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REV. B. FUJIMURA ARRIVED

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来る三月十二日夜七時より御講師として第ニギハヤヒの介開教使殿を御招待申上げ父の二十三年忌を母の七年忌法供養を相営み申します。のぞ有縁の皆様御誘ひ合せの上何卒御参詣被下ます様御案内申上ります。

三月十日 山岩永 義雄

藤村岡教使殿がサンタフェより歸へられました。

三月十九日(日)夜七時より佛新幹部就任式と餘興皆様御参詣下さませ。

三月二十六日(日)七時より春期彼岸会大去要勤修特別講師 藤村岡教使殿

LOTUS POND a short column

WHY "LOTUS COLUMN?"

....not exactly a dirt column, tho' a pond is invariably comprised of such-all and sundry. But this pond shall contain something beautiful, not unlike the flower, something old, something new, something, borrowed and something blue and also something black like the dirt that eventually settles on the bottom of ponds. But if anyone exerts an excess amount of energy and leans too far back into here, he will find himself in the Lotus Pond, if not the next issue, the next.....get what we mean?

YBA-er attention!

Right dress!! That's right, start thinking of your garb for the all-out Hana Matsuri Social booked for next month. And don't overlook the choice of dates.....no doubt you know already that Poston dates neither grow on trees or calendars which can be plucked off last minute.

LOTUS POND shall call it "30" right here. Since the pond is still in its embryonic stage, and being spotted

ARRIVES IN POSTON SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Rev. Bunyu Fujimura, a former minister of the Salinas Buddhist Church and an internee at Santa Fe, New Mexico has been paroled and returned to Poston II Saturday afternoon. He has been interned ever since the outbreak of the war.

Last September, Rev. Fujimura visited his wife and his friends. Camp II eagerly welcomes the return of Rev. Fujimura who is respected by all Buddhists and his stay in Poston will undoubtedly benefit the Buddhists immeasurably.

He will establish his residence in Block 214-9-D.

FRED NITTA GOES TO WASHINGTON D.C.

Fred Nitta, formerly of Watsonville and a resident of Block 219, left for the Nation's Capitol on Tuesday, February 29.

less as yet (haven't gotten any one on the spot, have we?) and hence cannot let any particles of dirt settle, we shall hang out the ol' close line right along here.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS HOLD ELECTION

Masashi Yamane was elected as president of the Sunday School Teachers' Group, Sunday morning, March 5 at the Buddhist Church.

Assisting him will be Sunako Tazumi, vice-pres.; Amy Nishimura, sec'ty-treas.; Masashi Tazumi, primary division director; Toshiko Etow, ass't; Manabu Fukuda, junior division; Isamu Isomoto, ass't; Tsukino Mizuki and Yoshiye Yamane, pianists; Tokuo Yamamoto, attendance; Edith Kawabe, ass't.

RECENT CHURCH WEDDINGS

Jan. 12 Marv Tsukamoto of 213 and Mikio Tokiwa of 213

Feb. 12 Tovoko Kobavashi of 221 and Masato Shimizu of 220

Feb. 28 Nobue Nomi of 216 and Yukio Kurimoto of 216

March 6 Anna Yamada of 317 and Tokuo Yamamoto of 221

March 9 Mary Nishi of 221 and Bennie Shimizu of 220

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WEEKLY Y.B.A. NITES TO BE HELD AGAIN

The Poston II Y.B.A. which has been dormant during the winter months will spring into action on Tuesday nite, March 14 from 7:30 P.M. Special service and an election of officers will be held.

Perhaps to many of you it may seem odd and untimely that the Y.B.A. should revive its weekly activities when relocation is at its peak and the members are decreasing rapidly. Furthermore, draft is in the air and most of you are becoming restless. Whether it is good logic or not, these are the very reasons that we are again going into action after two months' vacation.

In these times of stress we need spiritual stimulation and relaxation, although we do not recognize its needs. To the relocators and to the prospective soldiers we would like to offer them final Y.B.A. activities, the memories of which they can carry with them to their next destination.

We'd like to derive the fullest benefits from the remainder of our days in Poston and we feel that young peoples' church activities are more essential now than it has ever been before. We would like to plan worth while meetings for you, but before we can accomplish this, we must have your sincere aid in all the activities. The church staff and the Y.B.A. cabinet alone cannot carry on this difficult assignment.

To make the Y.B.A. meetings interesting becomes more difficult everyday due to the departure of our members some of them very active leaders of the

church. However, this handicap should not be a barrier to a better religious and a social program.

Included in the tentative Y.B.A. activities are (1) Installation program (2) Oratorical contest (3) Talent shows (4) Hana Matsuri celebration (5) Special religious services (6) Special speakers. We would like to have you submit your suggestions to us so that we may prepare a varied program.

Please give us your help!! Y.B.A. should function as long as there is a community here in Poston.

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DEDICATION

The Y.B.A. sincerely dedicates this first Y.B.A. Bulletin to Rev. and Mrs. Yoshio Iwanaga who have been instrumental in making the Young Buddhist activities here in Poston II a very successful one.

Although handicapped by the lack of ministerial aid in Camp II, Rev. and Mrs. Iwanaga struggled through the difficult, infant stages of the Buddhist Church and has established an enviable record which compares very favorably with that of any other center church.

Rev. Iwanaga's inspirational leadership is recognized by the Issei followers as well as the Young Buddhist members. Mrs. Iwanaga has developed a church choir which is believed to be the only one of its kind in the present Buddhist circle.

NOMINEES SELECTED BY REPRESENTATIVES

The following candidates for Y.B.A. officers were selected at a nomination committee on Friday nite, March 10.

The Block Representatives made up the nomination board. The election will be held on Tuesday nite, March 14, at the Buddhist Church. Further nominations may be made at the general meeting on Tuesday nite.

Pres. and Vice pres. Isamu Isomoto, Minato Kawaguchi, Sachi Fujikawa, Yoshito Takahashi.

Secretary: Amy Nishimura, Mickey Fujikawa, Fuku Yokoyama.

Treasurer: Masashi Yamane, Masashi Tazumi
Boys' Ath. Mgr: Mits Endo, Hip Matsuo, Kaoru Tazumi.

Girls' Ath. Mgr: Toshiko Etow, Louise Nakashima, Sunako Tazumi

Religious Chairman: Masashi Tazumi.

Public Relations: Hip Matsuo, Tokuo Yamamoto
George Higashioka, Kimi Inagi.

Entertainment: Chit Michio Oka, Helen Kishimura, Blu Okumura, Kivoko Imoto, Sachi Endo

Reporter: Fuku Yokoyama, Mae Shimizu.

ORATORICAL CONTEST

Plans are being formulated for a unit-wide oratorical contest to be held during the Hana Matsuri week in April. It is tentatively scheduled as English and Japanese oratorical contest. The winners will be selected in each division. The Subjects are optional.

SPECIAL NOTICE

REV. FUJINURA WILL SPEAK TO THE Y.B.A. MEMBERS ON TUESDAY NITE, MARCH 14, FROM 7 P.M.

ALSO ALL IMPORTANT ELECTION WILL BE HELD ON THIS NITE.

PLEASE ATTEND THIS VERY IMPORTANT Y.B.A. NITE AND WELCOME REV. FUJINURA.