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Buddhist Sunday Services

October 11, 1942

Place 7 G and 11 G Rec. Hall

Sunday School 9 A.M. - 10 A.M.
Young Peoples Service 10 A.M. - 11 A.M.
Sunday School Teachers' meeting 11 A.M. - 11:40 A.M.
Service for the general public 2 P.M. - 3:30 P.M.
Services will be held at two places at the same time.

7 G Rec. Hall Rev. Shirakawa

11 G Rec. Hall Rev. Yonemura

佛教日曜禮拜說教

十月十一日

日曜日

一、佛教日曜學校

午前九時—十時

一、佛教青年會禮拜說教

午前十時—十一時

一、佛教日曜學校教師會

午前十一時—十二時

二、般禮拜說教

午前十一時—十二時四十分

①會堂

午後二時—三時半

第一佛教會日堂

7 G リクレーションホール

白川開教使

11 G 第二佛教會堂

米村開教使

同時間ニ兩會堂で行ハス。

Buddhist Sunday Services

October 18, 1942

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Young Peoples Service

10 A.M. - 11 A.M.

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7 G Rec. Hall Rev. Yonemura

11 G Rec. Hall Rev. Shirokawa

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十月十八日

日曜日

一、日曜學校

午前九時—十時

二、青年會禮拜説教

午前十時—十一時

三、日曜學校教師會

午前十一時—十一時半

四、一般禮拜説教

午後二時—三時半

會
場

7G リクリエーションホール

米村 司教使

11G リクリエーションホール

白川 司教使

同時時間ニ両會堂デ行ハレマス。

BUDDHIST SUNDAY SERVICES

October 25, 1942

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Young Peoples Service

10 A.M. - 11 A.M.

Sunday School Teachers' Meeting 11A.M. - 11:40 A.M.

Service for the general public 2P.M. - 3:30 P.M.

Services will be held at two places at the same time.

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11G Rec. Hall Rev. Yonemura

佛教日曜説教

一 日曜學校 午前九時—十時

一 青年集會 午前七時—十時

一 日曜學校教師會 午前七時—十時半

一 一般説教 午後二時—三時半

場所

7G 會堂 白川開教使

11G 會堂 米村開教使

同時刻ニ兩會堂ヲ行ハス。

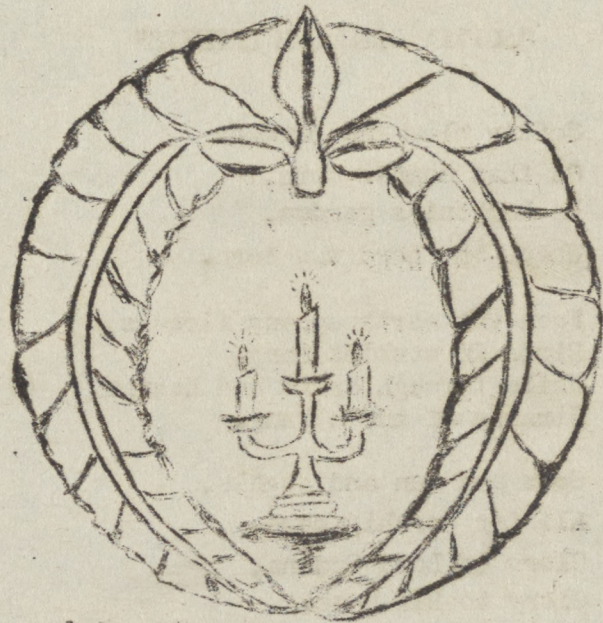
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January 14, 1944



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BUDDHIST CHURCH

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the earth sprang flower

and men and angels,

- Mary Watanabe
t..... Mary Kai

METAL

- • • • • Yayeko Morita
• • • • • Joe Norikane

CHOIR MEMBERS

1st Sopranos:

Jean Furuno
Mary Hamamoto
Setsuye Ioka
Dot Iseri
May Kamikawa
Chiyoko Kanagaki
Alice Kurihara
Anna Matsumura
Lily Nagatoishi
Dot Nakano
Sue Ogata
Mariko Shimada
Reiko Shimada
Ikuko Takano
Kazue Tanisaki
Hisako Wakayama
Helen Yagi

2nd Sopranos:

Grace Hamada
Yoshino Hatanaka
Florence Kanda
Sue Kawamoto
Kazuko Kitahara
Sadako Nakano
Sachiko Tanaka
Marcie Teshima
Fujie Tomita
Susie Yabu
Tsuyako Watanabe

Alto:

Rae Abe
Toshiko Takeuchi
Betty Watanabe
Yoshiye Yamaga

Director: Mary Watanabe
Accompanist: Mary Kobuke



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Sunday, June 24, 1945

SERVICE HONORS BUSSEI GRADUATES

The 1945 Bussei winter and spring graduates of Amache senior high school were honored at a special YBA service on Sunday morning, June 10, at 7G Buddhist church. Rev. T. Shirakawa led the congregation in sutra reading and spoke briefly on Buddha's last teachings, "Nehangyo".

Dr. Takashi Terami, member of the high school faculty and guest speaker, in addressing the graduates, stressed the importance of education and the pursuit of higher learning. He gave interesting statistical data, speaking from a racial standpoint, enlarging particularly on the people of Japanese descent.

A special duet number, "Dream Song", was rendered by Misses Alice Watanabe and Mariko Shimada.

Miss Betty Watanabe ably conducted the service.

A gift was presented to each of the graduates.

TO MAKE DONATION

At a recent cabinet meeting it was decided to make a monetary donation to the local USO.

KATOS MAKE TOUR OF EASTERN STATES

Shigeo Kato, YBA advisor, recently made a tour of the Eastern states. He was accompanied by Mrs. Kato.

Their first stop

SUSPENDS PUBLICATION

Due to lack of facilities, the LOTUS, Jr. YBA organ, has suspended publication temporarily, according to Miss Betty Watanabe, advisor. The LOTUS was being distributed twice a month until its discontinuance.

YBA GIFTS PRESENTED

All Bussei members who graduated from the junior high school were recently given graduation gifts by the YBA.

ADD NEW OFFICERS ON YBA CABINET

The YBA cabinet, which has been taking a beating from relocation, has added three new members and made one shuffle last week to form a new group of officers to carry on the Bussei program.

In the shuffle Miss Hanna Yoshinaga, who was serving as historian, has been moved to the corresponding secretary's

post, which was held by Miss Hatsumi Wada who relocated to Ann Arbor, Mich. Miss Sachi Iseri has been named historian to replace Miss Yoshinaga.

Three other vacant positions--recording secretary, publicity chairman and Sunday school superintendent--have been accepted by Miss Fumi Morita, Tak Furuya and Miss Takako Fuchigami, respectively.

REVEREND YONEMURA RETURNS

Rev. M. Yonemura returned here on June 14 from nearly a month's sojourn in Chicago.

During his stay in the "Windy City," the reverend visited both Buddhist churches there and delivered sermons. Reverend Yonemura met many former Amache YBA members.

was in Chicago where they visited Rev. G. Kubose. Then heading eastward and northerly, the most impressive sights which caught our travelers' eyes were the Niagara Falls (where honeymooners go) and the Cave of Winds.

In New York the Katos viewed the Statue of Liberty, Rockefeller Center, the Empire State building, Times Square, Riverside Drive along the Hudson, and other points of interest.

Continuing on their journey, their next stop was in Philadelphia where they viewed the famous Liberty Bell. From there they went to Washington, DC.,

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SUPPORT IS NEEDED

With the relocation of many of our top YBA leaders, the task of keeping up the Bussei program in Amache has fallen on the shoulders of the remaining cabinet members and young Buddhist leaders. Needless to say, the task has proportionately increased.

It has reached a point where YBA functions cannot be properly fulfilled without the wholehearted support of the members at large. If we are to have a YBA at all, it means that you must do more than attend services--although for some of us that is a task in itself. It means you must actively participate in the YBA program.

True, it means certain sacrifice of time and effort. It will also mean curtailing personal affairs and activities. But that will be the lot of all of us.

We cannot, of course, keep the Bussei movement going indefinitely--that is, to the closing days of this center. That would be expecting too much of any person, notwithstanding the person's religious fervor. But we can all do our part in keeping the YBA active until disbandment becomes an unalterable necessity.

It's all up to us--and to you in particular.

NEW SUPERINTENDENT

Miss Takako Fuchigami has been elected Sunday school superintendent to succeed Miss Ruby Yamasaki, who resigned recently to prepare for her West Coast return.

Miss Yamasaki has been superintendent and teacher of the 7G Sunday school since last August, and her departure will mean a great loss to the depleted Sunday school teaching staff.

However, Miss Fuchigami is competent, active and friendly, thus assuring capable leadership for the teachers. She has been a member of the elementary school faculty for the last two and a half years.

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Roy Yoshida, editor

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RELOCATION TAKES TOLL OF LEADERS

"Farewell to thee, our friend so true"--with these words we bade adieu to Tsukasa Saneto, our YBA president, who left the center on June 11 for Cleveland.

Tsukasa earnestly contributed his efforts to the Amache YBA since its formation and expended much of his time toward furthering the Bussei organization. To all of us he will be remembered as a true Buddhist and one swell fellow--in every way sincere, considerate and helpful.

To you, Tsukasa, the YBA extends best wishes for your continued success and happiness. "May love divine upon your pathway shine--until we meet again."

Pointing his relocation compass in the Southern direction, our genial advisor, Tokuyoshi Kawasaki ("Corky" to his friends), left on June 6 for Dixie-land--New Orleans, La.

Although Kawasaki wasn't with the Amache YBA long, his timely advice and helpful suggestions, during the months he was our advisor, did much in promoting the Bussei activities.

The Amache YBA wishes "Corky" all the luck in the world.

Another one of our valuable members of the cabinet, the corresponding secretary, left the center this morning to seek "untold wealth" of the "East."

Ever since her arrival here from Jerome in June, 1944, she has helped to create among her fellow Bussei the urge to make Amache YBA what it is today. Her ceaseless efforts and services will long remain an inspiration to us to "CARRY ON."

So to you, HATSUMI WADA, go our very best wishes, and may success be yours.

Taking the Bussei members by surprise, Setsuo Ogawa, one of the YBA advisors, left the center on June 15 for Chicago.

The YBA wishes him much happiness and continued good health.

REV. KASHIWA HOME

Two YBA cabinet members visited Rev. Friends of Rev. Kashiwa will be pleased to learn that he was released from the hospital, on last Friday, having recovered from his illness, with a potted plant.

YBA PERSONALITY RIDES BANDWAGON

Riding on top of the bandwagon for June is our newly appointed publicity chairman--Tak Furuya--who is a former resident of Los Angeles. Vital statistics say he's a native of Moneta, Calif., near Redondo Beach, all within the shadow of the LA City Hall. (Having lived close to the beach, he has a weakness for WAVES.)

As the years passed (with usual consistency), Tak grew out of his boyhood and before long found himself a graduate of Manual Arts high school in metropolitan Los Angeles. In quest of higher education, he attended the LA City college, majoring in commerce.

Before in-"stall"-ing himself at boomtown Santa Anita assembly center, our Bussei lad was president of the Senshin YBA. For Tak, Santa Anita was just a stop-over to better things, having finally landed--through "choice"--in Amache to make his temporary home.

As for hobbies, he likes photography best. They say he's a terror in a dark-----room. Tak also takes a fancy to leather work.

In the field of sports, baseball and basketball are his favorites. He has skillfully cavorted on the local diamond and maplewood for the last several seasons. Tak was one of the "sparkplugs" of the Lobos' ten, which copped the 1945 softball crown.

As a member of the Amache YBA, Tak has continually contributed time and effort unselfishly in many activities undertaken by our organization.

Oh yes, our gregarious friend is a senior clerk at the property office.

NEW GATHAS MONETARY PUBLISHED GIFTS

The YBA published a seven-page Gatha booklet for the 7G and 12G Sunday school classes yesterday afternoon. The new junior Gathas will replace the worn-out Gatha sheets formerly used by the classes.

The YBA gratefully acknowledges monetary gifts from Mrs. James Watanabe (nee Alice Yamasaki), Eddie Yoshimoto, Tsukasa Saneto, Miss Teruko Hamakawa, Shiro Takemoto, and Hatsumi Wada.

SAYS PATH OF LIFE DIFFICULT

Envisioning life as one difficulty after another in which evil and strife are predominant, Rev. T. Shirakawa, in his Sunday morning sermon of June 17 to the YBA congregation at 7G Buddhist church, told how human beings, although generally dependent on one

another for existence, are placed on a competitive basis. This, the reverend continued, usually resulted in a struggle, conflict and evil.

He exemplified his talk by estab-

FORMER YBA OFFICER IS VISITOR

Miss Sadako Nakano, former YBA member, was a welcome visitor to Amache recently.

She returned from Winnetka, Ill., to attend the wedding of her sister, Dorothy, to Pfc. Shigeru Matsuda on June 10. Sadako was here for a week, returning to Winnetka on June 15.

Miss Nakano was a member of the YBA cabinet for several terms and served faithfully and ably in various capacities since the inception of the Amache YBA, until her relocation in November, 1944.

Read yourself fully. Write yourself clearly. Think yourself empty.

lishing a simile between financial difficulties of a business enterprise and life's pitfalls, and emphasized the necessity of being able to hurdle each obstacle.

The five evils committed by man are listed in Buddha's Teachings in which he describes the wickedness of mankind. However, because of Buddha's deep love and compassion, He will show us all the way to enlightenment and happiness, the reverend added.

Miss Helen Yagi was the service chairman.

KATOS TOUR

(Cont. from page 1) where they saw the capital's many state-ly buildings and historical monuments. After taking in the picturesque Mt. Vernon, near the Potomac river, they wended their way home, stopping in Chicago again before returning to Amache. Thus the Katos completed a very enjoyable and pleasant trip.



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STRESSES NECESSITY OF ASSIMILATION

"When the lights go on again all over the world" - so began Miss June Suzuki's informative message to the YBA congregation Sunday, July 22nd. Miss Suzuki, who is here in the center to assist those interested

in entering colleges, universities and trade schools, stressed the importance of the present nisei conduct which will pattern the lives of the Japanese Americans of tomorrow.

She has visited the various schools in the eastern States and in most cases found that the nisei students hold very

high honors.

She stated that with the relocation of many evacuees from the centers to the different communities in the east, we need to realize more and more the necessity of a proper assimilation of the evacuees into these caucasian communities. Miss Suzuki also visited a number of these eastern cities and has experienced most favorable sentiment everywhere.

Yoshiye Yamaga was the service chairman.

SUMMARIZES BCA CONFAB

The Reverend Yonemura addressed the congregation Sunday, July 8th, with a brief summary of the various discussions and activities which were engaged at the recent Salt Lake conference of the Buddhist Churches of America. Chairman for the service was Miss Betty Tsu-rucka.

CABINET REMAINS

Although the term of the present YBA cabinet members expired on June 30, it was unanimously decided at a Board of Directors meeting held on July 12 that the old officers remain at their posts until such time when our organization will no longer be able to function.

ALLAN ASAKAWA'S

REPORT ON SALT LAKE BCA CONCLAVE

For the purpose of bettering and uniting its organization for the future of Buddhism, the Second Annual Ministers' and Delegates' Conference of the Buddhist Churches of America was held at the Salt Lake Buddhist church in Salt Lake City, Utah, on June 28, 29, and 30.

One of the most significant decisions reached by the conferees was the transfer of the BCA's headquarters from Topaz, Utah to San Francisco, Calif. This was immediately followed by a plan setting up working funds for the Headquarters' budget for the coming fiscal year. After detailed study of all pertinent expenses, it was decided to allow \$5000 for publications; \$1800 for the Bishop's salary; approximately \$700 set aside for prospective ministers' scholarship fund; \$1800 fund for traveling ministers; and lastly, \$300 for general office expenses. In round figures the above estimates totals nearly \$10,000. With a balance of \$3297.24 in the treasury as of May 26, 1945, a substantial sum must be raised in order to meet the difference. A proposal to inaugurate a membership drive throughout the United States assessing each person \$1 a year to help

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SUNDAY SCHOOL LIBRARY

A library hour has been added to the Sunday school program at the 7G Buddhist church under the direction of Superintendent Takako Fuchigami, with the assistance of the Sunday School teaching staff.

This activity is offered on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6 to 8 p.m. Adults, as well as boys and girls, are invited to use the facilities.

A LETTER

TO MY BELOVED FRIEND

OBON

My Beloved Friend,

The other day I learned that you are leaving Amache and anticipate life in the challenging world of affairs. Indeed, I was happy for you, Beloved Friend, in the thought that there was another loving Nisei, full of youthful vigor, enlightened hope, and unswerving faith that LIFE IS WHAT YOU MAKE IT. I was happy for you, too, that wherever you go, I trust that you will remember unfailingly the immeasurable worth of social contact with sincere, respectful evaluation for the individual, regardless of race, creed, and color; that at all times your heart will respond heartily to that extended hand of fellow men (that extended stepping stone to human tolerance, you know), whether that hand is in form of a kind invitation to a church social (yes, even if it is not sponsored by the denomination of which you are a member), an inviting card to an interracial meeting, a telephone call to a thought-provoking jam session, or to join in a friendly cup of tea. And I trust that you will keep that loving heart of yours open and responsive to those meaningful matters small and big which turn the wheel of life a little brighter, a little more hopeful and a little sweeter.

My Beloved Friend, have you ever paused with such thought as this in your hours of leisure--that you are as a young tree whose main stem fell because a thoughtless, careless somebody did you harm? But with the passing of time, with the loving care of someone who ~~thinks~~ **thinks the world** of you, with your dauntless courage and faith to keep growing and under the ever-guiding care of Lord Buddha, you started to grow once again. Perhaps you still feel something painful at times, a bit weak and insecure at times, but, My Beloved Friend, LIFE IS WHAT YOU MAKE IT, and I want to repeat something here which you've mentioned more than once, "Keep smiling, Pal, and be to others as you would have others be to you."

Lovingly yours, with gassho,
Takako Fuchigami

A good listener is not only universally popular but after a while he knows something.

"Obon", a Buddhist memorial day which is observed either on July 15 (under the old calendar) or August 15 (under the new calendar) was originated in the sixth century B.C. by a disciple of Sakyamuni Buddha, Mokuren Sonja.

His mother, who had committed evil deeds in this world was banished into the Land of the Hungry Devils upon her death. Mokuren, who was a devout follower of Buddha's Dharma, the Truth, could see with his spiritual eyes his mother who was suffering from agonies of hunger and thirst because whatever food she tried to eat burst into flames before her very eyes.

In his utter love and devotion to his mother, Mokuren groped for a way to save her, but it was not in his power to do so; whereupon, he asked the advice of Lord Buddha and was told to invite all the bikshus, or monks, to a "kuyo", which is a profound devotional service, for his mother. As he recited the "nembutsu" before the altar, his eyes beheld a spectacle of his mother dressed in the glorious robe of an angel being transported on a cloud to the Land of Nirvana. Mokuren, in his great rejoice over the salvation, could not contain his excitement any longer and spontaneously danced with joy, followed by the other bikshus, which started the tradition of our present day "Bon Odori".

Thus, the event which occurred one summer night under a full moon became a Buddhist memorial day. This festival is also called the "Feast of Lanterns" in China and Japan. In the past, every Buddhist home was bedecked with colorful lanterns which served as guiding lights for the spiritual return of the deceased.

Most of us want something out of life, but as for me--give me something out of ESQUIRE. Woo! woo!

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SAYS WE MUST APPLY

EIGHTFOLD PATH

On Sunday, July 15, at the 7G Buddhist church, Rev. T. Shirakawa led the congregation in sutra reading and addressed the members of the YBA. In his sermon, the reverend stressed that whenever one happens to go, only through applying the teachings of the Eightfold Path can we free ourselves from the burdens of suffering and sorrow.

He added that we must also shoulder the responsibilities of our parents and of our younger sisters and brothers.

Allan Asakawa, who recently returned from the Buddhist convention held in Salt Lake City, Utah, gave a summary of the confab.

Adding musical zest to the program, "Evening Song" was rendered by Mariko Shimada and Alice Watanabe in a vocal duet.

Miss Fumi Morita presided as service chairman.

RIGHTEOUSNESS LEADS TO ENLIGHTENMENT

Wealth, education and society do not classify anyone as great; nor are poverty and lack of education indications of inferior people, Reverend T. Shirakawa stated in his sermon of July 1, at 7G Buddhist church. He stated the greatness of a person depends on the individual and

JR. YBA INSTALLS OFFICERS

The Buddhist church at 7G was the site of the third, semi-annual Junior YBA installation services, on Sunday evening, July 15. With Yoshiye Yamaga administering the oath, the six newly elected cabinet members sworn into office at the impressive candlelight ceremony were as follows: Mariko Shimada, president; Betty Tsuruoka, vice-president; Alice Watanabe, recording secretary; Helen Yagi, corresponding secretary; June Wakayama, treasurer and Lily Uyeda, historian.

that those who follow the path of righteousness are those who gain their goal of enlightenment.

Mitsuye Iwata delighted the congregation with a special violin number, "Ah! Sweet Mystery of Life".

The service chairman was Setsuko Mukaihata.

BCA CONFAB REPORT

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finance the BCA was suggested and accepted.

Amendments to the by-laws, redistribution of directors and election of officers, directors and trustees were tabled until the actual movement of the headquarters took place.

The most lengthy and hotly contested discussion of the conclave was in regards to the transfer of the title of the San Francisco Buddhist church to the BCA. Inasmuch as a definite decision was not made, a special committee formulated a plan whereby the Bishop, a member of the board of directors and a representative from the San Francisco Buddhist church handle this matter at their earliest convenience. All those present agreed to abide by their decision.

An itemized report of the BCA's frozen funds in the Yokohama Specie Bank was given by the Bishop. He stated that the Headquarters is doing its utmost in getting the money back in its possession.

Since the revitalization of the National YBA did not seem feasible at this time, the conferees decided that the Bussei organization presently be affiliated with the BCA.

Before the conference went underway, Luther Hoffman, project director of the Topaz relocation center, and Ray Haight, WRA area supervisor of the intermountain area, spoke to those in attendance concerning the relocation plan of ministers and other topics covering relocation in general.

During the conference, the reverends and delegates were invited to a Chinese dinner and a wiener roast. The latter was held in one of Utah's scenic canyons.

Buddhist reverends from Tule Lake, Minidoka, Ogden, Salt Lake City, Amache and Topaz, including Bishop T. Matsukage were present, while the remaining delegation was composed of representatives from Poston, Minidoka, Rohwer and Granada relocation centers, Ogden, Salt Lake City and Chicago.

DELIVERS LAST SERMONS

Rev. R. Kashiwa and 19 at 7G and 12G gave his farewell Buddhist churches. sermons to the issei He plans to leave for groups on July 18 Hawaii soon.

YBA PERSONALITY

"Lil' HANNA"

Heading the parade for the month of July is not "Hana" Turner, but it's Hanna Yoshinaga, our hard-working, efficient corresponding secretary.

Taking off from the State Insane Asylum, the stork which brought "Lil' Hanna" undoubtedly hovered over the crisp blue skies of Florin, Calif., for many days before he finally dropped the unfortunate bundle to the innocent Mr. and Mrs. Yoshinaga. Yes, Hanako, as she was christened, was a bouncing baby girl. In fact, she was bounced a little on the head. That's the reason why she says she's a victim of amnesia these days.

As the minutes ticked away into hours and as the days rolled into months, our heroine grew like a weed, not because she hoed them but because she puffed them.

Intelligence was part of her natural ability, for she skipped kindergarten and went right on to the first grade.

During her childhood "daze," she ignored dolls and indulged in tree climbing a la Tarazan. Doesn't that seem like an interesting tale? When she wasn't on the trees, this rugged individual had herself in rough game of football or swinging that mean bat in a free-for-all baseball game.

As all these and many more incidents of Hanna's life passed away into oblivion, we soon found her a graduate of Elk Grove High school. According to unreliable sources, our gal pal was a very studious student, majoring in business.

Prior to evacuation, she was a State civil service employee at Sacramento, Calif.

When evacuation came, Hanako changed her residence to the Fresno assembly center. Inasmuch as the climate was slightly hot for her beauty baths there, she boarded the train for Jerome. But again she was disappointed because this time it was the sultriness that affected her. Then came the great change in her life. She became an Amachean. Upon twisting her arm, Hanna unhesitatingly stated, "Amache is the best place."

Since her arrival in June of 1944, she has been working at the evacuee property office. Incidentally, she held the same position at the Jerome center.

Sometime next month Hanna is planning to relocate to Brigham, Utah. During

CHICAGO BUSSEI**ACTIVE - YONEMURA**

Sunday, June 24, Reverend M. Yonemura, in his first talk before the YBA group after his return from a trip to Chicago, related his experiences in the Windy City and spoke enthusiastically of the activities of the Bussei in that city.

Reverend Yonemura stated he made several visits to both churches -- the north side church of which Reverend

Kono is in charge, and Reverend Kubose's church on the south side--and that both churches boasted large attendances. He also stated the Buddhist groups have attracted several caucasians, and the churches are supported mainly by the nisei.

He enumerated the various advantages and drawbacks of Chicago from a relocation standpoint--regarding employment, racial tolerance, housing conditions, post-war possibilities, etc; and laughingly related the various times he lost his way in the big city.

Giving a vocal rendition to add to the service was Miss Jean Kawauchi who sang "Sunday Morning." She was accompanied on the piano by Miss Mary Watanabe.

Miss Kay Yasuhira was service chairman.

VISITOR

Miss Kikuyo Masada, former YBA Sunday school teacher, was a recent visitor to this center.

**HISTORY
SUBMITTED**

A brief summary of the Amache YBA, the Buddhist church and the Sunday school was recently submitted by the Bussei to John D. Neal, community activities supervisor, for his report to Washington.

**WATANABES
ON TOUR**

The Watanabe sisters, Mary and Betty, left the center last Tuesday for Chicago and points east. They are expected to return from the tour in several weeks.

her participation in our YBA program, she has offered her services in more than one way to make our organization a reputable one. So to you, Hanna, we extend our most hearty thanks, and we sincerely hope that all the pleasant things of life will be in store for you on the outside.

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AMACHE, COLORADO

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1945

AMACHE YBA DISSOLVED

'LET'S CARRY ON'

URGE FOLLOWING BUDDHA'S TEACHINGS

With the theme "Let's Carry On," the final Amache YBA English service washeld Sunday evening, Aug. 19, at the 7G Buddhist Church, with Miss Takako Fuchigami as the program chair- man.

The members present were urged to carry on with the spirit of the Buddha's Teachings, as emphasized in a number of past services conducted since the birth of the organization here. Practical application

in our daily living of the many enlightening messages generously presented by Reverends Yonemura, Shirakawa and Kashiwa was also urged.

Reverend Shirakawa, in his final (Cont. on Page 4)

BUSSEI BOARD VOTES YBA DISSOLUTION

The board of directors of the Amache Young Buddhists' Association, after much deliberation and discussion,

The Amache Young Buddhists' Association has finally come to the end of the trail

With the acceptance by the Bussei members attending the Aug. 19 Sunday evening YBA English service of the recommendation made by the board of directors to dissolve the YBA, one of Amache's most active young

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voted to recommend to the members the dissolution of the association. The board arrived at its decision at a meeting held on Wednesday night, Aug. 15, at the 7G Buddhist Church.

Allan Asakawa, YBA prexy, presided over the meeting.

Due to relocation (Cont. on Page 4)

REVERENDS RETURN

Rev. Masachika Yonemura returned on the California special Saturday, Sept. 8, to Sebatopol.

Rev. Takuyu Shirakawa boarded the special Monday, Sept. 10, for Walnut Grove, Calif.

people's organizations passed into the pages of history.

Miss Tamaki Hatamiya, YBA treasurer, presented the board's dissolution recommendation to the members prior to the service, in behalf of Allan Asakawa, YBA president, who relocated to Chicago the day previous.

The treasurer's report showing a balance of \$18.71 was given by Miss Hatamiya. The balance remaining in the YBA treasury after all miscellaneous expenses are deducted will be turned over to the Buddhist Churches of America headquarters in San Francisco.

Deep appreciation was expressed to the group for their willing and ever-ready cooperation and profound interest in the YBA program. The members were urged to attend adult services, hereafter.

3 ARRANGEMENTS OF OBUTSUDAN TOLD

Three types of arrangement of the articles placed before the Obutsudan was explained in an interesting and enlightening manner by Rev. Riuten Kashiwa in his farewell sermon at the YBA English Service held Sunday morning, Aug. 5, at the 7G Buddhist Church.

The Mitsugusoku arrangement, most commonly used, employs three articles: namely, Kahin (flower vase), Koro (ash container) and Shokudai (candle stand). They are placed across in that order from the left. The Obbuppan (cooked rice always served piping hot), when used, is placed directly behind the Koro.

The Shigosoku arrangement has two (Continued on Page 2)

EDITORIAL

THE CURTAIN DROPS

WITH this issue THE ENLIGHTENER drops the velvet curtain on its career as the publication of the Amache YBA. Its life has been comparatively short, considering the length of our stay in this center. But it has been an interesting venture, and contained many pleasant memories.

Going back a mite into the past, the Bussei organ made its first appearance as an un-named journalistic off-spring on Dec. 17, 1944. It came out with a big question mark as its masthead.

With a little promotional work (\$2.50 worth), an appropriate name was found. Out of many names suggested, the one submitted by Miss Miyoko Harada (7E-7D)--THE ENLIGHTENER--was finally chosen by the judges.

On Jan. 28, 1945, THE ENLIGHTENER, with the masthead designed by the YBA's talented artist, Miss Tamaki Hatamiya, came out as a full-fledged four-page publication. And ever since it has done its best to forward the interest of the local YBA members--thanks to the ever-willing, cooperative efforts of the members who served on the staff. To them the Amache Bussei owe a vote of thanks.

MEMORIES

BARBED WIRE fence and watch towers; across the field--Hideaway Lake; and closer to camp--perhaps too close for the lower E line blocks--the famous "Three Sisters." Up high on the hill--the orange and white checkered water tank soaring skyward 72 feet and by far the best known Amache landmark. The IOF athletic field where many hard-fought baseball and football games were played. The canteen where the lads had their day kidding the pretty clerks; while the lassies looked over the male crop.

All these things are but memories--to bring back the happy camp days spent with friends--old and new.

But to me they have an added meaning because--well, I'll put it this way:

MY RELIGIOUS fervor is shallow and I'm not a good Buddhist--far from it. Because of this self-evident failing, I found it doubly enjoyable to have been associated with you Bussei of Amache who

OBUTSUDAN ARRANGEMENTS

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Kahins and, when used, two Obbuppans, plus the Shokudai and the Koro, set in the following order from the left: Kahin, Obbuppan, Shokudai, Obbuppan and Kahin. The Koro is placed in front of the Shokudai.

The Gogusoku arrangement is a little more formal and the most complete of the three. This arrangement uses one Koro, two Kahins and two Shokudais placed across from the left as follows: Kahin, Shokudai, Koro, Shokudai and Kahin. The Obbuppan is placed behind the Koro.

Some of the things to remember, continued the reverend, relative to the arrangements are:

The Obbuppan, when used, is always placed directly behind the Koro, and is not served in full, except for a special service. Then it is carefully filled full, shaped like a pyramid. Except at a special service, the rice is removed shortly after the service, and the person removing it partakes the rice with its thankful blessings.

The Kahin is always placed at the left when only one is used, and when two are used one to the left is never removed. All duplicate articles should be of same shape, size, design and color.

The osenko (incense), when used, should be laid flat in the Koro so that it will not fall on the outside, thus burning or marring the dai (stand). Also the osenko will burn completely in this manner. Flour or sand should not be used in the Koro.

The most important thing to remember is the attitude with which the individual performs the ritual. Reverend Hashiwa emphasized. That attitude includes a feeling of emotional collectiveness and spiritual serenity, of earnest heartfelt humility and profound sincerity.

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took your religion in a serious vein. It has been a pleasure working with you and I am grateful for your many kindnesses in allowing me to participate in your many worthwhile activities.

This is a pretty small world after all so no doubt I shall meet many of you again--perhaps soon. When that time comes, I hope I shall still be worthy of your friendship. I know you shall be mine.

--Roy Yoshida

FAREWELL MESSAGE

With the relocation of majority of cabinet officers and YBA members, and the closing date of this center definitely set, the Amache YBA, after nearly three years of successful service, has finally dissolved into a thing of yesterday. But tomorrow, will we forget the many joyous moments and pleasant experiences which we shared together in Amache?

The Bussei Ball, the "wet" wiener bake at Hideaway Lake, the gala Welcome reception following the membership drive, sponsoring of the three girls' basketball teams, the Winter Wonderland dansant, bingo parties and the services which we had looked forward to every Sunday--all will be memories long remembered and cherished. Among those who have taken part, who can forget the participation in the center-wide carnival, selling shaved ice at the baseball games and the publishing of the ENLIGHTENER.

At this time, in my humble way, I would like to thank the YBA cabinet members, particularly those who served unselfishly to the very end, for their undaunted spirit; the advisors who lent their much-needed guidance; the members-at-large for their kind support, and to the Reverends Yonemura, Shirakawa and Kashiwa for their unending devotion.

As peace reigns supreme all over the world again, may each and every one of you be blessed with Buddha's wisdom and spiritual guidance in post-war America.

Allan Asakawa
President
Amache YBA

IS FACULTY MEMBER

Mrs. Toshio Kawachi, well-liked former 7G Buddhist Church Sunday School teacher, accompanied by her three daughters, Jean, Barbara and Joyce, relocated latter part of last month to Minneapolis to accept a position as a faculty member of the University of Minnesota's language department. During her sojourn in Amache, Mrs. Kawachi taught at the local elementary school.

LISTS DISPOSITION OF YBA TREASURY

The YBA board of directors, after discussing the disposition of the mon-

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EXPRESS THANKS

The Amache Buddhist Sunday Schools --7G and 12G--express their sincere thanks to the Amache YBA for the generous donation received recently; for its interest in the Sunday School activities, and for its ever-willing cooperation accorded them in the past years. The Sunday Schools wish to say: "Best wishes to all YBA members, and please carry on with your fine spirit."

ey remaining in the treasury at its meeting on Wednesday night, Aug. 15, at the 7G Buddhist Church, decided to:

Present tokens of appreciation to Reverends Yonemura, Shirakawa and Kashiwa.

Make donations to the Buddhist Sunday Schools and the PIONEER, for various services rendered.

Purchase "thank you" remembrances for the 7G Buddhist Church caretakers for assisting the YBA and the Sunday School in its activities.

Contribute the balance to the Buddhist Churches of America headquarters at San Francisco.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Following is the financial report submitted by Miss Tamaki Hatamiya, YBA treasurer, covering the period from Jan. 1, 1945, to Aug. 24, 1945:

	*INCOMES	*EXPENDITURES
January	\$ 12.87	\$ 58.74
February	13.62	18.85
March	21.65	76.77
April	28.02	9.30
May	19.64	36.39
June	36.23	54.33
July	15.40	36.32
August	1.76	16.32
	<u>\$149.19</u>	<u>\$307.02</u>

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Balance: Jan. 1, 1945	\$223.04
Incomes*	<u>\$149.19</u>
Total income	\$372.23
Expenditures*	<u>\$307.02</u>
Balance	\$ 65.21
Appreciation	<u>\$ 46.50</u>
Balance	<u>\$ 18.71</u>

YBA 'PERSONALITY'

HOW GREEN? IT'S CORNY

I looked high and low, high and low, for weeks for someone to write this issue's YBA personality article. In fact, I went "high, low" so much that I began talking with a Shanghai accent.

Then one morning I looks in the mirror (horrors) and I finds just the bloke I've been looking for. I says: "Hi." He says: "'Lo." (High, low--get it?) I asks; he okays. But the danged fool thought I said "poisonality," so he writes about... Who else could he write about?

This character, and he is that--in a nice way, hails from California. His face is always full of sunshine. His thoughts are never cloudy. He talks like a cool spring breeze. His walk is like a patter of rain. His friendship is as soft as a new fallen snow.

The only unfavorable "weather report" is the sudden but must-be-expected gusts of wind that usually detour through some corn patch. This lad exudes with so much corn that they named a whisky after him--Ancient Age, which describes the age of some of his corny remarks very appropriately.

But this cherubic bambino has a two-fold character. His other self is very serious and humble--going beyond the point of Humility. As soon as he transferred here from Tule Lake (September, 1943) via Topaz and Tanforan, he took interest in YBA activities (or was it YBA-ettes?) This time interest paid the principal, and he was promptly elected into the cabinet. He has been one of YBA's hardest workers, never shirking his duty (they wouldn't let him). He finally succeeded to the presidency, when the head man relocated several months ahead of him, and kept the YBA machine rolling with no loss of momentum. (He had a pleasant way of lubricating the machine with ice cream, soft drinks, cakes and so forth. (How my stomach misses that guy.)

It is a mystery why nobody took the trouble to pay this lad a deserved tribute by writing a column about him. Perhaps it was divine providence that he should be rightly honored in the last issue of THE ENLIGHTENER.

There isn't much to be said about him in a personal way, except that he was

BUDDHA'S TEACHINGS

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sermon to the local young Bussei, told them to face life's situations directly. Do not shirk responsibilities, he asserted, but face whatever challenge that may arise like respectable men and women, and above all as sincere Buddhists, however seemingly trying and unsurmountable it may be. It is the courage, the spirit, the will to meet the challenge which is meted out to each person that brings us closer and more to the true spirit and blessings of Amida Buddha.

Miss Suzie Osuga, a student at the University of Mich-

YBA DISSOLUTION

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taking away many of the officers and members - at-large, the board decided the continuance of the present Bussei activities and services would not be feasible. The burden of preparing and carrying out the YBA program would be too much for the few remaining cabinet members.

The board's recommendation will be presented to the members present at the Aug. 19 YBA Sunday evening service at the 76 Buddhist Church, just before the service.

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ican, favored the group with one of her well-known violin solos.

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born--at, near or around Centerville. He must have graduated from a high school there, or from one close by, at least he could read and write, or give a reasonable facsimile thereof. He was still single when he left here--although rumors had him married to one girl or another at least half dozen times. He gave up Amache wind last month for Chicago wind, and the latest report has it that he's still running around in a "loop."

I'll bet my last year's barbed wire pajamas you thought this article was about that debonair ALLAN ASAKAWA--with his famous green straw hat and wolfing glasses. Well, it ISN'T---anybody else.

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