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AMACHE SECONDARY SCHOOLS
FINAL REPORT
SOPHOMORE CLASS ACTIVITIES

1942-1943

With the opening of the school on October 12, 1942, 189 bewildered sophomores from all parts of California began their high school experiences. They immediately formed a class organization and at their first meeting became acquainted with each other. The first social event was the "Sophomore Round-Up". Officers for 1942-43 were:

George Hincki	President	May Yoshioka	Secretary
George Honda	Vice-Pres.	Tom Tokunaga	Treasurer

The sophomores furnished four "B" team winners and nine "C" team winners in athletics this season. Archie Yoshida and Lily Inouye acted as drum major and majorette. Outstanding musicians were Chow Chow Kaji, flutist, and George Honda, rhythmic drummer.

The sophomore class promoted a feeling of friendship and unity. The seniors and juniors had a tendency to present ideas characteristic of their former schools. The sophomores of 1942-43 have had to pin their faith and loyalty to Amache, for they spent the entire 3 years of Senior High at the Relocation Center, graduating in 1945.

1943-1944

Class officers of the Sophomore group of 1943-1944 were :

P. Sugimoto	President
H. Yamauchi	Vice President
F. Sotomura	Secretary

Sponsors were Miss Louise Goodson and Mr. Robert L. George. High light of the year's activities was the "Happy Holiday Hop."

1944-1945

Class officers for the sophomore group of 1944-45 were:

	<u>First Semester</u>	<u>Second Semester</u>
President	Minoru Tonai	Mamoru Furuya
Vice Pres.	Roy Ito	Roy Ito
Secretary	June Sato	Miwako Karatsu
Treasurer	Sumiya Nakai	Sumiya Nakai

Sponsor was Mrs. Margaret L. Hopcraft

Carrying the class motto, "Looking Forward," the sophomores went to work energetically. The first activity was a farewell picnic in honor of Miss Catherine Ludy, former teacher and co-sponsor, at the Amache Bowl, September 13. The last of October, the sophomores spent a busy day at the farm, harvesting (it was said) the most potatoes. High lights of the year were the two all-sophomore events, the "Get-Together Hop" on December 1, 1944 and the Spring Party on March 23, 1945. Near the close of school, on June 1, the sophomores were granted a half day vacation since they had worked all day at the farm when the other classes had a half-day holiday (State Teachers' Convention). This was thoroughly enjoyed by picnicking in the Granada in the Granada camp ground.

Many of the sophomore activities during the year were confined to group events. All classes had Christmas parties in the English-Social Studies classes, one of the groups combining the Christian celebration with the Roman Saturnalia. One of the sections gave a farewell party to some members who were relocating.

Many of the sophomores were members of the boys' and girls' glee clubs.

Outstanding musicians were Harry Iba, Janet Jayne, Bob Okano, and

Jane Nakamura. The boys were active in the field of sports. May Yasumura and Joe Wada were selected as "Quiz Kids" for the quiz assembly. June Sato was chosen as one of the attendants of the Queen at the Royal Ball.

Sophomore class of 1944-45

Class Officers of First Semester

President-----Min Lonai
Vice-President-----Roy Ito
Secretary-----June Iato
Treasurer-----Sumiya Nakai

Class Officers of Second Semester

President-----Mamoru Furuya
Vice-President-----Roy Ito
Secretary-----Miurako Karatsu
Treasurer-----Sumiya Nakai

minutes of the
Diplomate Meetings

MINUTES

November 16, 1944

The meeting was called to order by our president, Min Tonai, Thursday, November 16, 1944 after school in room 16.

The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the Sophomore party. The time for this party was suggested December 1, 2, or 8, 9. We voted to have the party on either December 1 or 2 which will be decided among the Sophomores. Then we decided that each President should take back to class and decide upon the theme and the kind of a party.

Then we discussed the term of the Sophomores class officers. But this matter was suggested to take back to the classes and get their opinions. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectively Submitted,

June Sato
Secretary

MINUTES

November 21, 1944

A meeting was called to order by our President, Tuesday, November 21, 1944 after school in room 16.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

The representatives reported that their classes voted the term of the Sophomore officers a semester. It was also reported that the majority of the Sophomores voted on games and dance for the coming party.

Min suggested to have dance and games at the beginning of the party and drop games gradually. All opinions voiced were enthusiastically in favor of the suggestion.

Following were chosen for the various committees: Decorations, Sumiya Nakai; Refreshments, Alice Okamoto; Program, June Sato; Dancing, Babe Kochi; Bids, Marvin Oyama; Games, Joe Wada, and Min will be the Master of ceremonies.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectively Submitted,

June Sato
Secretary

MINUTES

November 30, 1944

A special meeting was called to order by the President, Min Tonai on November 30, 1944 after school in room 16.

The purpose of this meeting was to get final reports on the Sophomore party from the various committees.

Mrs. Hopcraft suggested to have another faculty member besides Mr. Jackson and her for the evening. Mrs. Hopcraft suggested Dr. Jayne and we all favored to invite him.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectively Submitted,

June Sato
Secretary

CLASS TEAMS CHOSEN!

The teams for the Amache Hi inter-class basketball tournament were chosen by their respective classes.

The following boys were chosen to represent their classes.

Sophomores-- Art Sakakura, Bob Murakami, Keiji Yoshimura, Yo Otani, Tom Hamahashi, Mamoru Furuya, Lucky Yamaga, Joe Arai, Shoji Yagi and Sam Shimano, Manager.

SOPHOMORE HOP

On December 1, 1944, the Sophomores had their first get-together--- the "Sophomore Hop."

The committee chairmen were: Decoration, Sumiya Nakai; Refreshments, Alice Okamoto; Program, June Sato; Dancing, Babe Kochi; Bids, Marvin Oyama; Games, Joe Wada, and Master of Ceremonies, Min Tonai. All cooperated to make the social a real success.

It was held under the sponsorship of Mrs. Hopcraft.

CONSTITUTION of 10-4 class

Article - 1

NAME

The name of this class is automatically the 10-4.

Article - 2

OBJECT

The object of this class shall be to make its members familiar with good usage in parliamentary procedure and to give them the opportunity to practice it.

Article - 3

MEMBERSHIP

The membership of this class shall be the 10-4 class.

Article - 4

OFFICERS

Section 1: The officers of the 10-4 class shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasure.

Section 2: A majority of all votes casts shall be necessary to elect the above officers.

Section 3: Vacancies in office may be filled by special election.

Section 4: The new officers of this class shall be elected at the beginning of each semester.

Article - 5

MEETING

Section 1: The meetings shall be held every Tuesday, seconf period.

Section 2: A special meeting may be called by the president or any three officers.

Article - 6

QUORUM

One- third of the class shall canstitute a quorum.

Article - 7

AMENDMENTS

Section 1: This constitution may be amended at any regular meeting by a two- thirds vote, the proposed amendments having been submitted in writing and read one week before being voted upon.

Section 2. By laws may be adopted, amended, or repeeled at any regular meeting bt

Constitution con't-

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE - 1

DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

The duties of the officers shall be;

President: He or she shall preside over all meetings unless he or she is absent.

He or she shall appoint all necessary committee chairmen.

Vice President: He or she shall preside over meetings when the president is absent.

Secretary: He or she shall keep complete minutes of all meetings.

He or she shall act as Treasurer and keep accurate records of financial accounts.

ARTICLE - 2

COMMITTEES

Section 1: There shall be two standing committees, Room and Social Committee.

Section 2: The Social Committee shall be in charge of all social affairs.

Section 3: The Room Committee shall be in charge of the room arrangements.

Gilbert Oman Skin

MINUTES
of the 10-4 Class

Meeting was called to order by temporary chairman, Babe Kochi, on Monday, October 16, 1944 for the election of the 10-4 class officers.

Agnes Wada and Babe Kochi were nominated for the office of presidency for which the latter received the majority vote.

Agnes Wada was elected for the office of vice president. The other nominee was Setsuko Mukaihata.

Mitsuko Hayashi was elected for the office of secretary. The other nominees were Alice Adachi, Setsuko Mukaihata, and May Yasumura.

Alice Okamoto was elected for the office of treasurer. Other nominees were Helen Yagi and Jean Furuno.

Haruko Niizawa was appointed historian by the Press Club.

The filing committee appointed by the president, Babe Kochi, were Helen Yagi and Dorothy Toyama.

The room committee appointed by Babe Kochi was Louise Hiraga, Tomoko Inouye, and Yuriko Hirata.

George Hidaka was appointed as the chairman of the social committee.

May Yasumura was appointed chairman of the constitution committee.

These chairman are to appoint those who will work with them on the committee.

Majority of the class was in favor of not having a sergeant at arm.

As there were no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mitsuko Hayashi

Secretary

MINUTES
of the 10-4 Class

The meeting was called to order by the president, Babe Kochi, on Wednesday, November 8, 1944.

The president gave a report from the student council meeting. The report was on the subject of raising money for the game against Wiley. It was decided on having donations. Those who donate are to receive booster tickets. One person from each block is in charge of selling these tickets to the block people. She gave a report on the pep rally which will be held on Friday. The members of the Booster Club are to perform. Two persons from each of the three classes are to be elected for the assembly council.

Alice Okamoto gave report from the coop nominating committee on the candidates and about the coop assembly which will be held either on Thursday or Friday.

As there were no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted.

Mitsuko Hayashi

Secretary

MINUTES
of the 10-4 Class

Meeting was called to order by Babe Kochi on Monday, November 20, 1944. She stated that there will be a sophomore exclusive party on Friday, December 1, 1944. The class voted if we should have all dancing, all games, or both. Majority of the class voted for both dancing and games. Mrs. Honcraft said that Mr. Walther could advance our money which we were supposed to get for working on the farm to pay for the party. Majority of the class said they would take Mr. Walther's offer.

Maority of the classvoted for one semester for the decision of the term of the sophomore officers.

As there were no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mitsuko Hayashi

Secretary

MINUTES

of the 10-4 Class

A short meeting was called to order by Babe Kochi on Monday, November 27, 1944. She gave a report from the sophomore officer's meeting. The party which will be held on December 1, 1944 will be games and dancing the first part of the evening and all dancing the latter part.

Majority of the class accepted the 10-4 class constitution as read by Setsuko Mukaihata.

As there were no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mitsuko Hayashi

Secretary

MINUTES
of the 10-4 Class

The meeting was called to order by the president, Babe Kochi, on Tuesday, December 5, 1944. She gave a report from the student council.

She reported that the assembly council is making out a schedule of assemblies. They have estimated about two assemblies a month which will be sponsored by the different organizations of the school. She also stated that the student council wanted to have all the dates and budgets of activities in by December 8, 1944.

She asked different questions as: How much power should the student council have and should the student council make rules of organizations, home rooms, etc. but no decisions were reached. She also gave a report of the basketball tournaments and the members of all the committees.

As there were no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mitsuko Hayashi
Secretary

MINUTES

of the 10-4 Class

Meeting was called to order by the president, Babe Kochi, on Monday, December 11, 1944.

She suggested that we might have a little party of our own and exchange gifts. The limit to spend is ten cents on the gifts and ten cents on refreshments. Majority of the class voted that they would like to have the party. It was decided to have it on Friday, December 22, 1944. Names were drawn for the exchanging of gifts.

Alice Adachi was appointed by Babe Kochi as the chairman of the games committee, Mitsuko Hayashi as the chairman of the refreshment committee, Setsuko Mukainata as the chairman of the program committee and George Hidaka was appointed to get the records and the player.

As there no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mitsuko Hayashi

Secretary

MINUTES
of the 10-4 Class

The meeting was called to order by the president, Babe Kochi, on Tuesday, January 9, 1945. Minutes were approved as read.

The president presented the new constitution of the student council to the class. After she read and explained each article a question came up as to the representation to the student council from our class but no decisions were reached.

As there were no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mitsuko Hayashi
Secretary

MINUTES

of the 10-4 Class

The meeting of the 10-4 class was convened at room 16, on Tuesday, January 16, 1945. Minutes were approved as read.

The president of the class, Babe Kochi, gave a report from the student council meeting. The first week of the next semester will be the week to hand in the nominations for the offices that will be vacated.

Majority of the class accepted the new student council constitution as it will not interfere with our class constitution.

As there was no further business, upon motion duly made by Louise Hiraga and seconded by Jean Furuno, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mitsuko Hayashi

Secretary

MINUTES

of the 10-4 Class

The meeting of the 10-4 class was called to order by the president, Babe Kochi, at room 16, on Thursday, February 1, 1945. Minutes were approved as read.

The president gave a report from the student council meeting on the candidates for the offices of presidency, girl's vice president, and treasurer.

Majority of the class was in favor of changing the class officers.

May Yasumura, Agnes Wada, and Edward Yasaki were nominated for the office of presidency for which the latter received the majority vote.

May Yasumura was elected for the office of vice president. Other nominees were Ben Tsurumoto and Mitsuko Hayashi.

Setsuko Mukaihata was elected for the office of secretary-treasurer. Other nominees were Agnes Wada, Dorothy Toyama, and Helen Yagi.

The chairmen for librarian, room committee, and filing committee were Emy Yoshida, Dorothy Toyama, and Helen Yagi respectively.

It was suggested by Babe Kochi that we have a valentine party and exchange valentine cards. Majority of the class was in favor of having the party.

Babe Kochi and Louise Hiraga volunteered to be on the refreshment committee and Alice Adachi and Jean Furuno to make the valentine box.

It was decided to have the party on Wednesday, February 14, 1945.

As there was no further business, upon motion duly made by Akio Kunisaki and seconded by Babe Kochi, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mitsuko Hayashi

Secretary

MINUTES
of the 10-4 Class

A special meeting was called to order by our newly elected president, Edward Yasaki, on February 15, 1945, for the purpose of deciding whether we, as a class, wanted or didn't want newly elected officers of the Sophomore class.

The results shown to be a majority vote to elect new officers, Babe Kochi made a motion, seconded by Louise Hiraga, to nominate the candidates like that of the Student Body Officers. This motion, carried by a majority vote, enabled each member of the class to submit the name of his or her nominee to run for any Sophomore Cabinet office.

A special committee will get together, putting on a ballot, the names of the pupils with the most submitters. These shall be the candidates. This settled, further business which was to nominate a representative for the Quiz Kids Program was discussed. Those ^{NOMINATED} were Tamiko Yasutake, May Yasumura, Yoshio Morikawa, and Edward Yasaki, the latter to be our representative.

A suggestion for class colors and a class motto was made by Mrs. Hopcraft. The class in favor of this suggestion put forth some suggestions which, by the most vote was chosen our choice color " Navy and White" and the motto " Looking Ahead " .

Minutes continues —

There being no further business the president adjourned the meeting..

Respectfully submitted,

Ats Mulaiketa

Secretary.

Gilbert Onion Skin

STATEMENT OF THE 10th CLASS PARTY

ENTIRE CLASS DUES PLUS MRS. HOPCRAFT \$3.60

EXPENSES

ONE AND ONE-HALF CASES OF PEPSI COLA	\$ 1.80
COOKIES	.60
POTATO CHIPS	<u>1.02</u>
	\$ 3.42
	TAX <u>.02</u>
	\$ 3.44
	BROKEN BOTTLE <u>.02</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT SPENT	\$ 3.47

THE EXPLANATION FOR SUCH AN ODD AMOUNT OF MONEY IS DUE TO THE FACT THAT ONE BOTTLE WAS BROKEN SO WE DID NOT RECEIVE THE REFUND FOR IT.

\$ 3.60
<u>- 3.47</u>
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BALANCE \$.13

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Granada Relocation Center

PERMIT FOR PUBLIC ASSEMBLY

Date of Application May 7, 1945 Location Hog House
 Date and Time of Activity May 18 From 6:30 TO 11:00
 Estimated Attendance 35 Shall Be Limited to 70 Persons
 (Fire Dept. fills this.)
 Key Arrangement Will open Sponsor 100th Grade - Sec. 1
 Is there a charged admission? Yes , No , Admission Price
 Approved by Margaret L. Hopcraft Address Apt. C-14
 This person must be present during activity and responsible for arrangement.

Disregarding any one of the following regulation as set forth by the Fire Department will be considered sufficient cause for curtailment of this activity and all future permits will be revoked.

No building shall be decorated for the purpose of ornamentation without the approval of the Fire Protection Officer.

Smoking is prohibited within this building during this assembly.

The Fire Department insist that all doors be unlocked and unbarred.

If this building is used for the purpose of showing motion pictures or larkened for any other reason there must be at least one 25 watt light bulb lighted within immediate vicinity of each door intended as an exit. (These may be colored bulbs but not less than 25 watt.)

No person shall at any time place an encumbrance of any kind whatsoever in the path of any exit intended as a means of fire escape.

Instructions for seating arrangements and regulations for places of public assembly are posted in this building and must be strictly adhered to.

This permit is issued for Mess Halls and Recreation Halls only and is required when over fifty persons gather in any one building, except for serving regular meals in Mess Halls.

Members of the Fire Department and Police Departments will strictly enforce all regulation pertaining to Fire Prevention, health and welfare of this community.

Signed Mary Zolich Address 7A-8-B
Person in charge

Approved Mrs. Geo. Ishiyama Approved CR Felker
Block Manager Police Dept.

Approved Julio D. Neal Approved Paul M. Newland
Recreation Dept. Fire Protection Officer

ACTIVITIES Seventh Grade

During the three-year period the seventh grade planned, by the use of committees, for these parties, picnics and entertainments.

A number of picnics were held throughout the three years that the school was in existence. Picnics were generally held at Hide-Away Lake, which was a very small lake about one and one-half miles from the center. This was outside the "gate" and passes had to be secured for each person going out. Refreshments and games were planned and the expense met by the class treasury. Party and picnic dues did not exceed ten cents for each pupil. At the end of school a picnic was enjoyed by the pupils--a farewell party for some of the students as many were relocating soon after.

Halloween, Christmas and Valentine parties were given during the time that the boys and girls had English-Social Studies. They generally were limited to two periods. The students had the privilege to have night parties if sponsored by teachers. Games were played and refreshments enjoyed. These children love to eat!

Receptions were given for students being transferred from Jerome and Tule Lake. These affairs were to acquaint the incoming pupils with the school, class procedure and to become acquainted with new classmates.

12th GRADE ACTIVITIES- 1943

The class of 1943 consisted of 205 members who were practically all strangers to each other when school began in the 8H Block on October 12th. Nevertheless, the class soon met and elected the following officers: President-- Joe Kamiya Secretary-- Dorothy Sato
Vice Pres-- Woodrow Odanaka Treasurer-- Hiroshi Ito

Sponsors appointed by the principal were Louise Goodson, Kiyoshi Kasai, and Katharine Stegner.

From the beginning the class provided leadership and seemed to assume responsibility for getting activities started in the school. The first event was an all-school Halloween Dance. Later other all-school events were the Easter Hop, the Annual Drive, the Pow-Wow Dance and the Track Meet. The school Paper, "It", owes its beginning to leaders of the class and especially Hiroshi Ito who had gained journalism fame through his work on the Santa Anita "Pacemaker". The main first event for seniors only was the Howdy Dance held on December 4.

Thirty-one members of the class were slated for mid-term graduation so about the 17th of February this group and sponsors arranged for a banquet at the Maxwell House (hotel) in Lamar. Flower center pieces, had lettered menus and place cards, and real roses for each were the main attractions outside of the good food and gay chatter. After dinner every one went to the show which was the first show many had attended in a year and a half.

On February 24, 1943 this class had a very simple Commencement ceremony in Terry Hall with Mr. Herbert K. Walther, principal of the Jr. High School, as speaker. A houseful of about 200 parents, friends, and teachers attended. The Commencement was followed by a reception for graduates and parents.

Nine members of this class were chosen ad charter members for the Amache Chapter of the National Honor Society.

The second semester class elected Kenneth Nagamoto, vice-president, and Betty Seki, treasurer, to fill vacancies left by the mid-term graduates. The outstanding activity of this semester was the Senior Banquet held at 7H Mess Hall as a climax of "ditch-day" on Junell. The Seniors also took the responsibility of writing and rproducing the play asked by the Senior High for their part in the pageant to be given at the dedication of the new school building.

The Baccalaureate Service, June 22 and the Commencement Exercises June 24, were really the most thrilling events to the class, not only because it meant graduation but due to the fact that they were held in the new auditorium. Without experiencing the life of this group during its last two school years, one cannot fully realize and understand what Commencement meant to these people. To many of them evacuation had come during their last year in high school. They did not know when or how they would be able to finish. Many of those evacuated did not finish, but those who did had struggled against many difficulties and hardships. They had been out of school seven or eight months; books, chairs, and supplies were lacking for some time; and even at the end the school did not begin to have what the next two classes had. Classes in the barracks were no pleasure when it was too cold to write in winter or too hot and dusty to breathe when windows had to be closed in hot May and June during the frequent sand storms.

An outdoor commencement was considered because the students were anxious to have friends and relatives present and Terry Hall would scarcely hold the class. Still, sandstorms could be expected most every day so plans were hard to make. So when news came that Baccalaureate and Commencement could be held in the new building, it was really a time of rejoicing, for not until the last few days was it definitely decided.

Through the last minute efforts of Mr. Domoto and George Yuzawa (8k-2D) risers were built on the stage on Monday and Monday night after Baccalaureate so that Commencement practice could take place Tuesday, the day of Commencement.

Several weeks before graduation a speech try-out was sponsored by Miss Grace Lewis' speech class. About fifteen seniors volunteered to prepare and give speeches on the subject, "What America Means to Me". The try-out was held in Terry Hall and judged by three impartial adults. All of the speeches were unusually good and it was difficult to decide upon the two best ones, but it was finally agreed that Marian Konishi and Mits Oshita would be the student speakers on the Commencement program.

The other high-light of the program was the presentation of the gift to the school. This was a beautiful white oak speaker's stand made by Harry Fujita under the supervision of Mr. Kraus of the Industrial Arts Dept. On the front of the stand is a hand carved plaque made by Mr Suzuki and bearing the words, "Class of 1943 Amache High School." This stand, which was planned by a committee and paid for by the class of 1943, has been much used by the high school during its three years. Many important and highlyesteemed people have spoken from behind it, and it has always been an article of much pride and sentiment to the members of the first class of Amache High. "What is to become of it?" is the question they ask.

In caps and gowns, white for the girls and blue for the boys, the graduates of the class of 1943 marched across the stage to receive their diplomas. The ceremony was followed by a very informal dance, the signing of annuals, and the bidding of "Good Luck" to all.

Of this group of 174 graduates ___ are now serving in the armed forces; ___ are or have been attending college. The rest, with the exception of ___ have relocated for the most part long before this writing ___, 1945. Three attended summer school to finish requirements for their diplomas. "Onward Spirit of '43" was the theme chosen by this class.

12th Grade- 1944

The Senior Class of 1944 with a membership of 212 elected officers and chose a sponsor early in the year. The cabinet was as follows;

Tad Ono- President

Ken Kashiwabura- Treasurer

Sandie Saito-Vice-president

Katharine Stegner-Advisor

Fumiye Sakaguchi-Secretary

Events of the first semester were the Christmas Party held in the rooms of the north wing of the high school building and the mid-term prom for the winter graduates. On January 14th forty-eight of the class received their diplomas. By vote of the group no ceremony of any kind was held. Many relocated at once and a few continued attending classes for a few weeks.

New officers elected the second semester were;

Barney Kawade- President

Russell Yamaga- Vice President

Mary Furuta- Secretary

Momoyo Kinoshita- Treasurer

The first big event sponsored by the seniors was the Senior Ball held in the gym on April 15. Bessie Takaya was chosen by the seniors as queen of the ball. She was attended by Michiko Joe, Sandie Saito, Osano Kasai, and Jean Yamasoki. Which of the five was to be queen was a secret until her entry and ascension to the throne. She was crowned by the class vice-president, Russell Yamaga.

The second semester was quite a busy one for the class as many of the leaders were on the Annual Staff and on Committees in various organizations. On May 4 and 5th, the seniors presented the three act play, "Growing Pains." under the direction of Robert George. The

receipts from the play amounting to about seventy dollars were used mainly to pay for the Senior Banquet held on April 22 in the Workers' Mess Hall. This event occurred on the day of the year's heaviest rain which came down in torrents all day long. Nevertheless, the hall was beautifully decorated in blue and white with popular song hits pictured on the walls. The staff was used on each table as a centerpiece and popular songs were sung during the dinner, lighted by candle light. Many were unable to attend due to the bad weather. After the banquet the group was taken in private cars of the appointed personnel to the High School gym where the Dep Club gave a dance in their honor.

On Friday, May 13, the class "ditched" and spent the day at the Arkansas river. Baccalaureate services were held on May 14th. The address was delivered by Rev. Novio Yasaki of the Iliff School of Theology, Denver, Colorado. On May 18th 134 seniors received their diplomas at the ceremony held in the auditorium. The processional, led by Yas Hirano, president of the Junior Class and Asano Kasai, The Junior-Senior Prom Queen, passed under beautiful rose-covered arches borne by ten junior boys and girls.

The Junior Class presented a pageant directed by Margaret Hopcraft and Grace Lewis. The pageant was given in five scenes with different sets for each. It told the story of people of Japanese ancestry who pioneered by coming to America because they believed that there were opportunities for wealth and advancement here and whose sons and daughters are still pioneering eastward.

The class presented a large silk service flag to the school. The flag hangs in the front hall and now is filled with stars signifying the presence of _____ Amache High boys in the armed services.

The commencement ceremony was followed by a social for the seniors and others who helped them in the final event of their high school years.

The remaining 30 students of this class continued class work in summer school and on August 11th diplomas were given to them.

Senior Class 1945

The Senior Class of 1945 with a membership of 182 members elected officers as follows:

Calvert Kitazumi----- president
Edna Nimura----- Vice-president
Aster Fujikawa-----secretary
Louie Watanabe-----treasurer

Katharine Stegner, senior sponsor, came into her position through her job as home room and social science teacher for all seniors. Social events of the first semester were the Christmas Party on Dec. 28th, and the mid-term prom on January 13th. The Seniors published a senior edition of the "It" on January 24th. This edition listed all Amache High Students in the armed services. It also listed all graduates and told as near as possible where each was located.

Commencement exercises were held for the 72 mid-term graduates on January 23, 1945. The outstanding features of this program were the student speakers. These speakers were chosen from a group of students who had submitted written speeches. They were Shigeke Mae Sacamoto who spoke on "Building Our World of Tomorrow" and Roy Hiratsuka who gave "Youth's Place in the Post-war World". The Commencement address was delivered by Rev. Curtis Westfall of Lamar, Colo. Of this group only three or four continued in school part time to finish Latin and Chemistry or Physics.

To fill vacancies in the cabinet created by graduation Mitsuyo Sumada was elected vice-president; Namiko Ota, secretary; and Jee Hamade, treasurer. The class leaders were all very busy on the Annual and other school activities so no special senior socials were held for some time. However, a cast of twelve was selected for the senior play. After several weeks of practice under trying circumstances due to the changing of directors (one terminated, a second was called away, and a third finished the job) the play "Spring Fever" was presented on April 13 and 14 under the direction

of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Anderson. Both audiences were very well pleased and a great many commented that it was the best performance of such a kind they had seen in Amache. Profits amounted to about \$100.

The big event of the year was the Senior Banquet held at the Worker's Mess Hall on May 19th with 200 present. A Hawaiian theme was carried out in decorations and program. The dinner was followed by a dance in the banquet hall. This banquet was paid with money received from the play and from the invited personnel.

The Annual "ditch" day picnic was at the Arkansas River on Friday, June 1st. Baccalaureate services were on Sunday, June 3 and the address was given by Rev. Paul Roberts, Dean, St. Johns Cathedral, Denver, Colo.

Considerable work was done in preparation for the Commencement exercises. A committee of Seniors worked for several weeks in the writing of a pageant which was an outgrowth of work done in social studies class. The pageant was then revised by Miss Lewis and given under her direction. Each senior also wrote a speech, two of which were chosen to be a part of the pageant. The theme and title of the pageant and speeches was "It All Depends On me."

The 110 seniors led by Masahi Itano, Jr. Class President, and Cookie Takano, Jr. Class secretary, marched up the aisle under eight white rose arches borne by sixteen junior girls and boys.