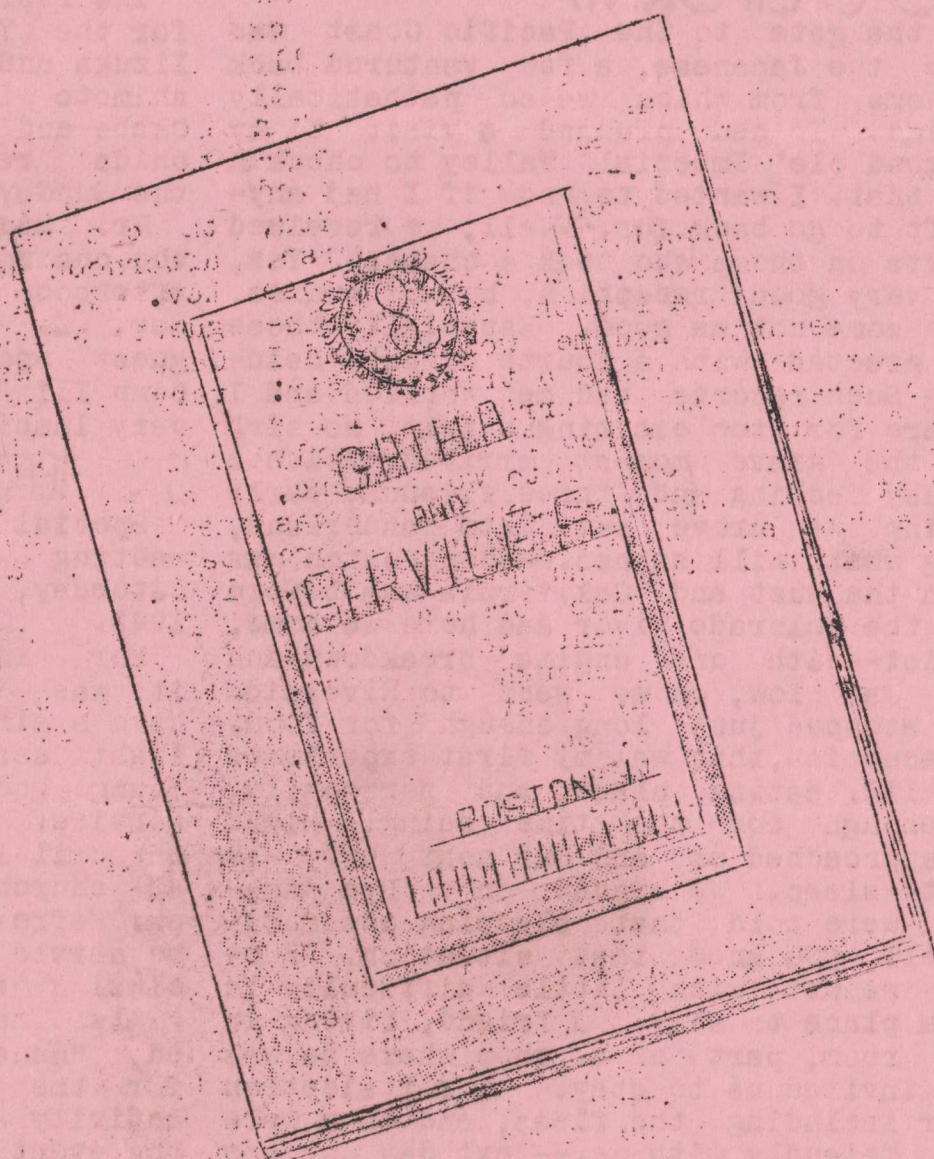
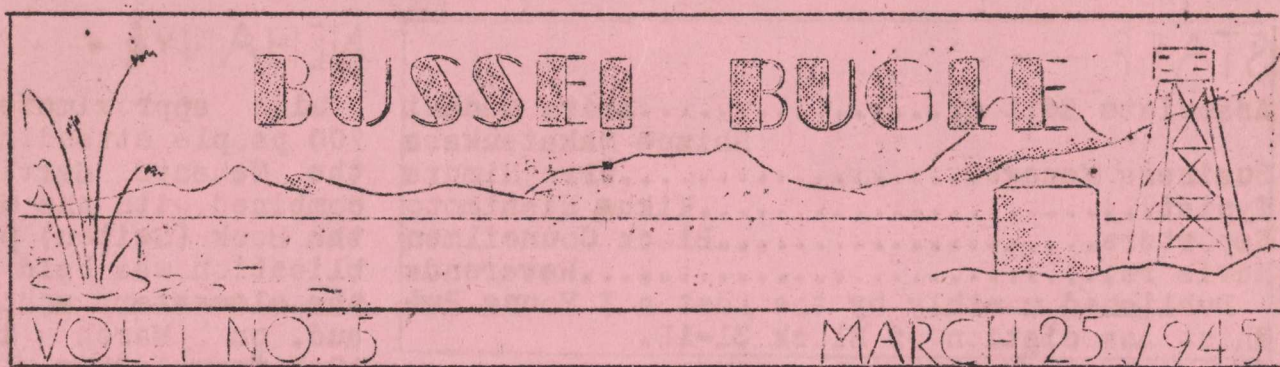


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The greatest task ever taken over by the Buddhist Church and the Y.B.A. of Camp I has been completed.

The planning of the Gatha book was started early in November by a committee consisting of the Reverends, Isseis, and Busseis. It took four months of hard work in compiling the contents, printing, and assembling the books was done by the Busseis.

The new Gatha book was seen by the public for the first time at the special service held in honor of its completion. It has green manila covers, with 77 pages in the book.

A total of 1000 odd copies were completed and each of the four churches will receive 250 copies. Copies will be given to all the Reverends, Buddhist Churches of all the centers, Y.B.A. organizations, and the former YBA members who are now in the armed forces. The remainder will be distributed to the Y.B.A. members of Poston I who wishes to have a copy.

The staff who contributed to this publication are: Advisers--Rev. Masuoka and Rev. Nagafuji; Chairman--Eizo Etow; Printers--Japanese--Kiyoshi Taniguchi; English--Natsuko Soeda and Tom Tanamachi; Shojo--Mr. Nakashima; and Mimeograph shop staff; Business--Tom Tanamachi, Kikue Nishimoto, Takamori Nimura, and Tad Fujii; Assembling staff--Isseis and Busseis.

Much credit goes to Mr. Taniguchi who did such a fine job of writing Japanese section. The writing on the inside cover of the Japanese section was done by Rev. Masuoka. It reads: "To seek the truth in the Great Love of Buddha". The poem, "Our Lord Buddha" in the English section was written by Ruth Kodama. The artist for the book was Mr. Eizo Etow.

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TRIP TO CALIFORNIA --

Since the gate to the Pacific Coast was opened to the Japanese, a few ventured back to the home from which we so pathetically left behind. I had planned a visit to my home in good ole' Imperial Valley to check on this and that. I wanted to know if I had anything left to go back for.--Well, we received the reports on those who took a chance. Yes, some had very good reception, but of course, there are some not as good. Especially those who were greeted with a Fourth of July celebration. Such reports had me worried and I didn't care for too exciting a trip, no sir! Finally the grave moment arrived. With a very uneasy feeling and three friends, early one morning we drove out into wonderland, wondering what will happen.--Soon Poston was behind in the dust and California was before us. Over the Colorado River and here we come, California!--With one engine breakdown and feelings way low, on we went to Riverside where we stopped just long enough for food. Since evacuation, this was my first experience in a Calif. eating place, and personally, that is enough for the time being.--Night rapidly approached us and our next worry was a place to sleep. We headed on to Los Angeles. We were told that sleeping accommodations, well, you know that situation. Fortunately we met with little difficulty in finding a place to stay. A friend, living in a small room, part of a shop where he was working, invited us to stay. We all slept on the floor including the fleas, and they were a bit too friendly with us.--Next day our car needed a repair, and by the time that was completed it was too late to start on our trip. We decided if we were to stay overnight we should have some fun, so, that evening we had dinner, our first decent meal since Riverside. After dinner, took in a couple shows.--On the following day we headed for Imperial Valley. Our meal for the day was nothing but oranges.--On and on we traveled and we finally hit Westmorland; a small popular town.--Again, our first duty was to stay another night but we decided Poston was a better place, so after tending to our property which was burned, stolen, or trampled upon, we decided to return that day. After working ourselves til midnight, although, we were drowsy and exhausted, we headed for Poston.--Good ole' Arizona or Poston, it's getting to feel like home. And I sure hope I don't have to go through that sort of a trip again!!!!

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NEHANYE --

With approximately 700 people attending, the Nehanye Service combined with the Gatha Book (Seiten) publication was held at the elementary school aud. on March 18, 1945 from 1:30 p.m.

The representatives for the YBA were Kay Iizuka and Kikue Nishimoto with Hatsuye Okabe and Mitsuye Uchida representing the Sunday Schools.

Mr. Eizo Etow was the chairman for the afternoon devotional. Rev. Z. Kawasaki, a guest speaker from Camp III delivered a very inspiring sermon.

SR. MEETING --

Special Sr. YBA meeting was held on Saturday, March 17, 1945.

For installation, it was decided to have a simple candle-light service at the Young People's night service. It will be on April 1st, at blk. 43 church from 7:30 pm. Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the night.

Also much discussed, "Hana Matsuri" for the next month activity was planned. The event will take place at the High School Auditorium, on April 8, 1945 with Rev. R. Masuoka in charge. Bussei's are in charge of the entertainments for the evening.

The recently compiled Gatha books will be passed out from Monday, March 19 at the YBA office for those who would like to have an individual copy. Copies will be sent to Reverends, Bussei organizations, and former Bussei members who are in the armed forces.

WEDDING --

TANIGUCHI-YOSHIDA

Before the beautifully decorated church 43, Mitsugi Taniguchi, blk. 53, exchanged vows with Yuri Yoshida of Gila Center. Rev. Ryuei Masuoka officiated the ceremony.

Miss Morimoto, blk. 17, was the bridesmaid, while Mr. Haruo Suenaga served as the best man.

Baishakunins for the couple were Mr. and Mrs. T. Inouye and Mr. and Mrs. T. Ueki.

The couple is residing in blk. 53.

ENGAGEMENTS--

Yokota-Okabe

Hattie Okabe of blk. 38, to Bill Yokota from blk. 317 was revealed at Miss Okabe's home.

The bride-elect and Mr. Yokota are both active in the Y.B. A.

Baishakunins for the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Sakamoto of camp 3 and Mr. and Mrs. Sakai of Camp 2.

Ozawa-Kumada

Miss Yoshiko Kumada formerly from San Juan Bautista announced her engagement to Mr. Takao Ozawa formerly from Salinas. They are both residing in blk. 31.

Miss Kumada is employed at the Post Office while the groom-to-be is employed at the garage.

Date for the wedding is undecided as yet.

HANA-MATSURI--

The planning of the gala flower-festival to celebrate the birth of the Lord Buddha is underway.

The date for the event is set for April 8th, 1945, at the High School Aud.

ELECTION --

The outcome of the election of new cabinet officers which was held the second week of February, was revealed February 18 at church 43 Y.B. A. Sunday night service by Tad Fujii.

Those elected for the various offices are: President, Tom Tanamachi; 1st Vice-President, Hattie Okabe; 2nd Vice-President, Kay Iizuka; Secretary, Kay Nakamura; Treasurer, Leo Tanaka; Auditor, Nob Fukuda; Devotional Chairman's, Eizo Etow and Mitsuye Nimura; Research Chrmn., Atsuko Ikeda; Music Chairman, Kimie Nishimoto; Publicity, Misako Kimoto, and Editor of Bussei Bugle, Akira Hedani.

JR Y.B.A. --

Real fun and enjoyment are being planned to those who attend the "Spring Swing", which is to be held at the Elementary Auditorium on April 7, 1945, commencing from 7:30 p.m. under the sponsorship of the Block 13 Junior Y.B.A.

There will be refreshments, dancing, entertainments and raffles. Admission for the affair is 15 cents, stag or staggetts. Tickets can be purchased from any Blk. 13 Jr. YBA member or at the YBA office at Blk. 31-1B.

THANK YOU --

I wish to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation to each and everyone of those who made the publication of our Gatha books possible.

Without any of your help, and your spirit of cooperation, we would not have been able to complete such a big task as this.

DID YOU KNOW--

Tom Tanamachi and Mitzie Nimura are going to become man and wife on March 28.

Tamaye Noritake is now Mrs. Tommy Tsuchiyama? They were married in Ft. Snelling, Minnesota last month.

Kenneth Yoshioka who was suppose to be headed for Boulder, Colorado is now residing in Glendale. What has Glendale that Boulder hasn't? Ask Kenneth, he knows.

Henry Fujiura is a Pvt., but thinks he's a sergeant, right Henry? Psst, Busseis, heard he's an excellent sharpshooter. Keep your distances!!

Rev. Kurahashi is a father to another daughter. Seems like he's following Rev. Masuoka's footsteps.

YBA office has a part-timer to assist Miss K. Nishimoto. Be on a lookout for Miss Sumako Okano, who is shy, beautiful and an efficient worker.

Ruby Miyanaga is in Denver for a short term. No wonder Mr. "so and so" looks lonesome these days.

With all the marriages going on this month, Rev. Masuoka is a very busy man. Come on, Dan Cupids, take it easy on him!!

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Wherever we may go, it will bring to us memories of the work we have done for the betterment of Buddhism.

With Gassho,
Eizo Etow



LETTER - -

FROM THE WINDY CITY

March 12, 1945

White snow
Upon the ground
Black spot
All around
Snow and soot
Mixed together
Oh gee!
What weather!.....

And that, my friends, is CHICAGO!

Recently enjoyed reading the February issue of the Bussei Bugle and a wave of nostalgia overcame me..thanks for the swell write-up which I really didn't deserve..don't know whether I've adapted myself to Chicago or Chicago has adopted me, but it's a great life..enjoyed Rev. Kono's very interesting and inspiring message yesterday at church..although he was not feeling very well, he forgot his own illness in order that we may enjoy some spiritual guidance in this day of worry, fear and chaotic whirl..really took the heaviness out of one's heart, soul and mind to listen one hour out of the 168 hours in a week (o.k. Einstein, is my math calculation correct?)..had a grand reunion of the old Fiscal Accounting Section at church when I spotted four former Postonites out of the congregation of 300 Busses and friends..renewed acquaintances with Mrs. Alice Inouye Santo (Blk. 19), and her sister-in-law.. Alice is looking the same, a little worried about her soldier-husband perhaps..Min Sakai and the Nishita fellow (forgot his name, golly, what a memory!) from blk. 17 way..Min just got in from Des Moines, Iowa via Poston so he says..seems to like Chi better so he's gonna look for a job, and none other than George Tanaka from 307 looking as mischievous, yet a little more his full 27 years..sure was good to see some old Postonites not to mention meeting your truly's brother-in-law's sister's sister's girl and her cousins, oh, well, you know what I mean..registered for membership in the Midwest YBA plus paying one month's due of 1/16 of ye ol' 1 month G.I. pay check..incidentally, really enjoyed the chairman, Mr. Akira Yebisu's short talks which reminds me that he certainly can deliver Buddhist "sermonettes", with such zest and feeling that you could see the weaker sex fumbling in their hand bags for their handkerchiefs before the tears start streaming down..this all happened one Sunday in the absence of Rev. Kono..Mr. Yebisu delivered the message for the day, and all I wished was that all of my friends in Poston could have had the opportunity of hearing him, too..seems like relocation didn't have any effect upon the battle between the former Auditor and Editor of the cabinet cause we're still battling it out here in the Windy City..will let you know who wins out..seems as tho' I have exhausted the alphabet for the day so will call it -30- for today..bye all..with Oneness in Gassho.....

Ruth Kodama

ART TAKEMOTO

Former Postonian, Arthur Takemoto, the executive secretary of the Midwest Buddhist Church, departed for Los Angeles on Feb. 7. For the betterment of the future relocaters to Los Angeles Mr. Takemoto and Rev. Julius Goldwater are planning to open a hostel.

CHURCH - -

The Y.B.A. service on Feb. 18 was held at Church 43 with Quad 6 in charge with Rev. Masuoka out on short term leave, Rev. Kurahashi elevated the congregation in their knowledge of Lord Buddha by the sermon, "The Heart of Buddha".

Akira Hedani was the chairman for the evening with Kimie Nishimoto as the pianist.

On the 25th of Feb. a special memorial service together with the regular Y.F. service was held at Church 13 with Rev. Nagafuji delivering the inspiring sermon. It was in honor of Rev. Terakawa who helped and succored in organizing the YBA of America, and also in respect of Mrs. Masunaga, wife of Rev. Masunaga and Mrs. Matsukage, the wife of Bishop Matsukage of the Topaz Buddhist Church.

Chairman of the evening was from quad 26, 29, and 42, with Etsuko Kikumoto as the chosen representative.

CONDOLENCE -

Our deepest sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Fujizawa and family of Blk. 39.

The death of their son, Mitogi, formerly an active Bussei from El Centro, California, was a great loss.