a bit disgusted, but carries on (first real contact with Topaz high school), he gives the Soph Hop his first big venture into the managing of school affairs, begins to think of himself as someone important; as a low junior, he rejoices, an upper classman at last; as a high junior, he gives his second dance, the Junior Prom and considers himself as really important, a big shot, and his chemistry and social science studies lead him slowly to suicide, but on he struggles; (warning: Gerard!), he becomes an actor and gives his school play, he takes Senior Civics (Ahhhhh! No! Gerard!), struggles with physics and as a high senior he fights with senior English and proudly gives his Senior Prom, and proudly (and thankfully. Free! Free! From Gerard! Saved!), leaves his stamping grounds.

Perhaps this may sound foolish, but to us it is a symbol of freedom that can only come with happiness. And happiness today is something worth keeping and guarding.

Overheard at the Ritz: "Con-somme, bouillon, Hors d'oeuvres, fricassee poulet, pommes de terre au gratin, demi-tasse, desglaces and tell that mug in the corner to keep his lamps off a me moll, see!"

Here's to you, as good as you are, And here's to me as bad as I am, But as good as you are, and as bad as I am,

I'm as good as you are, as bad as I am.

Fashion Notes

By Doris Matsunami

Favorite standby for campus coeds this winter are the new and various styles of coats . . . a boxy-style grey tweed Chesterfield coat with a block velveteen collar, slit pockets and dashing reverse is very attractive on Nobuko Tanaka . . . Sally Fukuhara has a smart and very practical Balnacaan style coat with all the warmth and comfort she needs in this weather . . . a double duty coat that serves both as a sport coat or raincoat all year round is seen worn by Michiko Takaki . . . coats of these types will get as much wear and affection as any other accepted types.

Dr. Goodman Leaves . . .



DR. GOODMAN

Dr. Joseph Goodman, physical education director, left last Friday afternoon for San Francisco, California.

He first came to Topaz on a teaching assignment in the science department in the fall of 1942.

He was named adviser of the June '43 senior class. He also was business adviser for the '43 and '44 Ramblings, school yearbook.

Berates Ethics of Sneak Snowball Attacks

When a blanket of snow covers the campus, it is natural for everyone to make snowballs and have fun. It isn't bad if you just throw snowballs at each other in the open, but when a person sneaks out from a corner and bangs one on the head, it isn't good tactics. Let's all try to be careful about the way we throw snowballs.

—Sally Fukuhara

Journalism Class

The Journalism class hurriedly congratulates themselves on the second printed paper in Topaz High School and dashes off to their classes tardy.

No words can express our appreciation to Mr. Beckwith, Jr.; Mr. Beckwith, Sr.; and Mr. Yasuda, the linotypist, for patiently assisting us in publishing this paper.

The printing was done at the Chronicle Publishing Co., in Delta.

The Campus STROLLER

Shh! How disgusting! Can you imagine **Tommy Masuda** beating up a poor innocent gal? Why? he just told me that he was going to the auditorium and start punching a bag . . . while en route to the gym, I overheard **Mike Mayeda** say that **Helen Mori** is getting prettier every day . . . entering the gym door I sideswiped two chaps reminiscing about the junior class party and **Betty Hayashi** . . . walking through the corridor I spotted **Alice Fukui** and **Miye Yoshimori** tearing each other's hair over a certain gridiron star and tricky basketball forward . . . **Yosh Takakuwa**, warming up on the court, kept looking upwards for the moon, or rather the **Tsuki** . . . after finding a seat I noticed **Tsuki Takaha** with a stiff neck. Guess she got that way from looking up so often at "**Shorty**" **Bell**—looking towards the north end of the gym, I discovered that the couple of the year, **Min Sagimori** and **Helen Fukui**, had really "discovered" each other . . . in the center of the court **George Hamada** and **Shig Nomura** were still tossing a coin to see who gets to take **Ets Doiguchi** to the next social . . . right in front "**Harlem**" **Sano** was whispering to **Ky Tanamachi** that he had a date with **Daisy Uyeda**. Ky, in turn, confided that he was going to see his latest attraction at block 23, one **N. T.** . . . as I squinted my eyes to look across the floor, there was **Sachi Kawahara** absorbed in a letter from Minnesota or should I say **Min Mo-chizuki** . . . to the right of me were **Margie Yamagawa** and **James Kawamura** holding hands . . . nearby was **Mako Takahashi** singing a song to **Ich Ozawa** about a gal named **Clara Mabuchi**. By the way, **Mako**, where does **S. H.** come in? . . . a few yards away I caught **Tak Kubota** playing with a "yo-yo" and discussing the latest twosome, **Kitty Yamauchi** and **Norman Hirose** . . . by the way, even **Mrs. Westover** has a hard time trying to disperse the conversation between **Masa Taketoshi** and **Aimee Nomura** . . . in back a group of seniors were praising **Etsuko Honnami's** ability as a hostess, especially for the Wasatch Academy boys . . . incidentally, have you heard about **Nob Kobayashi's** favorite correspondent, one **L. M.** from Pennsylvania? . . . I saw **Roy Harano**, **Tony Kimura** and **Peter Matsumoto** playing hard to get. Break down, boys . . . towards the south corner was **Ada Nakagiri** clutching the latest copy of the "Pacific Citizen" mentioning on **T. S.** . . . then I watched tall **Tom Imagawa** looking around for **Hisa Kano** . . . stretching from side to side near him were **Ike Nakamura** and **Sus Iwasa** watching every move of the **Mori sisters** . . . weaseling in and out I bumped into smiling **Bill Morozumi**. Can it be **Midori Hashimoto**, Bill? . . . nearby **Junji Doami** could be seen making eyes at **Grace Sayagusa** . . . oh, have you noticed **Marty Oshima's** (Ryozo) rosy cheeks? . . . The spectators stood up as mighty **Stan Tsujisaka** dribbled down court to ring up two points more, and **Yoe**

Faculty List for Fall Term Announced

Names of the faculty members, appointed and resident personnel, serving the Topaz high school this 1943 fall term were announced last week by Drayton B. Nuttall, principal.

They are as follows:

Mathematics and Sciences — Leon Westover, Saiki Muneno, Ichiro Sugiyama, Motoichi Yanagi, Seichi Okubo, and Joe Mori.
Mathematics—Shinji Momono, Rise Watanabe, Eloise Sundquist and Eiko Hosoi.
Sciences—Harold Carson and Chiyo-ko Matsuzaki.
English—Naomi Anderson, Clarence Ostlund, Laura Hickman, Helen Plummer and Ellen Henderson.
Speech and Stagecraft — B. Davis Evans and Katsumi Ozaki.
Journalism—Harumi Kawahara.
Social Studies and History—Shervy Sharvy, Maurine Westover, Eleanor Gerard, Zeda Lisle and Lydia Lindsey.
Languages—John Phillips and Norman Hirose.
Music—Thayer Barrus.
Industrial Arts—Shigeru Yamagata, Fred Sado, Dick Harada, and Shizue Tamura.
Mechanical Drawing—George Suzuki.
Commercial — Robert Maggiora, George Hiraga, Glen Seal, Teiko Hideshima and Pearl Masuda.
Agriculture—Claude Tyrrel.
Home Economics — Louise Watson, Marguerite Hudson, Toshi Kataoka and Yoshiko Goto.
Art—Mas Yabuki and Hisako Tanaka.
Clothing—Morinobu Kusunoki and Kisako Okawa.
Physical Education — Dr. Joseph Goodman, Keichi Kawamoto, Iwao Hashiguchi, Muriel Matzkin, Pauline Newman, Machiko Nakamura, and Lucille Tanaka.

YOU KNOW THEM BY . . .

Pleated skirts, dancing—**Seiko Akahoshi**.
Impishness, "Lulu" look—**Miye Yoshimori**.
Clothes, complexion, gum-chewing—**Janet Iwasaki**.
Abbreviated height, eyes—**Tak Kubota**.
Masculinity, smile—**Roy Harano**.
Modesty, good sport—**Ossie Tamaki**.
Baby face, mischievous tactics—**Yuji Koyama**.
"Lil Abner" build and looks—**Geo. Hamada**.
Sweaters, likeability—**Hiko Yoshimine**.
Slim figure, debutante look—**Kiki Miho**.
Carefree hair, carefree air—**Natalie Nakamura**.

Ikeda seemed to be the most interested . . . the next minute **Hank Hidekawa** tossed in a picturesque hook shot when he saw his inspiration, **Hideko Yago**, cheering him on . . .

The final whistle pierced the air to signify the end of the game, and so I depart right away, because if I hang around, I'll end up by sweeping the gym again!

Our Jazz Student Says . . .

The sweet band of the year was a battle between Tommy Dorsey and Glenn Miller's new service band. Dorsey still has a good band though he lost his backbone, Ziggy Elman and Buddy Rich. Glenn Miller still retains the style which made him popular plus a string section and more super arrangements.

The swing band of the year was closely contested by Benny Goodman, Duke Ellington, Count Basie and Lionel Hampton. Most of B. G.'s old gang, including Gene Krupa, Jess Stacy, Allan Reuss and Hymie Shertzer, are back with him again. Duke is still the only A-1 band and the Count is getting his share of the licks. My choice is Lionel Hampton. This band really jumps! It has one of the most pushing rhythm sections. Hampton also has the discovery of the year in female vocalists with Dinah Washington.

The King of Corn was the easiest choice. Aside from Spike Jones and Guy Lombardo, no other competitor came half close to Harry James.

My choices for alto sax are Johnny Hodges for lead and Benny Carter for hot. For tenor sax I consider Ben Webster and Coleman Hawkins the best. Webster was "in" after I heard his terrific take off in "Cottonball" by Duke. Hawkins shone in "I Can't Believe You're in Love" by the Chocolate Dandies. My choice for baritone sax was Harry Carney.

From the list of clarinet artists, including Benny Goodman, Artie Shaw, Woody Herman and Pee Wee

Russell, I like Barney Bigard as top man. His low register technique intrigues me.

The lead trumpet choice is Harry James because of his powerful tone and technique. The hot trumpet berths are filled by Roy Eldridge and Cootie Williams.

Lead trom man is Tommy Dorsey with his tones. The drum seat is occupied by Buddy Rich, backbone of Dorsey's band before he joined the Marines. My choices for guitar men would be Charlie Christian, Django Reinhardt and Al Casey. Christian and Reinhardt both passed away recently.

I chose Artie Bernstein as bassist because of his consistent drive with a 4-4 beat which gave Goodman's band a solid background before he joined the army. Because of his unique style and unusual ideas I chose Count Basie for the 88'er.

After many "eeny meeny miny moes" between Helen Forrest and Billie Holiday, I decided to leave them tied. The choice for male vocalist was easily won by the "Great Groaner" Bing Crosby. "Swoonatra" didn't even run.

The arrangers are Duke Ellington and Billy Strayhorn who have produced a countless number of wonderful arrangements for Duke's band.

The choice for leader was easily won by Benny Goodman, who has started many of the best leaders on their way. He was chosen because of his leadership ability, non-discrimination of color and his method of featuring other members of his band.

Do You Know . . .

That Bill Morozumi's mother is a graduate of a music institution in Germany? Bill says his own musical inclinations are strictly Jazz!! He's a senior, slightly on the carefree side.

That Aileen, David and Herbie Yamate's father is a graduate of Stanford University in California? Hail the Red and White!

That Dwight Nishimura's father, the Rev. M. Nishimura, has an M. A. degree from the University of Southern California in Los Angeles?

That Isako Sawai's father, who passed away here two months ago was a graduate of Cornell University in Ithaca, New York?

John Katsu, 16, former Topaz high school student, is the only student of Japanese ancestry enrolled in a Kansas City high school in Missouri, it was learned recently.

John hopes that his former school mates here will venture out soon to enjoy the privileges of a normal school again. John is living with his eldest sister and brother-in-law in an apartment.

Quotes of the Week:

Paul Bell—"These cold nights are sure unfavorable. You can't even hold a girl's hand."

Harry Kitano—"I can't think of a Topaz coed with poise, but I can think of plenty who're poison."

Spotlights . . .

Introducing Yosh Takakuwa . . . future Einstein, jazz scholar and athlete . . . distinctive for brain power, 18 h.p., leadership and colorful vocabulary . . . is a photography fiend . . . collects records; shrivels at the sound of long-haired music . . . ideal girl is confidential item, but maybe his latest attraction fills the requirements . . . quotes, "a girl should have a good personality and be a good sport" . . . likes the Stanford Indians . . . Duke Ellington, Lionel Hampton and Count Basie are top band favorites . . . is a "cool head" . . . statistics: 17 years old, 5'5" and 145 pounds.

Introducing Harry Kitano . . . irrepressible wit, excitable personality and campus smoothie . . . noted for three-tiered wavy pompadour and unique walk . . . anything resembling food entrances him . . . fond of color blue . . . has straight small teeth (one exception to the belief that Japanese have buck teeth, you critics!) . . . sleeps on his back . . . goes overboard for smooth dancing . . . hobbies too embarrassing to mention, he says . . . "Stardust" fascinates him . . . eyes turn glassy and color turns green when physics is mentioned . . . is a trombone artist . . . statistics: 17 years old, 5'6 3/4" with his woodsman's heels and 137 pounds.

College bred is made from the flower of youth and the dough of old age.

Review of Girls' Sports

By Nancy Takahashi

The first basketball game for Topaz coeds with outside schools was played against Hinckley on the latter's court December 15. The final score tallied 26 to 24 in favor of Topaz high school.

This game being their first played in a gym, and not being familiar with their own team combinations, the Topaz girls failed to click till the last half. Then the combination began to co-ordinate and show results.

Catching the net for 6 points each were forwards Bubbles Keikoan, Butch Nakamizo and Mariko Shinoda. A Hinckley player made 14 points in the first half but was held scoreless in the second.

Payson Game

The girls' basketball varsity, the Double Tees, came through with their second victory Wednesday, January 5, by defeating the Payson high school girls' team by the score of 26 to 22. To play on their opponent's court, the local stars traveled 90 miles over snow-covered mountains.

At the end of the first half, the Double Tees were ahead 14 to 9.

In the last period the Payson sextet, using their height advantage, made many unorthodox shots to threaten the Topaz lead. Mits Sato, Nancy Takahashi and Alice Keikoan tightened their zone defense to maintain the lead and the game.

Bubbles Keikoan scored 12 digits, followed by Mariko Shinoda with 7. For the losers Jeanne Morgan was credited with 11 points.

Hinckley Game

The third game with an outside team was a return match with nearby Hinckley high school Thursday afternoon. The Double Tees came through victoriously with the score at 28 to 18 in the local gym.

The Jayvees played for the first time against the outsiders. Due to the lack of experience, the local girls were nervous, and at the end of the first half, Topaz was trailing with the score at 10 to 14.

The varsity started the second half, with better teamwork and ball handling, the Double Tees forwards outfaked the Hinckley guards and swished the net for 18 digits in the half. The varsity guards playing a strong, shifting zone defense, held their opponents to 4 points.

Casaba Notes . . .

Early this season, 15 players out of 46 candidates were chosen by Coach Yosh Isono and Miss Muriel Matskin, girls' athletic director, to consist of the varsity team. Natalie Nakamura was elected player-manager.

Besides the first, a Junior Varsity was formed which consists of 11 players. Both teams have had strenuous practice for the past several weeks.

Sextet Receives New Team Shirts

The Double Tees' sextet, after two weeks of waiting, finally received their new sweat shirts Monday. The team name and numbers have been stenciled in black on the white shirts. The stenciling was done by "Ham" Hamasaki of the community activities section. The girls' basketball players purchased the shirts at \$1.42 each.

Sextet Named "Double Tees"

The Topaz girls' casaba varsity, hitherto known as the Ram-ettes, recently adopted for their permanent name, the Double Tees. Two T's stand for Topaz Toppers, it was pointed out.

The girls' casaba squad is coached by Yosh Isono, assisted by Larry Fukuhara of the physical education department.

TOPAZ ALL-AMERICANS 1943

END—Miyuki Hananouchi — An ardent pupil of Mike Mayeda.

TACKLE—Ets Honnami—Very good on defense. Knows all the answers.

GUARD—Marty Oshima — Always on her toes.

CENTER—Sachi Kawahara — Always in the middle of things.

QUARTERBACK—Tsuki Takaha — Has signals down pat. Knows 2-second wink, and a 1-minute stare.

HALFBACK—Joan Ihara — Very, very fast.

FULLBACK—Nobuko Tanaka — Teams up well with another half back, one G. H.

Hospitality Shown . . .

When the Double Tees traveled to Payson high school for a casaba game January 5, they received very fine hospitality at the school. Since girls' sport are a minor activity in Utah, their gymnasium was relatively small compared to the Topaz gym.

Sport Screen . . .

Former Topaz stars shining in outside sports circles are Eichi Adachi, Seiji Aizawa and Himeo Tsumori.

Playing varsity basketball for Huron High School in South Dakota is Adachi. He potted the hoop for 12 points in the Huron Tigers tussle against Pierre High School in a barnstorming trip to Iowa. Adachi, playing mostly as a defensive guard, held a high scoring forward to only 4 points. He received a terrific ovation from the fans when he left the game in the 4th quarter.

Aizawa made the varsity casaba team at Elm Hurst College in Illinois. Tsumori, attending the same school, is also playing basketball. The diminutive ace ran one of the fastest 100 yard dashes chalked up among the West coast high schools.

The Victorious Double Tees . . .



With their victory smiles and their coaches, the Double Tees' sextet lines up for the camera. The first team is kneeling in front.

1st row (left to right): Mits Sato, Alice Keikoan, Nancy Takahashi, Bubbles Keikoan, Butch Nakamizo and Mariko Shinoda.

2nd row (left to right): Joan Nakamura, Grace Tsujisaka, Margaret Takeuchi, coach Yosh Isono, Yukie Tsuchihashi, coach Larry Fukuhara, Sache Dowke, Natalie Nakamura and Wyno Nagasawa.

Community Activities To Be Headed by Physical Ed. Department

All community-wide events will be centralized hereafter within the high school physical education department, it was announced by Tats Nakamoto, assistant supervisor of the community activities section.

The duties discharged by the community activities office at Rec. 3 are limited to special events, club work, block programming and operations. All other matters covering athletics should be directed to the high school physical education office at 22-7-EF.

Badminton Enthusiasts To Meet Wednesdays

Wednesday evenings in the gymnasium have been set aside for badminton enthusiasts, according to the physical education office.

It is expected that an instructor will be secured to teach the badminton art.

Hints on Ice Skating . . .

Now that the ice skating season is upon us, here are a few hints.

If you fall, blame it on that microscopic crack on the ice.

If someone sees you just as you fall, stay put and pretend that you had a dizzy attack.

If no one sees you fall, scream a little and notify them that the fun's about to start.

Double Tees Swamp Hinckley in Cageball

In the preliminary of the Ram-Hinckley game, the Double Tees' kept their record victorious by overpowering the Hinckley sextet 30 to 12. The starting six, playing a fast moving game, tallied 22 points and held the opponents down to 6 at half time.

In the second half, the Double Tee's slowed down to 8 points and allowed Hinckley to score 6. Shinoda and Bubbles Keikoan led the victors with 13 and 11, respectively.

Players	TP
Y. Keikoan, (f)	11
J. Nakamura	0
M. Nakamizo, (f)	1
G. Tsujisaka	1
B. Nakaso	4
M. Shinoda, (f)	13
S. Dowke	0
N. Takahashi, (g)	0
M. Takeuchi	0
A. Keikoan, (g)	0
E. Nagasawa	0
Y. Tsuchihashi	0
M. Sato, (g)	0

. . . FEMME TYPES . . .

Collegiate	Hime Enomoto
Sub-Deb	Marty Oshima
Socialite	Patty Iwanaga
Outdoor	Nancy Takahashi
Executive	Sachi Kawahara
Domestic	Doris Matsunami
Intellectual	Sumako Aihara
Vamp	Joan Ihara
Carefree	Rose Adachi
Dramatic	Chiyo Sonoda
Doll	Kay Kanzaki
Rugged	Natsuko Ikeda
Fragile	No Topaz Bags

Rams Capture Six Wins In Ten Starts

Coach Fred Koba's Rams, swinging into midseason games with outside high schools, have thus far won six games out of ten starts.

The Green and Gold has defeated Hinckley thrice, and Wasatch Academy, Delta and Millard once. By a margin of 2 points in each game, the local quintet lost to Payson and Nephi. In other games Delta and Brigham Young high school smothered the Rams by 10 points.

Mayeda Leads Scorers

Mike Mayeda, forward, paced the local scoring column by netting 38 field goals and 6 gift shots for 82 points. Hank Hidekawa, in second place with 66 points, was trailed by Tsujisaka with 36 digits.

Here are the individual records for the first nine games:

Players	g	fg	ft	tp
Mayeda, Mike	9	38	6	82
Hidekawa, Hank	9	26	14	66
Tsujisaka, Stan	9	14	8	36
Tamaki, Ossie	8	13	2	28
Hamada, Willie	8	9	2	20
Momii, Vincent	5	7	5	19
Yoshimine, Shig	9	7	3	17
Sano, Hisanori	4	7	1	15
Yamada, Yosh	7	7	1	15
Nakaso, Sam	..	..	..	..
Hamada, George	..	..	..	..
Kobayashi, Nob	..	..	..	..

Accurate Tossing Rams Win Against Wasatch

The Ram's shooting trio of Mike Mayeda, Hank Hidekawa and Ossie Tamaki, terrors of the hardwood, again spelled doom for the opponents by lacing Wasatch Academy, 48 to 25 on the local hardwood.

Using the old Indiana fast break, Mayeda and Tamaki lumbered in for easy dump shots. Hidekawa, in turn, connected the bucket with clever hook shots.

The Rams took the lead early in the first quarter and steadily increased the lead at half time to 23 to 10.

Yosh Fujita, playing in the absence of Vince Momii, played a bang up ball game. Mayeda was top scorer with 15 points, Hidekawa with 10, and Tamaki with 7.

Big Hansen paced the losers with 13 points.

Counseling Office Open to Students

For the information of all students, the student counseling unit is located at 2-10-E. Catalogs and pamphlets of many colleges and universities in the country are available at the office.

Miss Junko Hedani, counselor, welcomes any student in quest of information about schools, to visit the student counseling office.

Hinckley Cleaned Out by Rams, 30-23

Coach Fred Koba's Rams, playing host to the Hinckley Mustang cagers, defeated the visitors by a score of 30 to 23 on the local hardwood January 24.

The Rams, off to a slow start in the first half, hit the bucket for 6 points. They held their opponents to an identical score.

In the second half both teams opened with a barrage of field goals, the Rams hitting the net for a better percentage to increase their lead over the Mustangs.

Mike Mayeda and Hank Hidekawa came through with heavy gun shooting for the locals to tally 8 points apiece. Ossie Tamaki, Stan Tsujisaka and Willie Hamada chalked up 4 points apiece, and Vince Momii finished the spree with 2 points.

Casaba Game Proves Rough in Tumble Affair

One of the dirtiest games that we have ever participated in was contested in the new high school auditorium Monday night, Jan. 17.

Our youthful high senior class team completely floored the definitely older and out of training faculty team. The faculty won a complete moral victory by sticking it out until the end of the game. Incidentally, the scoreboard read 54 to 38 in favor of the senior quintet.

Quote of the year: "Leave him alone—he's mine!" Ada Nakagiri.

Teacher: "Do you read Poe?"
Jaxon: "No, I read rather well."

SPORTS

Speaking of SPORTS

By Fred Hayashi

Sports for American-born Japanese became very bright for the nisei in 1944 with two boys playing in the New Year's bowl tangles.

Big Joe Nagata, blocking back for Steve Van Buren, was in the game for a good portion of the time to help the Louisiana State University gridiron team nose out the "Kiddie Corps" from Texas, better known as the Texas Aggies.

Jim Kishii, a giant at left tackle for the Texas Longhorns, saw plenty of action against the Randolph Field service team. Kishii was in on almost every play to stop All-American halfback Glenn Dobbs, the former star of Tulsa's Golden Hurricanes.

Past-Graduate Situation

Our post graduate situation has gone too far. Former students are no longer coming back to garner additional education but they are coming back for the sole purpose of playing sports. It may look good as to victories won but it is very demoralizing to undergraduates.

There is no longer that goal of getting on top through graduation of upper-classmen. Much of that "Senior Glory" is gone. Are we going to let the post graduates dominate the school sports under the name of undergraduates of our school?

Support Your School

Wasps Sting Rams With Two-point Win

Not able to take advantage of a 5 point half-time lead, Topaz prep cagers went down to a heart-breaking 23 to 21 defeat at the hands of the Nephi Wasps on the latter's court.

The Rams, unable to hit their stride on road trips, suffered their fourth defeat out of five games on the road.

The Wasp quintet worked very smoothly. Besides being tall, they were very fast and clever.

The Topaz boys fought desperately to tie up the hot contest, but the gun went off with the Rams trailing by two points.

Center Hank Hidekawa led the losers with 7 points, closely followed by Mayeda with 5. Towering 6 feet 4, Baily of Nephi was top scorer with 8 digits.

	fg	ft	pf	tp
Mayeda, Mike (f)	2	1	1	5
Yoshimine, Shig	0	0	0	0
Tamaki, Ossie (f)	0	0	0	0
Hamada, Willie	1	0	1	2
Hidekawa, Hank (c)	3	1	2	7
Tsujisaka, Stan (g)	1	1	3	3
Fujita, Yosh	0	1	0	1
Momii, Vincent	1	1	2	3

TOTAL 8 5 6 21

Half Time Score

Rams12 Wasps7

Did you hear about the Ram who committed suicide? He heard Frank Sinatra sing, "There'll Never Be Another Ewe."

Ram Casaba Team . . .



Front row, (left to right):

Sambo Nakaso, Ossie Tamaki, Geo. Matsuura, Kiyoshi Kusunoki and Yosh Yamada. Second row, (left to right): Tom Tomioka, Yosh Fujita, Yosh Takakuwa, and Shig Yoshimine.

Third row, (left to right):

Coach Fred Koba, Stan Tsujisaka, Vincent Momii, Tats Sano, George Hamada and Coach Hashiguchi. Backrow (left to right): Mike Mayeda, Hisanori Sano, Henry Hidekawa, Junji Doami and Willie Hamada.

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CAMPUS BRIEFS

The Drama Club announces that : rehearsals for the three act comedy, "You Can't Take It With You" are now in progress, with the tentative date for production between the first and fifteenth of December. The temporary cast consists of Jean Sanford, Mary Hidekawa, Shiz Namba, Daisy Uyeda, Paul Bell, Juji Hada, Hirokazu Nakai, Ryoza Kumekawa, Florence Nagano, Yas Furuya, Seiko Akahoshi, Tubby Yoshida, Etsuko Marubayashi, and Gwen Anderson.

CLASS NEWS

The 12th, 11th, and 10th grades held meetings during the activity period on October 13th.

Relating his college experiences, Hank Tanaka spoke before the Senior Class.

Plans were discussed and formulated by the Jr. Class for the coming assembly. It was decided that dues will be collected by both 11th and 10th grades, of 15 and 25 cents respectively.

SAFETY FIRST

The need for fire prevention in Topaz was emphasized during National Fire Prevention Week, held from October 8th to 14th.

On October 9th, Mr. C.H. Boraback, Fire Chief, visited some of the class rooms and gave brief talks on means of overcoming fire hazards here. Especially emphasized was the necessity of safe placement of kindling boxes and chairs. Figures quoted underlined the extreme cost of carelessness.

DINE AND DANCE AT CIRO'S SET FOR OCT. 28

Members of the Ram Football Squad have disclosed that they are again going into action - only this time, in a social line, when they will tackle "Ciro's Club" on October 28 at 8 o'clock.

INAUGURAL BALL

The semi annual Inaugural Ball, sponsored by the S.A.C., was held on October 14, at dining hall 32.

Bob Utsumi acted as master of ceremonies for the evening. Under Sadame Hara, vice president and general chairman, the following committee was in charge of arrangements: bids, Ich Ozawa, Junji Doami, and Miye Yoshimori; decorations, Nancy Takahashi, Chuck Yamasaki, and Mutts Hayashi; refreshments, Amy Hironaka, Hiroko Yoshimine, and Grace Manabe; records, Togo Oshima; lighting, Juro Hayashida.

Dr. and Mrs. Laverne C. Bane and Mr. Robert Maggiora acted as patrons.

HONOR SOCIETY

Plans for the formation of an Honor Society of Topaz High School are progressing, as the S.J.C. has just completed a list of requirements for membership. These requirements, plus a copy of the constitution of the organization, which was drawn up by the former S.A.C., are now in hands of Vice Principal J. Earl Smith, who will bring it before the faculty staff for approval.

It is the hope of the Student Judicial Committee that our school will be able to join the National Honor Society of the secondary schools of America.

According to the general arrangements chairman, Wacky Sumimoto, the club will have tables to accommodate 200 couples. Kitchen chief Doami guarantees a superlative menu. Mr. Juji Hada has a 45 minute floor show lined up, including a novelty act. The committee states that the admission will be only 40¢ per couple and that there will be no cover charge.

Assisting Mr. Sumimoto with the general arrangements are Hirokazu Nakai, Chester Morizono, Yutaka Yoshida, Tom Okai and Gus Sonoda. In the food department, Junji Doami and Paul Bell, assisted by Takara Inouye, Tats Sano, Sus Iwasa, and Bob Utsumi, are taking over. Advertisements and tickets are being handled by Ich Ozawa, Harumi Mizoto, and their staff, Shiz Namba, Juro Hayashida, Hid Kashima and Mac Kato. Helping Juji Hada with the program are Tak Eshima, Dickson Katayanagi, Kei Nakano, Shig Omori, and Tak Yago.

CALENDAR

October 23-	Report Cards
October 28-	"Dance and Dine at Ciro's"
October 31-	Halloween
Nov. 2	- Game with Murray
Nov. 11	- Game with Delta
Nov. 13	- Game with Carbon Junior College
Nov. 24	- Game with Wasatch

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EDITOR'S NOTE:

At an assembly held following the fire drill on October 17, Fire Chief C. H. Roraback awarded prizes for the best student essays on fire prevention. The writer of the winning composition was Starr Miyagawa. Hisako Yoshii received second prize, and honorable mention went to Hana Sonoda and Michio Suzuki.

We take pleasure in printing Starr Miyagawa's essay on fire prevention.

FIRE PREVENTION !!

Fire prevention week is observed all over the United States, but we in Topaz should be more careful in observing it, for we have buildings which are easily combustible, our quarters are crowded and we have a mess kitchen in every block. We also have a dry climate and our fire hydrants are shut off because of leaking mains.

Not only government but also resident property is lost if careless fires are not prevented. The methods of prevention include cleaning out rubbish inside and outside of buildings, and burning it in an incinerator. Oily rags are likely to ignite spontaneously, so they should be kept in a metal container. Soot should be cleaned out of chimneys regularly, clogging in flues should be watched, combustible materials should be kept away from the stove, ashes should be kept in metal containers. Cigaretts should be stubbed and put in an ash tray. Matches must be put out of reach of small children. Use a flashlight for temporary lighting. Do not use any inflammable cleaning fluid. If there are any electrical defects in your building, do not try to fix them yourself, but call the electrician. Last but not least, keep your fire extinguishers filled and ready for use.

I am sure if every one follows these rules the great majority of the fires in Topaz can and will be prevented.
Starr Miyagawa

Fashion

Autumn traditionally brings out the widest array of colors, so heading our list this week was a neat green collarless jacket worn by Shigeko Suzawa, ideal for these cool, crisp autumn mornings. The colors of the loosely knitted sweaters worn so casually by the Topaz Co-eds blend beautifully with the fall background.

The last word in fashion was the shirts worn by Sumi Ozawa and Ets Kayumi, Sumi's being a light blue rogue-shirt and Ets's and equally neat beige one. For the warmer afternoons, Bob Utsumi's green and white rayon checked shirt is very suitable.

The neatest trick of the week was a glen plaid pleated all around skirt worn by Yoko Ogata. The owner of the week's neatest sweater is Yuki Sonoda; it was beige with a slight gray tone.

The girls were seen enviously gazing at the green tiltlet-terman sweaters owned by last year's varsity football players.

TO THE STUDENTS

Many complaints have been heard because of the lack of a "Spice Cupboard". Why don't you do something about it? In the library you will find a box for suggestions and ideas. Keep your eyes and ears open for exciting incidents, interesting data on your fellow students, or what have you? This is your paper, so it's up to you to keep it alive.

WHY????

The more you study
The more you know
The more you know
The more you forget
The more you forget
The less you know
So why study at all?

The less you study
The less you know
The less you know
The less you forget
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So why study at all?
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CHORAL CLUB

The choral club elected officers at its fourth meeting October 10. They are as follows: President, Jean Sanford; Vice President, Fumi Saiki; Secretary, Gwen Anderson; Treasurer, Florence Nagano.

HOME ECONOMICS

The Home Economics Club, under the sponsorship of Mrs. Marguerite Hudson, held elections at its first meeting October 13. Officers are: President, Kikuye Hayashida; Vice President, Lola Tsuchida; Secretary, Kazuko Baba; Treasurer, Rurie Mizuhara.

GIRL RESERVES

On October 13, the Sr. G. R.'s elected their officers. They are as follows: President, Betty Hayashi; Vice President, Kay Yoshimura; Secretary, Wyno Nagasawa; Treasurer, Daisy Uyeda.

OPEN FORUM

Membership for this club is still open. All those interested in the discussion of current interest are urged to attend. Mr. Cleo Bishop is the sponsor.

Drama Club

Elections were held at the second meeting of the Drama Club on October 11. The results are as follows: President, Soiko Mchoshi; Vice Presidents, Daisy Uyeda, Tabby Yoshida; Recording Secretary, Mary Hidekawa; Corresponding Secretary, Jean Sanford; Treasurer, Etsuko Marubara; Membership Chairman, Shizuo Namba; Historian, Yoshiko Keikoen; Sergeant-at-Arms, Nancy Takahashi; Publicity Chairman, Florence Nagano.

Miss Loomis, the sponsor, urges all who are interested in learning make-up and costuming to join.

FOREIGN LANGUAGE

On October 13, at 7:30 P.M. the Foreign Language Club started the season with a huge party at which more than 130 persons were in attendance. Chester Kaku, presiding over the business meeting, accepted nominations for various offices. Elections will be held later by secret ballot, it was announced.

Punch and homemade cakes of all kinds were served. Colored movies on Yucatan, Vera Cruz and Cuernavara were enjoyed by all.

SO LONG YO

Once more Topaz High bade farewell and God-speed to one of its trail blazers, when Yo Masuda, Dr. Bane's secretary, departed for Chicago on October 12.

Her efficiency and cheerfulness will long be remembered and appreciated by all who knew her. We wish her good fortune with her new venture in life.

NEOPHYTE MISERIES

"No Shame! Too Crude!" were but a few of the cries that greeted the Sr. G. R. neophytes when they appeared on the campus attired in hijabes, man's hats, galoshes, ribbons and other unrepresentable clothing on October 18, 19 and 20. Low salaams and cries of "Allah" were demanded by old members.

These girls were undergoing the gruesome misery of initiation to be accepted into the Sr. Girls Reserves, one of the most active clubs in the school.

The penalty for all who do not fully cooperate will be to hand out squares of "Music Rolls" to all of the Co-op's customers.

ON THE SPOT

"Four feet ten inches of dynamite"-that's our new vice prexy, Sadame Hara. She hails from Francisco Junior High School where she was very active in school government.

This bundle of energy was the low junior vice president. With her past experiences you may be sure to expect her to help produce more and better activities.

One favorite phrase is, "I don't Understand", but we know better! "Sad-Dame", as she is more popularly called, has one of the most pleasant personalities in the school. She is also the owner of one of the most eccentric struts in the school--"The Zoot Suit Walk!"

Congratulations to you, Sadame! May we expect a term full of activities?

WE LIKE

Jay Dee's floating smile; Etsuko Marubara's sweet unaffected beauty; Rieko Motoki as the local high school boy; Wynn Suzuki's pleasant plumpness; Sue Yoshimura's collegiate appearance; Seigo Tanaka's aloof air; Rieko Marubara's cameo like beauty; Ichiro Honda's violin, suspenders and his Ish-kahibole look; Jo-Jo Kimura's intricate walk.

There are to me, two kinds of guys,
And only that two I despise.
The first I'd like to slam
Is the one who copies my exam.
The other is the dirty skunk
Who covers his and lets me flunk.

SACRAMENTO SENIOR HIGH



OUT OF THE HUDDLE

"Scrimmage today, fellows!" comes from coaches Bob Robinson, Yosh Takakuwa, Mike Yoshimine, and Sam Yamamoto, as they prepare to oil and smooth out the play of the scrappy but somewhat young squad of Rams. Under their able guidance, the prepsters have been working out vigorously every afternoon from the first days of school.

Sorely missing the services of last year's greats such as Yosh Yamada, Roy Harano, Stan Tsujisaka, Mike Mayeda, "Harlem" Sano, Harry Kitano, Ki Tanamachi, Mac Yoshida and a host of others, the Rams prepare to face a somewhat spotty and indefinite schedule. Games had been lined up with Payson, Murray, and Wasatch, however the lack of transportation facilities has made all these games uncertain as yet. To date the Rams have played only one eleven man game, that, with Delta on October 6.

Returning lettermen include Sus Iwasa, Tak Inouye, Paul Bell and Wacky Sumimoto. A brilliant newcomer, Tats Sano, younger brother of "Harlem", seems headed toward a successful season as the Ram's signal caller. Last year's varsitymen, who have since relocated and would have returned, are Sambo Nakaso, Willie Hamada, Peter Matsumoto, Kenzo Ishimaru, and Zane Matsuzaki.

A return fracas with Delta is scheduled on our field next month, so every student should come out to see his team in action and root for a swell bunch of boys.

HINKLEY TRAMPLED IN SIX MAN FRACAS

In their second six-man tussle, the jubilant Rams trampled the hapless Hinckley team on October 9 to the tune of 63-6. Featured by a 5 touchdown barrage by our boys in the fourth quarter, the game was also marked by spectacular runs by both teams.

Highlighting the first quarter, Utsumi brilliantly returned a punt 72 yards,

TOPAZ	Pos.	HINCKLEY
Oshima	REL	Western
Okawachi	C	Warner
Omori	LER	Skeen
Utsumi	QB	Sjustrom
Sumimoto	HB	Conk
Iwasa	FB	Bennet

STATISTICS	T.	D.
No. of kickoffs	9	2
No. of first down	10	2
Passes attempted	15	10
Passes completed	9	8
Gain by passing	122	46
Gain by rushing	324	213
Loss by rushing	61	50
Passes intercepted	2	1
Fumbles	3	5
Loss by Penalty	15	5

VARSAITY SPOTLIGHT

The spotlight this week beams on quiet, modest Tatsuo Sano, the brilliant 135 lb. quarterback on the Ram squad. Taking active part in the activities of Willard Jr. High in Berkeley, he was also on the first string basketball team. He also played touch tackle and soft ball for one of the Berkeley playgrounds. He learned his football tactics by watching the Berkeley Nisei play.

Taking sports in his stride, Tats played guard on last year's varsity basketball team. He also maintained activities by working on the Social Committee and being vice prexy of the Junior Class. This active High Junior was born on March 26, 1928, in Berkeley. He is 5'7" tall and is known throughout the P.E. department for the ease in which he takes a game in stride. Tats is unexcitable and for this trait he is very valuable to the Rams as either quarterback or end.

running unmolested to the end zone for a tally. Iwasa toed the ball across the upright for the extra points. Iwasa also racked up the other six points in this quarter by making a short run.

The lone touchdown in the second stanza came after Katayanagi had blocked a punt on the Hinckley 17 yard line. Iwasa spotted one to Ogo to make the score, 20 to 0, in favor of Topaz, at half time.

A pair of touchdowns on runs by Utsumi and Numba added twelve more points to the already piling Topaz score as the second half opened.

The big fourth period was started with Sano passing the pigskin to Nakano for a score. Then, Conk, half-back for the Mustangs who had played brilliantly all afternoon, ran 70 yards through the bewildered Rams to chalk up Hinckley's lone score of the game. But the dominant Rams took charge again and continued scoring as Sonoda carried the leather across, from the Mustang 20 bringing up the score to 44 to 6.

Iwasa's toss clicked again to Ogo for 6 more points. A Hinckley fumble on their 17 was picked up by Okai, who dashed over for another tally. The final points followed an interception by Doami on the 15 yard line. Sano pitched a short one to Oaki in the end for the two point conversion.

The coaches substituted freely, sending in full teams at a time.

Scoring by Quarters:

Topaz	14	6	12	31	----	63
Hinckley	0	0	0	6	----	6

SOPH-FRESHMAN TEAM DEFEATS HINCKLEY

Leading the offensive, Kim Okawachi and Frank Matsuno, who sparked on interference, together with superb downfield blocking the Ram's Soph-Freshman team romped all over the Hinckley High varsity 38-12, on October 17.

Touchdown garnerers were led by Nagazawa with two and single markers by Okawachi, Hayashi, Matsuno and Havamizu. Hayamizu's marker coming after a brilliant 45 yard run. Okawachi drop-kicked the lone extra points.

The second of the Mustangs duo scores was a 60 yard run-back of a Topaz punt by Sjustrom.

(Edit. Note. It should be stressed that these youngsters may have to carry most of the burden of next years gridiron season, and with such a splendid showing now we can be assured of a strong team next year. More power to you, future varsitymen!)

TOPAZ GIRLS MEET DELTA

Starting the softball season on October 16 in a contest with Delta held on the latter's field, the Topaz High girls were held to a 14 all tie, covering up earlier deficits in the score with a succession of runs in the latter innings. But in a return meet October 20 on their own diamond, Topaz really went all out, scoring 13 to the Rabbits' 3.

The Topaz line-up was as follows: Wyno Nagazawa, Midori Ogo, Amy Yamada, Sally Tsugawa, Mariko Motoyoshi, Tatsuko Ito, Mary Kita, Kimiko Fujioka, Sumi Ozawa, Aki Sato, Rose Nakamura, Mits Sato, Ann Sutow, Mary Sakashita, Sumi Haramaki, and Grace Tsujisaka.

EDITOR'S NOTE

This week the VARSITY SPOTLIGHT PROUDLY BEAMED on Tats Sano. A day after publication of the first sport page, this brilliant quarterback fractured his ankle depriving the Ram varsity of a splendid player for the season. Tats has another season of football and we certainly hope to see a lot of him next season.

VARSITY ROSTER

NAME	GRADE	POS.	WT.
Bell, Paul	L 12	RE.	165
Doami, Junji	L 12	RG.	150
Eshima, Tak.	L 10	QB.	135
Hada, Juji	L 12	RT.	143
Hananouchi, Mike	H 9	RG.	135
Hayashida, Juro.	L 12	FB.	130
Hirose, Sei.	H 10	LE.	135
Inouye, Takara	L 12	QB.	135
Iwasa, Sus	H 11	LH.	130
Kashima, Hid	L 11	QB.	135
Katayanagi, Dick	H 11	RT.	165
Kato, Mas.	H 10	RG.	128
Kawamura, Roy.	L 12	LT.	140
Kimura, Joe.	L 12	LT.	140
Matsu, Mike	L 10	RG.	130
Miyagawa, John	H 12	FB.	140
Mizote, Harry.	H 10	RE.	128
Morizono, Chet	H 9	LG.	145
Nagamoto, Mas.	L 12	C.	145
Namba, Shiz.	L 12	RG.	135
Nakano, Kei.	L 11	LT.	130
Ogo, Kiyoshi	L 12	LH.	115
Okai, Tom.	L 11	C.	135
Okawachi, George	L 12	FB.	140
Okawachi, Tsuneo	L 11	C&F.	155
Omori, Shig.	H 10	LE.	130
Oshima, Togo	L 11	RE.	140
Ozawa, Ichiro.	H 12	LH.	135
Sano, Tatsuo	H 11	QB.	135
Sonoda, Gus.	H 11	RH.	135
Sumimoto, Masaru	L 12	RH&C.	140
Suzuki, Mickey	H 11	RH.	220
Takaha, Sanzui	L 11	RH.	125
Tanaka, Mickey	H 10	RE.	135
Utsumi, Bob.	H 11	RH.	140
Yago, Tak.	H 10	LE.	150
Yamasaki, Chuck.	H 11	LT.	170
Average weight of line			146
Average weight of backfield			133

Managers: Clem Nakai, Tubby Yoshida, Slim Kubokawa

Coaches: Takakuwa, Robinson, Yamamoto, Yoshimine

REPORT CARD BLUES

Students in Chorus-But I don't think I deserve an 'F'.
Teachers - Neither do I, but its the lowest mark I'm allowed to give.



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MINSTRELS APPEAR

The Delta Lions Club presented its gala minstrel show to Topaz on Tuesday, November 21. One third of the profits was donated to the Ramblings staff for the printing of the '45 yearbook.

The minstrel show, with a cast of approximately 65 members, opened with a solo by Carol Noble, daughter of Topaz's superintendent. Dick Nugent, Reverend Nugent's son, as one of six darkies sang "Rock-a-bye Blues." There were several other solos, numbers by two girl trios, a can-can dance, and various songs by the chorus.

Mr. Merlin Christianson, director of the musical and Delta High basketball coach, stated that the participants had been looking forward to their Topaz visit and were glad to help out the Ramblings.

Ramblings Staff Chosen

The staff of the '45 Ramblings is herewith announced: Editor-in-Chief, Eyozo Kumeoka; Technical Editor, Chester Kaku; Technical Staff, Michio Suzuki, Ben Nakahira; Business Manager, Tubby Yoshida; Business Staff, Seiki Akahoshi, Daisy Uyeda, Paul Bell; Literary Editor, Teruko Kaneko; Literary Staff, Sadame Haru, Betty Hayashi, Mary Tamaki.

Photo Librarian, Mariko Shinoda; Photo Staff, Kumi Ishida, Agnes Ogawa; Boys' Sports Editor, Harumi Kajimoto; Assisted by Racho Yamashiro; Girls' Sports Editor, Amy Yamada, Assisted by Kiko Nakagiri; Business Advisor, Mr. Maggiora; Literary Advisor, Mrs. Palecek.

JUNIOR PROM TO BE HELD DEC. 15

Bob Utsumi, chairman of the Junior Prom, the theme of which will be "Crystal Paradise," has announced that plans are progressing satisfactorily and that the event will be held Friday, December 15, at 8:00 p. m. in the auditorium. It is an affair for couples only and the admission is 50¢.

F.L.C. PARTY A SUCCESS

The Foreign Language Club surprise party, given on Saturday, November 25th, turned out to be a progressive dinner party.

Shrimp cocktails at dining hall 3 started off the evening. At dining hall 16, the next stop, the guests were entertained with a Waldorf salad, meat-loaf, mashed potatoes, carrots, and Parker House rolls. Strawberry cream puffs and lime punch completed the dinner at dining hall 32 and dancing followed.

At 11 o'clock the party broke up and the forty guests left, filled up, to say the least.

The club wishes to extend its thanks to Miss Loomis, Mr. and Mrs. Kaneko of block 16, and all the cooks for their help in preparing the dinner.

Shorthand Awards Given

Shorthand students receiving grades above 90% on their Gregg Shorthand test were awarded Complete Theory Certificates for the month of October.

These students were Mariam Akiyama, June Egashiro, Natsuko Kawata, Lily Muramatsu, Nobu Okamura, Mits Sato, Florence Suzuki, Masako Yamaguchi, Fusako Yasuda, and Yuki Sonoda. Yuki Sonoda also received a blue and white enamel pin, which is a mark of Merit.

Emcee of the evening will be Micky Suzuki. Gus Sonoda and Miho Shimizu will take care of decorations and bids will be handled by Joe Morita. In charge of refreshments are Dot Harada and Chiyo Date; advertisement, Sets Yamane; records, Hid Kashima; P.A., turn table, Tats Sano, and General Arrangements, Togo Oshima.

Other members of the Prom Committee are Nancy Takahashi, Tut Hirano, Amy Hironaka, Rose Uyeda, Tom Okai and Kei Nakano.

ELECTIONS POSTPONED

The elections of the student body officers for the spring term of 1945 have been postponed until this week or next, depending on certain difficulties which have arisen. President Joe Suyemoto introduced the proposed candidates during the assembly on December 1. The election was subsequently conducted in five social studies classes; however, the question of the constitutional eligibility of certain candidates was afterwards raised. Until this question is solved, elections cannot be held.

"Best Foot Forward," a technicolor musical comedy, was presented by the Hi-senior class on Saturday, December 2.

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ARE YOU GUILTY??

You have probably heard about the man who cut off his nose to spite his face. That is just what is being done in regard to this crashing business. Practically every party or social also draws the crashers, and if this situation continues unchecked, a complete stop to all such activities will be necessitated.

The president of the student body has previously called this weakness to our attention. He stated that the students had to do something, or else the faculty would discontinue all functions of this type. In the first place, students say that the guilty are all out of high and cannot be influenced by the students themselves. However, it has been reported that the juniors and seniors are the worst offenders as yet. Secondly, it is said that the students themselves are not capable of making any active moves, and that this should be one of the jobs of the advisor. This is also impractical, as the advisor is then on the spot and in certain cases is unable to take action against crashers at the immediate time. A possible suggestion is to have the Internal Security take action against such bothersome practices, but most of you will agree that they fail to be useful in the field for which they are needed and, instead, make it more difficult for the committee in charge of the function.

Rather than kidding ourselves, let us face the facts. First, there is need for an improvement, and it is up to us, the students, to figure out a solution and put it into action. Secondly, there are those members within an organization who are either indifferent or actually helpful to the crashers. This attitude must cease if there is to be improvement. Those who have served on committees realize the difficulty caused by such action. Those who have practiced breaking into parties should, by all means, show more respect for their fellow students and friends, and also build up their own characters by refraining from this type of activity. In a nutshell, it means that each member of the student body must take it upon himself to co-operate fully.

Wedding Bells

We of the Rambler Staff wish to join the members of the student body in extending our heartiest congratulations to Miss Pauline Austin, who celebrated Thanksgiving by becoming Mrs. Wallace Crane. The lucky Mr. Crane is employed here on the project in the engineering section. He is a graduate of the University of Missouri. The couple met in the Jerome Relocation Center, where they were both employed before transferring here. Mrs. Crane graduated from the Chicago Musical College; however, she, like her husband, is a southerner, coming from Little Rock, Arkansas. Mr. and Mrs. Crane are residing at 212-B in the Administrative area. Our music teacher prefers to be called Mrs. Crane hereafter, instead of Miss Austin, as she was formerly addressed.

"When I read about the marvels of electricity, it makes me stop and think!"
"Imagine that! Isn't it wonderful what electricity can do!"

The women: "Aren't those chimes melodiously beautiful? Such harmony! So enchanting!"

The man: "You'll have to speak louder. Those confounded bells are making such a racket I can't hear you."

The teacher was discussing the matter of bad habits. To illustrate her point, she inquired of her class, "What is easy to get into, but hard to get out of?" A small boy in the back seat jumped up with both hands raised. "You may answer," said the teacher. "Bad" was his reply.

Other possible suggestions might be to have two or more advisors for each group, thus giving the students more backing; a student government committee to help check this kind of activity; and also a general campaign by the whole school against party crashing. In any event, it is up to us students, so let's solve the problem and come out on top with a better school and more fun at our school and class socials.

MOVIES?

"HOME IN INDIANA" was a swell picture but the surroundings were even better! The old maids in the Sr. Hi. have to hide our heads in shame after hearing the two most popular girls in the Jr. Hi., namely JEAN M. and GRACE M. comparing the number of times each had been asked to the last two dances. The scores stands 7-6 in favor of GRACE, but with the Jr. Prom just around the corner we're ready to bet that it will end in a tie.

The Lover, SUS IWASA, made a grand entrance with his over faithful flame MASAKO helping him along with his crutches. It's quite evident now that nothing can keep this man down.

Just as the lights went off we heard lovable JO-JO telling his boys, "I can't understand why the girls don't go for me." JO-JO, could it possibly be vice-versa?

All of a sudden we heard a big commotion of hush, hushes, as FUMI WAT let out a big swoon as she looked at JOKER'S mug in her wallette. At the rate that dame is going, his picture is gonna be worn out pretty soon.

During intermission we saw STARR and RATCHO, our two foremost bachelors, nudging each other and giggling everytime they spotted some couple, as if to say, "The poor sucker!" But it seems as if the tables are gonna be turned now that we caught the gals sitting behind them with that certain gleam in their eyes.

The lights went off so we called it quits for the night and enjoyed the movies for a change.

Mama--"Where have you been, Tommy?"

Tommy--"Playing ball."

Mama--(severely) "But I told you to beat the rug, didn't I?"

Tommy--"No, ma'ma. You told me to hang the rug on the line and beat it".

LIMELIGHT

"Jive Queen", Seiko Akahoshi, our Student Body Treasurer, was dropped by the stork on September 24, 1927, in the metropolis of Oakland, California. Prior to evacuation, Seiko attended the Westlake Jr. High School, where she was very active in its sports functions. She served as Vice-Proxy of the Cole Grammar School, being in charge of the social activities program.

Another one of Topaz Hi's Petiteens, she hits all of four feet and ten inches. She is known all over the campus for her bubbling personality which has made her one of the best liked girls on the school grounds.

Oranges seem to be her favorite fruit and French pastries are truly a weakness which she simply cannot resist. (Take note, Tubby).

She is probably the most active girl in school, serving as a valuable asset to the Low Senior Social Committee, S.J.C., S.R.C., Executive Board, Boosters, 40' Ramblings and the Drama Club.

Since she is very uncertain about choosing her career, she intends to take a general course in college.

Teacher: Johnny, why are you late today?
Johnny: Can I help it if class started before I got here?

SR. G.R.'S

With Betty Hayashi resigning as president of the Sr. G.R.'s, re-election was held at their last meeting on November 14. Vice-President Kay Yoshimura succeeded her, leaving her vacated office to Sadamo Hara who was unanimously elected. With this new cabinet we're expecting another term full of surprising and successful activities.

Fashion

The traditional early Topaz winter has finally arrived with red noses and chapped hands as proof. (Girls, haven't you heard of using creams as protective measures against chapping?) Well, anyhow kids, have you seen some of the neat pairs of mittens that have put in their first appearance on the campus? June Shimosaka had on the most original pair yet. They're green with a tear drop-like stitch running along the whole back, from the ribbing to all the fingers. But the fur mittens still seem to be the spotlight holders. We're still drooling over the bee-yoo-tiful white fluffy ones Seiko had on. (Incidentally, if you gals are interested she got them in Chicago.) Mary Hironaka has a sweet white pair of bunny fur mittens which certainly keep all the cold air out. Or if you kids like practical ones, Betty Hayashi's rain and snow repellent pair are a must--red calf, and oh, so warm! For the male's section we have Joe Suyemoto's black leather pair with sheepskin lining.

Since I'm too poor to buy mittens I'll have to leave now, because my hands are frozen

Who's Who

Who-----Asako Moriyama
Alias-----"Sugar"
Pet-Like-----Chickie
Loathes-----Nothing
Known-for-----Beauty

Who-----Juro Hayashida
Alias-----Wall St.
Pet-Like-----512-A--Rivers
Loathes-----Agitators
Known-for-----Politeness

Who-----Hirokazu Nakai
Alias-----Clam
Pet-Like-----Mimie
Loathes-----Women
Known-for-----Shibui

"SO PROUDLY WE HAIL"

On November 29, the seniors held their annual election of "those we honor."

Ich Ozawa and Joe Suyemoto are tied for the honor of being the most popular boy of the present hi-senior class. Tak Doi won the title of the most popular girl. The low seniors chose the popular team, Joker Hada and Clem Nakai, as their favorites. Sadame is their choice for the coveted honor of most popular girl.

Ich Ozawa, Mariko Shinoda, Bubbles Keikoan and Junji Doami are our most all-around boys and girls. The outstanding athletes of the high and low senior class are Johnny Miyagawa and George Okawachi; Asako Maruyama and Mary Tsuchiya, the sweetest of the sweet; and Juro Hayashida and Ryoza Kumekawa, the most likely to succeed. Clara Mabuchi and Naomi Kitagawa are tied for "cuter of the cutest" of the hi-senior class. Yuki Tsuchihashi reigns as "cuter of the cutest" for the low-seniors. The male intellects are Shig Ishihara and Harry Kawabata. Mary Tamaki is the hi-senior "brainiest of the brainier" and there is a tie for title between Amy Yamada and Flo Nagano in the low-senior class.

Honor Society

Seniors, Juniors, and High Sophomores with a minimum point average of 2.6 in achievement grades and no unsatisfactory marks in citizenship in last semester's final report are eligible for membership in the newly organized Topaz Honor Society.

The Topaz Honor Society will be a chapter of the National Honor Society, under the direction of the National Education Association.

Application for charter membership will be considered by the S.J.C. Thereafter membership will be decided by the members themselves. Members will be granted certain privileges that will be announced at a future date.

COMMISSARY TIPS

RAMS 12 - 0

The Topaz Rams suffered their fourth consecutive setback Nov. 25, when they dropped a 12-0 tilt at the hands of a heavier Commissary eleven. Outweighed almost 25 pounds per man, the Rams fought valiantly every second of the game.

The Storekeepers chalked up their first score in the second quarter following a series of offside penalties against the Rams. A wobbly pass off the hands of Masuda of the victors, at the 12, careened into the air after an attempt to knock it down and fell into the hands of Matsui who, charged over for a Commissary marker. The hard-rushing Topaz line spoiled the kick for conversion, the ball going wide to the left.

The second Commissary score came as a result of a series of smashing drives by Asai and Tanaka which covered a total of 45 yards in the last quarter. Asai tallied from the 2 to end the scoring for the day.

Longest run of the game was a 40 yard return of an intercepted pass by Masuda of the Commissarymen, who also took two other misdirected Topaz passes for gains. Longest punt was made by Okawachi of the Rams, who booted one for 60 yards in the second quarter.

Easily the standout for the Rams was tackle Joe Kimura who was in on almost every play. Jo-jo's superb defensive work was a lone spark for the Rams. Diminutive halfback Bill Ogo also made a pretty play when he spilled out of bounds Masuda, who was headed down the sidelines for an apparent touchdown.

STARTING LINEUP

RAMS	Pos.	COMMISSARY
Tanaka	LER	Hatashita
Kimura	LTR	Takahashi
Morizono	LGR	Nakao
Doami	C	Kono
Hananouchi	RGL	Yano
Hada	RTL	Mihara
Okai	REL	Nagamoto
Inouye	Q	Masuda
Ogo	H	Matsui
Sumimoto	H	Nakayama
Okawachi	F	Asai

RAMS SUBSTITUTIONS:

Bell, Oshima, Omori, Kawamura, Nakano, Yamazaki,
Okawachi, T., Utsumi, Sonoda, Ozawa, Miyagawa.

ASSEMBLY:

What was to have been a pep rally on November 22 turned out to be a song fest because the guest speaker was unable to come and there were no mikes.

Absence of the letter, however, did not keep the student body from having a good and peppy time. After the singing, the audience was divided into four

sections and a series of competitive yells commenced. Sections one and two were led by Joker Hada and his two assistants, "King" Tut Hirano and Kiyoshi Ogo, while "Pee Wee" Matsura, veteran yell leader, helped section four.

Plenty of school spirit was demonstrated and it was generally agreed that the assembly was a success.

SPORTS

Rams Take Casaba Open- er from Hinckley

Led by sharpshooters Jiro Nakamura, Roy Iwata, and Mo Minemoto, the Rams opened their basketball season in neat fashion by drubbing the Hinckley Mustangs 37-18, on the loser's court, December 1.

The Rams took a commanding 11-2 lead in the first quarter with swishers by Doami, Iwata, and Nakamura and kept piling up the score. The Rams led at half time by a 16-9 count.

Nakamura took scoring honors with 9 points.

Western of the Mustangs led Hinckley with 8 digits.

	fg	ft	pf	tp
Nakamura (f)	4	1	1	9
Iwata (f)	3	2	0	8
Kashima (c)	0	0	0	0
Nakata (g)	1	1	1	3
Doami (g)	1	0	0	2
Minemoto	4	0	1	8
Utsumi	1	0	0	2
Nakai	0	0	1	0
Nagasawa	0	1	1	1
Hirota	0	0	0	0
Sumimoto	1	0	2	2
Oshima	0	0	0	0
Yuto	1	0	0	2
	16	5	7	37

SR. GRIDDERS TRIUMPH, 13-7

Marching all over the field, the Seniors downed the Lowerclassmen, 13-7, last Wednesday afternoon. With Okawachi, Ozawa and Ogo leading the attack and Inouye calling signals, the Seniors marched to victory with strong line aid from Doami, Kimura and Nakai.

The rampaging Seniors plowed thru the Lowerclassmen from the 39 yard line on consecutive gains to the 1. Ozawa crashed over center for a T.D. Ozawa again took the ball on a fake place kick forma-

VARSETY SPOTLIGHT

Born on the dismal day of May 1, 1927, in Oakland, California, was the pride and joy of the Sumimoto family, Charles Mesaru, familiarly known today as "Wacky". He claims as his former alma mater the proud Hoover High, where he was a prominent participant in school activities. From the beginning of his high school career, he has been an all-arounder in the extra-curricular program. At present he is co-historian of the Senior class.

Co-captain and first-string halfback of the varsity football team, he is a valued asset, being able to take over almost any position. In basketball also, he is a shining light.

The solid music of Cab Calloway's "Jumpin' Jive" really sends him. Besides planning to relocate, he hopes to be a truck driver and later own a trucking business.

tion to tally the extra point.

A 20 yard pass from Ozawa to Bell placed the ball again on the 6. The Seniors scored again as Ogo took the ball on a naked reverse from Hayashida and rambled over.

The Lowerclassmen set up their touchdown when Utsumi heaved a long pass to alert Okai, who ran a good 45 yards to paydirt. Utsumi split the uprights with a beautiful placekick to end the scoring.

Playing for the seniors were Sumimoto, Nakai, Hada, Doami, Kawamura, Kimura, Ono, Bell, Inouye, Ozawa, Ogo, Okawachi, and Hayashida.

The equally hard fighting lower classmen were: Okai, Sonoda, Omori, Kato, Tanaka, Morizono, Yamazaki, Hananouchi, Okawachi, Nakano, Suzuki, Oshima, Eshima, Morita, Hirose, Yuto.

Thru the Sports Mirror

By Harumi Kojimoto

The Shrine East-West game to be played in San Francisco on New Year's Day will feature as the East's coach, Lt. Col. Bernie Bierman. Andy Kerr of Colgate will also head East. Piloting the West team will be "Babe" Hollingberry of Washington State-----Hal Newhouser and Martin Marion have won the "Most Valuable Player" award in the American and National Leagues, respectively this past season-----Army's great gridiron team, which has knocked over all opposition this season, including a 23-7 rout over a powerful Navy line, boasts an overflowing of talent in the backfield. West Pointers such as Glenn Davis, Max Minor, Felix Balanchard, Dean Sensesbaugher, Bobby Dobbs, Doug Kenna, Dale Hall and Tom Lombardo are all good enough to make first team on any other team in the nation-----Playing for the Philadelphia club of the National Professional Football League are former Stanford stars, linemen Bruno Panducci and Vic Lindskog-----Speedy "Buddy" Young of Illinois, whose sensational running has caught the eyes of the nation, does the 100 yd. dash in 9:5 (world's record is 9:4). This 18 yr. old negro is not only elusive in the open field but can also do quite a bit of tricky broken field running on the gridiron.

NEW YEAR'S "BOWLS"

- Rose Bowl, Pasadena
Southern Cal. vs. Tenn.
- Sugar Bowl, New Orleans
Duke vs. Alabama
- Cotton Bowl, Dallas, Tex.
Texas Christian vs.
Oklahoma A.&M.
- Orange Bowl, Miami
Georgia Tech vs. Tulsa

LOW SOPHS COP B.A. INTRAMURAL CASABA TOURNEY

The Low Sophs are the Topaz High casaba kings, as they defeated the High Junior quintet, 37-30, last Thursday, in the finals of a 3 day basketball tournament sponsored by the Boys Association.

LOW SOPHS, LOW JRS. WIN

With Tosh Sano, swishing the net for 10 points, the Low Sophs dumped the High Seniors, 31-17 to open the tourney, Nov. 30. Toshiaki Sakaguchi led the upperclassmen with 6 digits.

On the same day, the Low Juniors downed the High Sophs, 23-14. Minemoto was high for the victors with 8 points, followed by teammate Fukami with 6. Shinoda and Tanaka kept up the High Sophs' morale with 4 apiece.

OCHI PACES HIGH JRS.

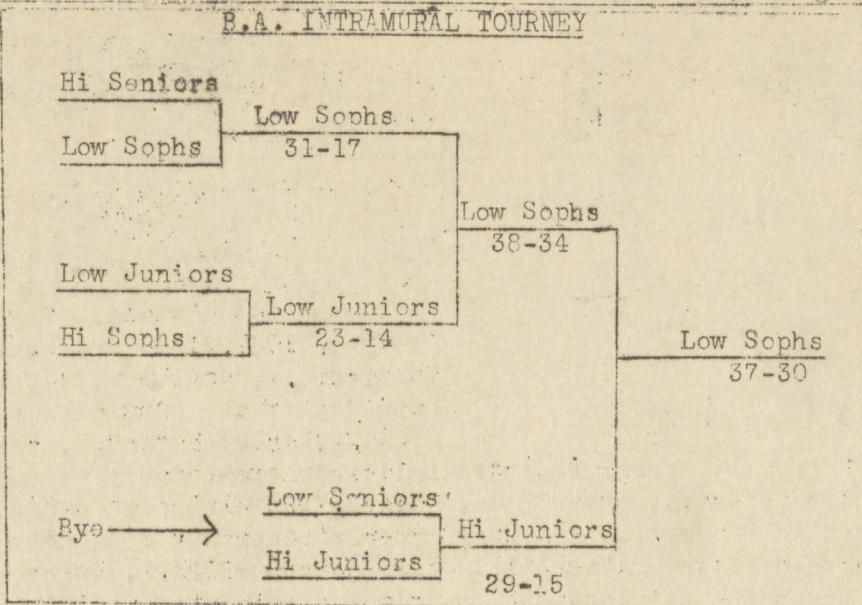
Dec. 4 matched the Low Seniors against the High Juniors with the latter on the long end of a 29-15 count. Little Somao Ochi paced the Juniors with 10 points. Clem Nakai was high for the losers with 6.

FIRST DAY WINNERS CLASH

The winners of Thursday's games met in the second half of the double bill with the Low Sophs, edging out the Low Juniors, 38-34. Nagasawa, Sano and Nakamura led the attack with 11, 10 and 10 digits respectively. Hid Kashima scored 8 for the Low Juniors.

LOW SOPHS TAKE TITLE

The sharpshooting trio of Tosh Sano, Jiro Nakamura, and "Butch" Nagasawa brought the Low Soph class the casaba championship when the youngsters took measure of the High Juniors in the finals. It was a closer game than the score indicated (37-30), as the losers put up a



stalwart fight all the way. It was the consistent shooting of Sano with 12 points in the first half which kept the champs in the running. But when the chips were down in the second half, Nagasawa, Nakamura and Keiji Yamasaki came through with flying colors to make a runaway of what seemed to be a close game.

Sano scored 14 points to lead the victors, followed by Nakamura with 11. Nagasawa scored all of his 8 points in the crucial second half. Yamazaki tallied the other 4 for the Low Sophs. Others playing for the champs were Matsuzaki, Tomimatsu and Ishima.

The Juniors' scoring went as follows: Utsumi 12; Yamazaki 7; Horita 6; Sonoda 3; Morita 1; Ochi 1; Miyagawa.

Toshio Sano was high scorer for the tourney with 34 points in three games.

RAMS DROP CASABA TILT TO MANTI HI

Unable to hold a half-time lead, the inexperienced Ram cagers dropped a 43-37 decision to the visiting Manti Hi Templers featuring 6'7" Mead Squire on the local hardwood, last Wednesday night.

The first half was a nip and tuck affair with neither team being able to enjoy a comfortable lead. Guard Ike Hirota potted the hoop with two long shots to give the Rams a



15-13 lead at halftime.

Hid Kashima sank three field goals in a row to pull the Rams ahead with Potay Nakata adding another deuce, but the visitors retaliated with driving shots to come back within 3 points of the lead in the third quarter, as it ended 31 to 28 for the Rams.

But the Manti casabans staged a surging rally in the final quarter as Squire's dropped in three straight buckets to overtake the Rams and maintain a 6 point advantage to the end.

Kashima and Nakata shared scoring honors for the losers with 8 points apiece. Mead Squires, who thrilled the local fans with his towering height, led Manti with 12 points, followed closely by Rodney Graham with 11 points.

	fg	ft	pf	tp
Nakamura (f)	2	0	3	4
Nagasawa	1	1	3	3
Iwata (f)	2	0	1	4
Minemoto	0	0	0	0
Kashima (c)	4	0	2	8
Doami (g)	2	0	1	4
Nakata (g)	4	0	0	8
Hirota	3	0	2	6
	18	1	12	37

The Boys' Athletic Department welcomes Mr. Smith as the new P. E. director.

Soph Hop
May 26

RAM-BLER

Senior Ball
May 30

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Seniors To Graduate June 1

May Day Festival Enjoyed

Although bad weather prevailed on Thursday, the May Day Festival was held with some alterations, Friday, May 11. The original plans were revised, with classes being held in the morning.

The opening ceremony was presented at the platform near the Industrial Arts building. The program consisted of a flag ceremony by the local Boy Scouts and Kaz Maruoka, bugler, an introductory speech by Student Body President Ryoza Kumekawa, and a singspiration conducted by yell leader Clem Nakai.

Following the beginning ceremony, a boys' tug o' war contest between the combined seventh and eighth grade boys against the freshmen occurred. This contest was shortly discontinued because of a faulty rope.

A flashing array of hats distinguished the girls drill team which marched to the tune of "Stars and Stripes Forever." The first place award went to the second period girls.

Seniors Cop Mud Brawl

Continuing in aggressiveness throughout the late midafternoon, the seniors eked out a win over an overwhelming aggregation of lower classmen in an all out mud brawl held as the main event of the May Day Festival.

With the aid of alumni Tom Tomioka, Ossie Tamaki, Ky Tanamachi, Harlem Sano, and Frank Sasagawa, the elderly seniors made the lower classmen behave.

Making every use of their her-
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"Ramblings" Staff Reaches Culmination Of Labor

Representing the work of one of the busiest and most diligent staffs in the history of Topaz journalism is this year's annual. At the editor-in-chief desk is our own student body president, Ryoza Kumekawa. Under him are the able hardworking staffs with their editors and co-editors.

The technical staff, headed by Chester Kaku, consists of Michio Suzuki and Ben Nakahira. A very consistent staff, this group of technicians labored hard and late hours to assemble this year's book.

On this year's literary staff are Sadame Hara, Betty Hayashi, and Dorothy Harada. This small group faced the task of completing the literary sections throughout the journal.

This year's business staff, headed by co-chairmen Tubby Yoshida and Paul Bell, was always hard at work raising the necessary funds for the publication. They directed the Spring Carnival and also sponsored many movies for the public. Others on the staff are Shiz Namba, Harry Kawabata, Daisy Uyeda, and Hana Sonoda.

On the sports staff are co-editors Harumi Kojimoto and Richard Yamashiro. Without the assistance of the required staff members, these sports editors did their work well.

The girls' sport staff headed by Amy Yamada, was ably assisted by Setsuko Asano and Kiko Nakagiri.

Because of the untiring labor done by the whole staff, the year book is tentatively scheduled to be released on either May 28 or 29.

Senior Enjoy Active Days Prior To Graduation

Climaxing the school year, the last few weeks are the most exciting for those who are to be graduated, for they are promised to be full of activities.

Senior Control Day, May 15, started the ball rolling with the Senior Class President, Junji Doami, acting as principal of Topaz High and the Seniors taking control of the school. Almost every student took the place of a faculty member and the day was acclaimed a huge success.

Next came the Senior Sneak on May 17, which was a surprise even to the seniors. The afternoon was spent at Rec. 34, exchanging calling cards and signing the memory books which accompanied the cards. Refreshments were served and a jam session was held.

With versatile Clem Nakai in charge, Seniors will Tuesday present their long awaited assembly. Mickey Suzuki, vice president of the Student Body, will be the MC and the program will be of a skit nature.

On Sunday, May 27, the traditional Baccalaureate Services will be held in the civic auditorium.

The program is as follows:

Chairman Dr. L. C. Bane
Processional Seniors
Prelude Mrs. Wallace Crane
Call to Worship Dr. L. C. Bane
Invocation Father Stoecke
Hymn Now in the Days of Youth
Sermon Reverend Motoyoshi
Vocal solo June Egashira
Hymn I Would Be True
Sermon Reverend Shimada
Hymn Hear, Hear, O Ye Nations
Benediction Reverend Imai

The following evening, May 28, the Senior Banquet will be given in Dining Hall 10 at 7:30, and tickets for reserved seats of the Commencement will be distributed.

Next on the list of activities comes the Senior Ball, May 30; Shizuo Namba headed all committees.

For May 31, the Senior Outing is scheduled and on the last and biggest day of all, June 1, come the Commencement Exercises.

Sophomore Hop Scheduled Saturday

On May 26, 1945, the Sophomores will hold their annual Sophomore Hop with the theme "Moonglow." The place will be Dining Hall 32.

Heading the refreshment committee is Mary Mayeda. Records, George Shimada; Decorations, Tosh Sano; Advertisement, Asako Nara-hara; Tickets and Bids, Amy Doi and Kaneo Ito.

136 Students To Receive Diplomas

After three years of hard, studious labor, one hundred thirty-six seniors will graduate from Topaz High School on June 1, at 7:30 p. m., in the auditorium. Dr. Arthur L. Beeley of the University of Utah will deliver the commencement message to the graduates.

The program is as follows:

Processional Class of June, 1945
Pledge of Allegiance.....
..... Led by President Junji Doami
National Anthem
..... Graduates and Audience
Invocation..... Reverend Norio Ozaki
Address of Welcome.....
..... President Junji Doami
Violin Selection Hatsuye Aoyagi
Theme:
"Leave Them the Dreams of Yesterday and Build a Real Tomorrow"
Mary Iwaki
Ryoza Kumekawa
Vocal solo Dorothy Harada
Accompanied by Mrs. Roscoe Bell
Presentation of Diplomas
Principal Laverne Bane.
Superintendent La Grande Noble
Felicitations to Students.....
Project Director L. J. Hoffman
Message to Graduates.....
..... Dr. Arthur L. Beeley
Class Hymn
"Farewell Topaz High"..... Graduates
Recessional.....
..... Graduates of June, 1945

Nishimura Receives Scholarship at Harvard

We have just been notified that Dwight Nishimura, who left here last spring for New York City, has been given a scholarship to Harvard University.

While he was here, his scholastic standing ranked close to the top, while he kept himself busy with a wide variety of activities.

Since his relocation Dwight has also done very well. He has led as number one student in most of his classes and very high in the rest of them.

The Topaz High School is very proud of its former students, such as Dwight, who have done so much toward making a better name for the niseis on the outside.

Results of Clean Up Day Essay Contest

In the recent clean-up campaign an essay contest was staged in the high school. Winner of first place prize was Isao Shimamura; second, Shig Omori; third, Tommy Nihei. The winning essay is printed on page two.

The following pupils in the elementary schools were awarded prizes in the clean-up poster contest.
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Presenting the Rally Committee...



FRONT ROW, left to right: Ray Sonoda, Clem Nakai, Butch Nagasawa, Sakae Horita, Sei Hirose. Back row: Roy Iwata, Chuck Yamasaki, Tatsuo Sano, Junji Doami, Joker Hada, Bob Utsumi.

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EDITORIAL

With only a few days of school left of this, the last semester at Topaz, many of us have a feeling of freedom or a so-called let-down after months of studying. Sure, this vacation will be swell-- we shall be able to sleep late, stay out late; we won't have to do homework; and, in general, we shall be able to enjoy a life of leisure. But . . . this can not last!

In the spring of 1942, there occurred a definite change in our lives. The United States took measures to adjust itself for waging war, and we were evacuated from the coast for various reasons.

During the past three years we have maintained a life of seclusion. The outside world has moved ahead at a wartime rate, while we have remained stationary inside these relocation centers. The camp boundaries have kept us in, yes, but they also kept us in safety from possible hostilities. We have been living here under government supervision, but also we have had access to much freedom which we otherwise would not have enjoyed, at the expense of the government. Although we have done very well to control ourselves by refraining from becoming bitter and reacting to problems with a negative attitude; although we have accomplished much in that we have maintained as normal lives as we have, our life in the center still has been comparatively easy --- a vacation from the troubles of the outside world.

The first step has passed; we are through with our education here in the centers, our preparation for getting back into the channels of normal life. There will be no more educational facilities offered. We shall have to search for other things to occupy our time . . .

Now our vacation is over. The camp will be closed by January 1, 1946, and it is up to us to aid in this task by voluntary leave. Most of our parents are unable to take this responsibility of starting a new life, and many of our older brothers are helping Uncle Sam, so it falls on us to go ahead.

Sure, go ahead and enjoy your freedom from school for a while, but don't sit around too long. There is a job ahead, so let's do it and get it over with, thus helping to accelerate the transformation of the United States from a warring nation into a nation containing a machine of peace within its borders.

ESSAY CONTEST continued—
test: for the Desert View School, first: Satoru Nitta, fifth grade, second; Violet Yoshiyama, sixth grade, first. Norio Ogata, third grade, second; Yasuyuki Ota, fourth grade, third. For the Mountain View School, May Morita, sixth grade, first; Satoru Nitta, fifth grade, second; Albert Takahashi, third grade, third. There were about twenty honorable mentions in the two schools.

Clean Up Essay

As a part of the clean-up day program, a composition contest was staged for any student in the Junior or Senior High to enter. The winner of this contest is Isao Shimamura, a sophomore. His composition is printed below.

OUR AMBITION: A CLEAN CITY
Just as this world is preparing to clean up this world-wide mess caused by this World War and provide future and lasting peace, we the people, must help in cleaning up the filth and slum districts of out towns and cities.

We of Topaz are not confronted with such a complex problem, but we are asked to co-operate in cleaning our blocks, streets and public buildings. The cities outside of Topaz have a great problem because of their many streets and the always existent slum districts. Though we have incinerators to help keep the city clean, the people through plain laziness or neglect forget these facilities and throw scraps of paper or some other thing on the street or sidewalk.

We are not faced with slum districts because the government has built the same types of houses here and the standard of living is about the same. The United States government has provided us the necessary sanitary facilities. Though it seems meager to many of us, we are much better off than those in German or Japanese internment camps.

Since this Saturday is designated as "Clean Up Day," we must put all our efforts into making Topaz one of the cleanest camps. The need of cleaning in here is evident in every block. Here and there are pieces of paper, food and other things thrown around. Also the tar paper which covers the buildings is torn, presenting an ugly appearance. A small percent of the damage was performed by the strong Utah wind, but most of it was due to the destructive hands of children.

So, let's all of us pitch in and have the self-satisfaction of saying to ourselves, "I have done my part to clean this city." Don't just lie around watching other people work and then let your conscience bother you later.

The cleaning up of Topaz will give us self-satisfaction and give visitors the impression that this is a clean place, not for a few days but for years, and a healthier and better place to live in.

Cleaning this place will be of great advantage to us, by getting rid of puddles where water is in the open so that the mosquitos will not have a place to breed, and by getting rid of wood and scraps lying around. Planting trees and shrubs will relieve the people of seeing the same thing. Also it will make us feel 100 percent better by living in a more clean place.

So, I repeat again, let's all of us forget our playing for one day and help make this place a better community to live in. We can all help, men, women, high school boys and girls, grammar school children, by doing the simple jobs such as picking up scraps that mar our blocks and throwing them into the place where our block managers have told us. Then the trucks will pick them up and bring them out where they can be burned. Clean the mess halls, latrines and recreation halls to lessen the chances of getting

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Letters To the Editor--

Dear Editor,

Probably you are more accustomed to incoming criticism than praise, partly because of the fact that criticisms built a paper, and mainly because people are more critical minded than we would wish them to be.

As an earnest reader of the "Ram-Bler" I would like to commend you and your staff of excellent work done in spite of all the circumstances that have obstructed you in the past. I certainly commend you and your staff for the support you have given to the school and your sincere attitude toward all school functions.

Reader.

Dear Reader,

In behalf of the Ram-Bler staff I should like to thank you for the appreciation expressed in your letter. (Thanks).

Editor

Dear Editor,

Why do we have such a lack of pencil sharpeners in this school? Whenever I break my one and only I happen to be in a room where there is no such thing around to restore my writing apparatus to its normal condition. Now-- you may say that we can have no more of these because school is almost over. But remember, please, the final exams. Pardon me, I didn't really want to remind the teachers.

How can we acquire this essential apparatus?

Scribe

Dear Scribe,

Since there is a war on, the manufacturing of certain civilian needs has been stopped or retarded a great deal. When there is a scarcity of an article, the distribution has to be limited and each group gets no more than its allotment. The offices have first priority and then come the classrooms. There are pencil sharpeners in some rooms, but that does not cover the rest. Until after the war we will have to do without, so be patriotic!

Editor.

MAY DAY FESTIVAL continued—
cules physique to their advantage, Sotoi Kenmotsu, Junji Doami, Chuck Yamazaki, Wacky Sumimoto and other notable seniors added much in equalizing the superior strength of the lower classmen.

Leading the lower classmen were Chester Morizono, Tut Hirano, Togo Oshima, Tak Eshima and many other champions.

That evening a May Dance was held in Dining Hall 32, in honor of the elected Queen and her attendants. Kathleen Asano, the queen, was presented with a blouse and her attendants with perfume. The occasion was proclaimed a success and an enjoyable climax to the day's activities.

diseases released by bacteria and insects. Also clean your homes, throw all waste away so that you may get a little more room in an already cramped home.

So, come all you Topazans, co-operate and clean your blocks, your homes, and make this the cleanest relocation camp of them all in these United States.

Boys in the Service....

Topaz High should be justly proud of her alumni, who are now fighting for our country. Some outstanding boys are Pvt. Osamu Fujikawa, member of the 442nd group, which rescued the now famous "Lost Battalion"; Pfc. Michihiko Hayashida, who is now attending Officers' Candidate School; and Pvt. Walton Morita, who was seriously wounded in the bloody battle in Italy.

Following is a complete list of the boys in the service:

Pvt. Stanley Aoyagi, June '43	Pvt. Walton Morita, June, '43
Pvt. Osamu Fujikawa, June, '44	Pvt. George Murakami, June, '44
Pvt. Yoshio Fujita, Jan. '44	Pvt. William Naruo, June, '43
Pvt. Henry Fukui, June, '43	Pvt. Tom Nitta, June, '43
S 2/c Jack Gooding, June, '44	Pvt. Ken Nobe, June, '43
Pvt. Yoshio Hanamoto, June, '44	Pvt. Raymond Nomura, Jan., '45
Pvt. Roy Harano, an. '44	Pfc. Shunsuke Ochi, Jan., '44
Pfc. George Hashimoto, June '43	T/5 Tetsuo Ochi, June, '43
Pfc. Michihiko Hayashida, June '43	Pvt. Teizo Okuda, June, '43
Pvt. Minoru Hironaka, Jan., '44	Pvt. Minoru Sagimori, Jan., '44
Pvt. Jim Ida, June, '43	Pvt. Masaaki Sakaguchi, Jan., '45
Pvt. Dave Iino, June, '43	Pvt. Bill Sakai, June, '43
Pvt. Joe Inatomi, June '43	Pfc. Tomio Sakurai, June, '43
Pvt. Jim Ishida, June, '43	Pvt. Kenichi Shimomura, June, '43
Pvt. Minoru Ishida, June, '44	Pvt. Tsutomu Sumimoto, June, '43
Pvt. Sodatsu Ishida, June, '44	Pvt. Frank Takahashi, June, '44
Pvt. Yoshikazu Ishida, June, '43	Pvt. Kenichi Takaki, June, '43
Pvt. Joe Ishizaki, June, '44	Pvt. Shuji Takei, June, '44
Pvt. Frank Kami, June, '43	Pvt. Paul Tani, June, '43
Pvt. Sekio Kanzaki, Jan., '44	Pvt. Bill Taura, Jan., '44
Pfc. Pete Kashima, June, '43	Pvt. James, Toda, June, '43
Pfc. Yoshimi Kashiwabara, Jan., '44	Pvt. Stanley Tsujisaka, Jan., '44
Pvt. Tony Kimura, June, '44	Pvt. Himeo Tsumori, June, '43
Pvt. Leo Kishii, June, '43	Pvt. Hisashi Watanabe, June, '43
Pvt. Peter Kitagawa, June, '43	Pvt. Yoshio Yamada, June, '44
Pvt. Kingo Kotake, Jan., '45	Pvt. George Yamashiro, June, '43
Pvt. Takao Matsuzaki, June, '43	Pvt. Satoshi Yonekura, June, '43
Pvt. Mike Mayeda, June, '44	Pvt. Masamitsu Yoshida, June, '44
Pvt. Minoru Miyasaki, June, '44	Pvt. Tom Yoshitomi, June, '43
Pvt. Jack Yoshizuki, June, '44	

Looking Ahead With the Teachers

As I snooped around trying to scoop the summer plans of some students, I found myself pestering the teachers about theirs.

The majority of the teachers will remain in Topaz and will be transferred to other departments. (My, but they must love Topaz.) Altho many teachers will be working here, don't think their summer will be all dust and sweat, because their tentative plans are very enviable. Mrs. Ruth Roof plans to go to South Pasadena, while Oakland will be anxiously waiting for Miss Eleanor Gerard to give it one of her rare visits.

Topaz will miss that forever-studying twosome; namely, Miss Muriel Matzkin and Mr. Robert Maggiora. Miss Matzkin will board the eastbound train to her home state, New York. There she will enroll at Columbia University to study for her master's degree. She also intends to spend a week in Washington, D. C., which incidentally, was her home before coming to Topaz. (You'll see the world yet, Miss Matzkin).

Mr. Maggiora, on the other hand, will go west to enroll at the University of California.

Mr. Claude Tyrrel will leave Topaz at the end of this month for Riverside, California, where he plans to seek employment in the livestock production.

Last but not least, I find myself interviewing Mrs. Marvin Palecek. She related that her plans were a deep, dark secret. Why do you think she's so supercharged with energy nowadays. Could it be a G. I.???

IDEAL JOES AND JANES—

BRAINS

Amy Yamada Lee Suyemoto

PERSONALITY

Ets Marubayashi Mickey Suzuki

LOOKS

Yuki Tsuchihashi Hid Kashima

FIGURE

Amy Tamaki

BUILD

..... Sotoi Kenmotsu

ALL-AROUND

Wyno Nagazawa Jaydee Doami

POPULARITY

Sadame Hara Joker Hada

ATHLETICS

Bubbles Keikoan Tats Sano

INITIATIVE

Amy Hironaka Chester Kaku

HAIR

Martha Oshima Chuck Yamasaki

EYES

Kumi Ishida Ken Asazawa

COMPLEXION

Mits Sato Shiz Namba

NOSE

Miho Shimizu Ryoza Kumekawa

LIPS

Kimi Ihara Clem Nakai

TEETH

Teru Tamura Mo Minemoto

EYELASHES

Tazuko Tzugawa. Kiyoshi Kusunoki

LEGS

Mary Matsumoto. Butch Nagasawa

SMILE

Sets Yamane Jo-jo Kimura

VOICE

Hiroko Yoshiwara John Kamada

CLOTHES

Dolly Sakita Bob Utsumi

LAUGH

Kay Yoshiura Harry Kawabata

RAMBLING REPORTER

The coronation of the May Queen brought quite a few of the students to the Ball.

Queen Kathleen Asano didn't look so happy as she could have since Sassy left a few days later. Her attendants, Mary Tsuchiya and Rosie Moritomo, were there with Shinji Momono and Hiro Mifune, respectively.

Still shy, Marian Hamasaki and Chet Morizono hesitated in starting to dance, while Alice Mori and Kiyoshi Kusunoki were a little bolder.

Peeking into the darkest corner, I saw that Mich Yoshida and Shizuo Namba were in heaven.

Grace Tsujisaka and Shadow Sakurai were a happy couple and of course Daisy and Clem were a riot.

Rosie and Joker were unusually quiet--- could it be love?

Chiyo Date was gleaming happily--- Look who she was with? None other than Eich Adachi!

The last dance over and who was the last couple out? Cherry and Jiro, of course.

WANT ADS

Some sense for crazy, lazy Amy Hironaka.

Some nice, cute short girl (around 5 feet) for Shorty Bell.

A beautiful 5' 4" intellectual, friendly girl for me to take to the Senior Ball. Apply at Block 5. First come, first choice.

More light and activity at dances so couples won't fall asleep. A special section for non-movable couples at dances.

Campus Club News—

During the last semester, the various clubs of Topaz High have contributed to the school such activities as movies, assemblies and dances. Some of the various club accomplishments are listed below:

Under the leadership of Sadame Hara, president, the Girl Reserves presented movies, a special assembly, the Girls' Drag, and a Mothers' Day tea.

Under the presidency of Michio Suzuki, the Hi-Y started the semester with the induction of new members; they next presented a dance for the new members; movies; an assembly featuring Mr. Mas Sato, and a campus-wide dance. They also held several discussions.

With President Roy Hamachi directing, the Pi Beta Kappa Club started the semester off with a visit to the local hospital; they also enjoyed a talk on surveying by Seko Yataha, and a lecture on movies projectors by Tony Takai.

Under the presidency of Alice Baba, the Home Economics Club started the semester off by preparing refreshments for faculty teas and participating in the Spring Carnival. They presented an assembly-Fashion Show and enjoyed a field trip to the commissary and also the Delta Creamery.

With Nancy Takahashi as Mistress of Ceremonies, the Junior Class held their final class party on Friday the 10th of May in Dining Hall 32.

Presented by the Junior Social Committee, the evening, climaxed by dancing, was a success. Games and refreshments were also enjoyed by all.

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Exchange Extracts—

The fourth graduation in tri-state high was held May 4, in the auditorium.

A candlelight ceremony was held for the new officers of the G. R.'s on April 8.

TRI-STATE
Newell, California.

The stage door canteen has opened after a week of reorganization and plans are being made for a more extensive program.

Seniors are making commencement plans. May 19th served as the senior prom night, and commencement is to be held on June 1.

HUNT HI-LITES
Hunt, Idaho.

A sayonara banquet will conclude the Poston Youth Conference in honor of the youth conference leaders.

The High School Council presented a sendoff program in the high school auditorium in honor of twenty-one inductees leaving for active service.

KAMPUS KRIER
Poston, H. S.

The National Honor Society installed its new members in an impressive ceremony at the high school auditorium.

The students of Rohwer High School are helping the nation wide clothes drive by collecting and donating old and discarded clothes, to be sent to Europe.

HI-LITES
Rohwer, Ark.

The P. A. C. sponsored the "Spring Fever Frolic" in the high school auditorium to welcome spring.

Four representatives from the Girl Reserves left for Tuscon to attend the conference there.

HI-TIDE
Canal Hi

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SPRING '45

DATE SPONSOR

February 9 "The Very Thought of You" - class party, Juniors

February 23 "Loafer's Inn" Class party Sophomores

March 3 "The Sullivans" Movie Seniors

March 17-18, Spring Carnival Ramblings

April 7 "Lost Horizon" - Junior Prom Juniors

April 12 "Dixie" - movie Seniors

April 28 Class party, Seniors

April 20, Assembly Sophomores

May 11, Mud Brawl Student Body

May 12 "My Friend Flicka" - Movie Seniors

May 15 Senior Control Day Seniors

May 17 Senior Sneak Seniors

May 18 Class party Juniors

May 25 Senior assembly Seniors

May 26 "Moonglow" - Sophomore Hop Sophomores

May 27 Baccalaureate Service

May 28 Senior Banquet Seniors

May 30 "Evening of Memories" Senior Ball Seniors

May 31 Senior Outing Seniors

June 1 Commencement Exercises Seniors

Pin Up Boy . . .



Junji Doami

Our senior class president, Junji Doami, has been elected unanimously by the girls as the most popular Pin-Up Boy of Topaz High School. Jaydee is one of those rare male specimens that have looks which include a fine build, height, a beautiful set of teeth, a bubbling personality, a smile that "sends" the girls, and a liking for sports. He plays basketball, football and baseball all equally well.

Other points helping Jaydee become our Pin-Up Boy are his pleasing voice, his ability to draw, and his smooth dancing.

ORCHIDS FOR THE YEAR

To Ryoza Kumekawa, our school prexy and editor-in-chief of our school yearbook, the 'Ramblings,' who so efficiently fulfilled his offices during the past year with earnest efforts to make the school a little better place for us, the students of Topaz High. Orchids to you, Rosie.

To the faculty, who through trial and tribulation finished out the year, making it possible for the students to receive their credits and so forth, plus all of the assem-

To the S. A. C. for making our final semester one of activities. The frequent student body movies, the May festivities, Inaugural Ball, and for the seniors to graduate. blies, were very much appreciated. Orchids to you.

. . . Senior Prophecy . . .

Edith Abey, a whiz at the dance,
Puts all the adoring boys in a
trance.

Wasco Akita at typing made her
fame,
In the roll of honor we read her
name.

Toshiko Aoyagi, though very small
and frail,
Nevertheless has landed a big
handsome male.

Ken Asazawa with the captivating
smile,
Has now been in the movies for
quite a while.

Rose Asoo now gazes at the stars;
She's discovered a way to prevent
future wars.

Shy Isao Baba in baseball now
stars.
He perfected a hit that carries
up to Mars.

Shorty Bell, a wolf back then,
Now numbers his kids one to ten.

Jay Dee Doami, the personality
guy,
Is the modern Sinatra; how he
makes the girls sigh!

Carvin Dowke, a man bold and
rough,
Is charming the women with his
voice low and gruff.

June Egashira, a fine amanuensis,
Is knocking the office boys
out of their senses.

Hank Fujii, dancing on her toes,
Is a little lady whom everyone
knows.

Mary Fukada, a stilt walker
of renown,
Is selling advertising all over
town.

Warren Fukuhara, the best
lover of all,
Has written a book on how
to make 'em fall.

Miyeko Furusho has invented
a glue
To make your best boy friend
stick close to you.

General Joker Hada, just back
from war,
Emerged triumphant with medals
galore.

Scientist Roy Hamachi is slowly
going mad,
'Cuz perpetual motion just ain't
to be had.

Sadame Hara, of the tongue
sharp and keen,
Is tired of being a Baishakunin.

Yoshi Haramaki, a girl of power
and might,
By cavewoman tactics has won
herself a knight.

Nobutoshi Hatashita, the school-
girl's delight,
Makes all the other fellows
lose fight.

Betty Hayashi, popular and
sweet,
Attracts all attention as she
walks down the street.

Kazuko Hideshima, mistress
of the ring,
Works with Ringling Brothers
teaching elephants to sing.

Kay Ichisaka, with his roving
eyes,
Now has a harem of seventy-nine
wives.

Kimiye Ihara is charming them
all
Playing the violin in Carnegie
Hall.

Ruby Ikeda, twirling her baton,
Struts down the street from
darkness to dawn.

Fred Ikenoyama, a scholarly male,
Teaches Shakespeare and Browning
at Harvard and Yale.

Takara Inouye has just swum
the ocean.
Wonder what gave him that
foolish notion?

Kumi Ishida, with a yodel so
loud,
Is now a cowgirl of whom we
are proud.

Senator Tatsuko Ito with voice
so clear
Has now been in Congress for
over a year.

Mary Iwaki, a girl of mighty
brain,
Is looking around for an
intellectual swain.

Janet Iwasaki the hep cat's
queen
Has Arthur Murray with envy
green.

Eddie Iwata with pompadour
high
Has perfected a hair-do that
reaches to the sky.

Harry Kawabata, the man
of our dreams,
Made millions of dollars
with his financial schemes.

Shig Kawamoto, bowlegged and
cute,
Cuts quite a figure in his cowboy
suit.

Koots Kawamura has won a
loving cup—
He found that punctuality sure
pays up.

Natsuko Kawata- of her we are
proud-
Tap dances nightly before an
eager crowd.

Yoshiko Keikoan, bubble dancer
supreme,
Is the girl of whom all the
soldiers dream.

Sotoi Kenmotsu with the
V-shaped physique
Is a hero who makes all the
girls shriek.

Ernest Kikuchi with the shy
smile
Now plays at the Met on the big
bass viol.

Jo-Jo Kimura, now modeling
the latest styles,
Certainly knocks them all in the
aisles.

Tats Kiyomura throws parties
left and right
And the hottest ones of all
on Saturday night.

Ayako Kobayashi grew a long
curved nail
With it she caught an unwilling
male.

Tomiko Kumagai, a woman of wit,
Laughed so much her clothes
won't fit.

Ryoza Kumekawa, a batchelor
back then,
Now leaves no women for the
other men.

Ruri Marubayashi, lover of raw
fish,
Has found the Goto twins to be
her dearest wish.

Beau Jack Masuda, who once knew
how to box,
Is now at Alcatraz splitting
little rocks.

Mary Matsumoto, who used to be
so neat,
Has been arrested for not
washing her feet.

Yoshio Matsunami, a great news
hound,
Covered his own hanging and
is now nowhere around.

Mas Nagamoto now makes his
daily wage.
By swinging for the public
in the monkey cage.

Wynnyfred Nagasawa- of her we
all do talk-
Now spends her time teaching
ducks to walk.

Kiko Nakagiri now works in
public school
Teaching little papooses to
observe the rule.

Ritsuko Nakahira now swings
through the air
On the flying trapeze as the
crowds all stare.

Papa Clemuel Nakai now has
such a brood--
Tentuplets- sextuplets- anything
to suit his mood.

Rose Nakamoto- 'oh, long is this
tale--
Has finally discovered the
specimen . . male.

Betty Nakamura so slick and
chic
Has Petty and Varga admiring
her physique.

Henry Nakamura, a cook
supreme,
Killed all his customers with his
Chicken a la Creme.

Sir James Nakamura, a knight bold
and brave,
Has gone through many dangers
fair ladies to save.

Mary Nakashige, though she's
been in many a race,
Is getting tired of coming
in last place.

Potay Nakata, the greatest athlete,
Was rejected by the army
because of flat feet.

Shizuo Namba, wolf number one,
Gets lovelorn letters by the ton.

Professor James Noda is now
teaching gym
To make Powers models beautiful
and slim.

Eugene Nodahara, our Kibei
flame,
Has maidens fair breathing
his name.

Yoko Ogata, a student of Caesar,
Finds nothing like Latin ever
will please her.

Agnes Ogawa now roams the
ocean floor
Seeking the key to Davy Jones'
door.

Kiyoshi Ogo now papers walls
And sits by the phone waiting
for calls.

Wichi Ohara has climbed his
family tree
Vainly seeking for his lost
apostrophe.

Hiro Okada, the Marijuana king,
Has just graduated from dear
old Sing Sing.

George Okawachi, the mathe-
matics whiz,
Appears nightly on the informa-
tion quiz.

Kazue Oku now sews a fine seam.
Her specialty is uniforms for our
pet team.

Fumiko Okumoto, a sweet
glamazon,
Now has the cuties too far gone.

Noboru Omai, orator of renown,
Is giving talks all over town.

Paul Ono takes our breath away
With the love letters he sends
every day.

Hiroshi Ota, with his dead pan,
Now belongs to the werewolf clan.

Terumi Otsuko, with her long
wavy locks,
Is now loaded down with
glittering rocks.

Ami Saiki, a curvacious lass,
Teaches her secrets to a DuBarry
class.

Jean Sanford is the comic strip
queen--
In the Sunday papers her antics
may be seen.

A lad of fame is Richard Sanjo
On the air he plays his "beat out"
banjo.

Takeo Sasaki, the man with the
stride,
Is now making shoes out of
buffalo hide.

Lena Sato, the woman wonder,
Has invented a process
for stabilizing thunder.

Ruby Sato, our old Topaz friend,
As a gun moll has met a
terrible end.

Yoshio Shimada has been working
in a lab;
Since he blew himself up, life
is sure drab.

Mitsuko Shimamura is doing well;
War paint to Indians she now
does sell.

June Shimosaka, the big tycoon,
Has invested her money in
inflating the moon.

Peggy Shiozawa, who has grown
a long beard,
In a side show is a woman
so weird.

Yuki Sonoda now works on
a farm,
Raising daikons, the Topaz girl's
charm.

Wacky Sumimoto, the man who
knows all,
Now tells your future with his
crystal ball.

Hidetoshi Takahashi, the ping
pong champ,
Has succumbed to the wiles
of a charming vamp.

Mary Takahashi has invented
a scheme
To make herself every boy's
dream.

Toki Takahashi, the industrious
wife,
Will be washing diapers the
rest of her life.

Willie Takahashi, the Topaz brain,
Has never learned to come
out of the rain.

Tony Takai, our light hearted
fool,
Has now settled down to teaching
school.

Kaoru Takaki of the baby face
Is teaching movie stars to walk
with grace.

Teruyo Tamura has written
a book
On how an ideal typist should look.

Yuki Tsuchihashi is now washing
dishes
At the Astor Hotel, the place
of her wishes.

Mary Tsuchiya, the sweet little
gal,
For the last ten years has been
at Cal.

Alice Tsujisaka is a champion
at bowling;
You should see her form when
she gets the ball rolling.

Daisy Uyeda is now twenty-eight--
But the poor thing still hasn't
lost any weight.

Amy Yamada with all her brains
Has landed a job signaling trains.

Tom Yamada now delivers the
goods
To the stores in the various
neighborhoods.

Henry Yamanaka now works
at the fair
Selling popcorn and peanuts
to everyone there.

Richard Yamashiro is recording
his voice,
So the future generation will have
cause to rejoice.

Herbert Yamate, a boy so sweet,
Still hasn't learned the clarinet
to tweet.

Kiyoko Yoshida was Maggiora's
ideal;
To bosses everywhere she does
appeal.

Yaeko Yoshifuji insurance does
sell
By going to houses and ringing
the bell.

Patty Yoshino, married and
and content,
Is worried about paying the rent.

Hiroko Yoshiwara now comments
on the news.
Everyone is impressed with
her views.

Hajime Akiyama- for him we do
grieve--
Was so slow that Topaz he never
did leave.

Hatsuye Aoyagi now appears
on the air
With Spitalny's orchestra of girls
so fair.

Chiyo Date is an upstairs maid--
Her only problem is getting paid.

Dewey Fujii has won many prizes
For growing roses of all shapes
and sizes.

Dot Harada is now a cute nurse--
But all the patients keep getting
worse.

Amy Hironaka, now chief of
police,
Still has trouble keeping the peace.

Mary Hironaka is modeling
for Powers;
Every night she receives dozens
of flowers.

Sakae Horita-- surprise of all--
Has managed to grow to six
feet tall.

Susumi Iwasa, now big and tall,
Ten years ago-- we can't picture
him at all.

Chester Kaku now draws pretty
faces;
The best magazines now vie
for his graces.

Tosh Kawabata now works
in a bank--
He sweeps every morning and
sure is a crank.

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Dorsey Kobayashi, the miserly man,
Hoards all his gold in an old
ash can.

Kumio Konno has now retired,
To a place where by women
he won't be tired.

Kiyoshi Kusunoki has made a
pile of jack
Renting his lashes to movie
stars who lack.

Kaz Maruoka toots on his horn
To waken the army at six in
the morn.

Misao Masunaga is still going
to school;
She's flunked forty times cause
she can't learn the rule.

Joe Morita ice cream now vends,
But every cent he makes
he spends.

Ryo Nihei now fits us with glasses,
He specially enjoys the comely
lasses.

Somao Ochi is a man that we
adore;
He yanks out teeth is his
patients "roar."

Martha Oshima, glamour girl
supreme,
Designs fashions that cause
us to scream.

Tats Ozaki books does now keep;
If they'd only balance she could
get some sleep.

Tats Sano is having quite a time;
His patients die without paying
a dime.

Ray Sonoda now farms on the
land;
None of his crops come up as he
planned.

Mickey Suzuki is now an M. C.
Testing amateurs over N. B. C.

Leslie Takagawa, the modern
Emily Post,
Gives many parties and is a
sparkling host.

Jimmy Takahashi is a director
at Fox,
The stars obey as he sits at his
box.

Bob Utsumi is now quite a
plumber--
It's a job at which he loves
to slumber.

Ichiro Yamasaki now fixes ladies'
hair;
He's changed his name to
Monsieur Pierre.

Kay Yoshiura teaches horses
to prance.
She's known all over from Asia
to France.

Takehiko Yanagi is now driving
a truck;
At earning money he hasn't
much luck.

Takeshi Yanagi now does the
ballet;
The girls do send him many
a bouquet.

ADVICE TO LOVE LORN—

Dear Mrs. Lovewise,

There's the most tall, dark and handsome man in our neighborhood and I've fallen head over heels in love with him. I'm sure he'd like me if only I didn't weigh 185 pounds. Will you please recommend a quick reducing diet for me.

Sincerely,
Hefty.

Dear Hefty,

Will you please send this young man over for my inspection? If I approve, I recommend that you immediately start upon a diet of chocolate bars, cake and potato salad three times a day. If not, better indulge in an apple, orange and celery menu.

Dear Mrs. Lovewise,

Oh what shall I do! It's so exasperating--- life, I mean. I am a poor senior girl. As you know, the senior prom is not so far off. Well, guess who I am going with? Yes-- A brunette escort with a gardenia corsage while all along everyone knew I wanted to go with a blond with sweetpeas. What can I do?

Exasperated.

Dear Exasperated,

I suggest you go with neither of them and accept the redhead with forget-me-nots.

Helpfully,
Mrs. Lovewise.

Dear Mrs. Lovewise,

I am confronted with quite a problem which I have tried not to let bother me. But unfortunately it has become pressing. You see, I haven't heard from my boy friend for a year. At first I wasn't worried but after ten months-- well, I'm afraid he's fickle. Oh what shall I do?

Anxious

Dear Anxious,

You have nothing to worry about. I would say that if you don't hear from him after the first two years you might have something to be concerned about. But as matters stand now,-- well, just give him time. Cheer up, the poor boy's probably just lazy.

Concernedly,
Mrs. Lovewise.

Dear Mrs. Lovewise,

I am quite a nice boy. But for some reason I just can't seem to attract women. Of course it might be because all my teeth are missing and I lost all my hair when I had scarlet fever. And yet I'm almost sure it isn't that, because all the women look at me but never look me up. It might just possibly be because I have an I. Q. of 70 and love garlic. Oh, I don't know. But please tell me why I don't attract the female sex and how I can.

Thank you,
Yalashee

Dear Yalashee,

Your trouble is quite apparent. Of course the reasons you give above aren't why women don't flock after you. The trouble is that you don't read my column enough.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Lovewise.

FASHIONS

Turning from the bags in rags to apes in drapes, the fashion parade presents to you the slops in mops, namely Tut Hirano and Sab Matsuzaki, who should trim their hair to Harold Hayashi's clean-cut style.

Wacky's cool black bell bottom trousers are noticed by everyone, but we fear that they may float and carry him away. Although not so wide but twice as long, Paul Bell is still the campus high-pockets with his 35-inch khaki twills.

With the summer hot spell coming on, we find T-shirts are being frequently sported, especially by Bob Utsumi with his brown, red and yellow striped shirt. Keiji Yamasaki also has an attractive T-shirt, similar in design, but not in figure, to Harry Kawabata's. In wearing T-shirts when figures are concerned, it is preferable to have a reasonable facsimile to Sato Kenmotsu's physique, unless you want to look like a drape without a shape.

INQUIRING REPORTER

Nosing his way around the campus, the Inquiring Reporter came upon some seniors and asked them what their post-graduation plans were. Fumiko Okumoto, "Oh I guess I'll just stay in camp for a while." Patty Yoshino, "I'm going back to Sac'to with my folks." George Okawachi, "Well I don't know--- loaf for a while, I guess. Maybe go to school later." Yoshi Haramaki, "I guess I'll go to college--- I'm planning to join the Cadet Nurse Corps." Tatsuko Ito, "I'm planning to attend Heald's Business College in Sacramento." Jean Sanford, "I'm so attached to this camp I couldn't bear to leave it." Richard Yamashiro, "I'll bum around." Daisy Uyeda, "Get married." Ernest Kikuchi, "I won't commit myself." Yoshio Matsunami, "Nothing." Roy Hamachi, "Open a barber shop."

YOU KNOW THEM BY—

Buck teeth, rowdiness--- Muts Hayashi
Blond locks, pleasing personality--- Jean Sanford
Shy smile and gentle ways--- Ernest Kikuchi
Big and dumb--- Tak Yago
Curly hair and deep dimples--- Mac Kato
Harlequins and agitating skill--- Maggie Kawaguchi
Cuteness and shy' wolfing tactics--- Shoji Sakurai
Abbreviated height and deep voice--- Ben Dote
Petiteness and "beat" huraches--- Grace Yoshizuka
Short skirts and simplicity--- Margery Motooka
Glasses and surprised looks--- Pat Ichioka
Ruggedness and athletic skill--- Naomi Shibata
Legs and high forehead--- Sally Tsugawa
Inconspicuousness and awkward strut--- Harry Tajima

Right:

Kathleen

Asano

Crowned

Queen of

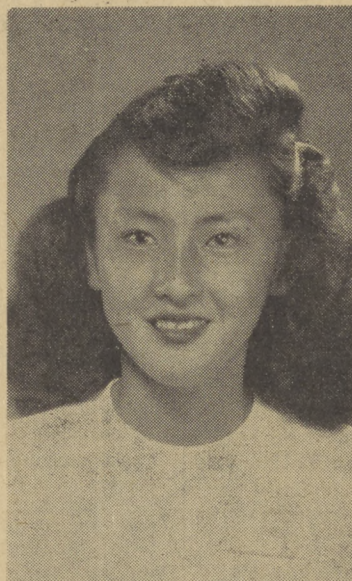
Topaz High

at the

Coronation

Ball

May 11



Below:

The May

Queen's

Attendants.

At left:

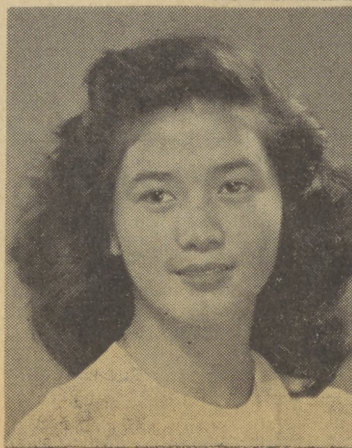
Rose

Moritomo

At right:

Mary

Tsuchiya



Kat's Korner

Hello, folks, here I am again--- this old alley cat. Meow!

Well, well, my old friends Betty H. and Pee Wee M. were giggling under a mess of papers in the library. Oops, I had better duck, because Potae N. was beaming a peppodent smile at Grace M. (Him and his bracelet.)

Who's this, Mr. Sekerak and Miss Gerard walking towards the 10-F office for a conference!

I heard the adorably cute couple, Mary T. and Shinji M., were planning to go to the Senior Ball. (If the Army doesn't catch up with him.) I wonder why Toshiaki S. ordered a corsage for the Senior Ball? (Amy Y???)

Oh, my goodness, Ratcho Y. is running after Tomi Wada again. (Give him chan-su, Tomi!)

On all four legs I pawed my way out of the library, looking up at Paul Bell and Kumi I.

Heading for the canteen with the fifth period teacher on my trail, I was setting out to buy some catnip as Tosh K. and Nob S. were headed for Block 11. (They live there.)

Here comes that saxophone player Tak E. heading towards Block 35. (Going to serenade Asako, Tak?)

Well, I finally reached the canteen and saw Rosie K. buying stationery. (Who are you going to write to Rosie? Suzy T. from Gila?)

This is about all, because I'm hungry, and my catnip can't wait, so your dirt diggin' alley cat bids you adieu.

SPOTLIGHT

For the last spotlight of Topaz, we can think of no more fitting subject than our advisor, the backbone of the Ram-Bler, Mrs. Muriel Elizabeth Palecek, nee Haslam.

Born in Boston, Massachusetts, 'way back in August 18, 1921, the older of two girls, Muriel was a pretty but very underweight child. She is still thin.

On our campus, Mrs. Palecek is known for always talking about Boston. Some of her students are beginning to believe that Boston is the only place she knows in the United States, with the exception of Topaz. Besides all her tales of Boston, she is known as one of our best English teachers. Her excellent knowledge of English goes back to her college days in Worcester, Mass., where in 1942 she graduated with honors, having majored in English and social studies.

Mrs. Palecek has taught school in Vermont and in Wisconsin prior to her arrival in Topaz. She claims that Tut Hirano is her favorite student. Her hobby is reading and 18th century English classics are her favorite type of books. Her main ambition is to gain ten pounds so she won't look so much like Ryoze.

She was married on Thanksgiving Day, November 26, 1942. Her husband is 26 years old, Staff Sergeant Marvin Palecek, for the last two years serving overseas in Europe. She says, "He is real cute." The reason for her happy smiles lately is because he is on his way home.