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Amache Junior High School

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"Peas All Tells All"



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# JUNIOR VICTORY GARDEN SUCCESS

By Phillip Horimoto

The Amache Junior High School victory garden is a real success. All of the students have had some part to play in its planting. Not a single person has backed down when asked to help in this work, and we should all feel proud of that record.

About two months ago a space was given to the Junior and Senior High Schools, and to the Grammar School, for victory gardens. There were three acres in all. The one in the middle was for the Junior High. Then the girls got the north half of this and the boys had the south half.

Then we went to work. Almost every day the boys in the Industrial Art, and the girls in the Homemaking classes, go down to work in the garden. So now ours is the tallest and most green in the whole garden.

We have already planted carrots, lettuce, squash, tomatoes, radishes, water-mellions, beans and some peas along the other side.

It is rumored that the girls have begun to eat their radishes with their lunches that they take to the garden!

None of the vegetables are to be sold for cash. We are going to pick them and add them to our meals at the mess halls.

That means the Junior High students are going to be a lot more healthy because of working out of doors in the garden, and also from having the vegetables to eat.

All of us have been enjoying the work out there. It is fun cooperating with our fellow friends. It should not only be so in Amache, but in all the world.

## MISS LUDY'S TEA

Miss Ludy's classes, 8-1 and 8-3, gave a tea for their parents on Saturday afternoon, May 22, at two o'clock.

The mothers who came were Mrs. R. Uno, Mrs. S. Ogata, Mrs. T. Sakuraki, Mrs. Tobuki, Mrs. L. Oi, and Mrs. Norikane.

Mrs. Moore, Miss Lewis, Mr. LaCoste, Mr. Petersen were among the teachers present.

Mr. Walther spoke to the mothers about the purposes of the school, how parents can help children, the importance of removing false rumors, and the need of all to speak English in the home.

Miss Hinoki acted as interpreter for those who could not speak English. Class work, too, was shown.

## SUPERINTENDENTS ASSEMBLY

"Back to School Days" was the theme for the assembly held in April honoring the superintendents of education from different relocation centers.

The program began with the singing of the national anthem. The chairwoman, Yoshiko Oda, then called the roll and asked the superintendents of education of Jerome, Rohwer and Minidoka to say a few words.

They spoke about their respective centers' school activities and climate.

They expressed their admiration for the morale of residents of Amache, and of the quality of teachers employed. Also praised was the appearance of the whole center, especially the high school building now under construction.

Those taking part in the program were; Tumblers, a piano solo by Namiko Ota, a number by the Girls Trio, a talk by Eiichi Yoshino and a tonetto duet by Mr. Walther and Mr. Hascall.

On the way back to their respective centers, they visited in Amache with Mr. Terry.

Buy war bonds!



# EDITORIAL

## Food for Victory

The victory garden of the Junior High School will help alot to meet the shortage of vegetables.

Junior High Students are very proud to help in the war effort.

The seeds that have been planted so far are spinach beets, melons, beans and some others. They will come up any time now.

This will be a good opportunity for the students to learn about farming, the management of soil, irrigation and so on.

Let's all cooperate with the teachers in charge, and let's "Keep 'em growing!"

Stanley Marumoto-93

## TEACHERS

Because so many teachers have left the Junior High School, there is a serious shortage of teachers here.

Any adult who has had some college education is urged to see Mr. H.K. Walther, principal of the Junior High, to be interviewed as a prospective teacher.

## GARDENS

Today we are at war and we have finally come to the point of food shortage.

We, of the second generation, have been taking it easy ever since the war started. Today the United States is calling upon us for help. It is our duty to answer this call, showing them that we are good and loyal citizens.

The shortage of food may grow into a very serious problem. Many Americans may think us not loyal to America, if we do not get in and help.

If we all get out there and work for our rights, and our lives, we may be able to make these United States a better place for the Japanese to live in.

There are farms large enough for everyone to work on. We may raise vegetables, poultry or cattle, or may even drive tractors.

Our tanks and trucks and planes run on gas, but we run on our stomachs. So let us supply this land with food until victory is won.

Mac Sakaguchi 9-3

## STUDENT COUNCIL

The purposes of the Student Council are many, but its main duties are to see that the other councils do their work, and to solve the problems that the representatives of the classes bring to it.

The Student Council is made up of representative students from each class and section.

The Council is functioning well. It has decided the school colors, and is now voting upon a name.

It has sponsored some very successful assembly programs, and has some more planned.

The Council is planning to organize a school court through which students who break school laws will be punished.

Eiichi Yoshino 9-2

## IN APPRECIATION

We, the Amache Junior High students, wish to express our deepest appreciation of the untiring efforts of the teaching staff.

At present there are twelve appointed personnel and sixteen Japanese-American teachers.

They are working eight hours a day and even more for the same amount of pay that is given to people with softer jobs. These teachers are not working merely for the salary but are contributing their talents for the good of the evacuees.

These teachers, who have given up many opportunities by being in this dust bowl should and do have our respect.

We sincerely thank you, instructors, for all you are doing for us.

Toshko Sakamoto 9-4

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# FAMILY

## MISS SANUI

She was born in Oroshi, California, Tulare County.

She evacuated to Merced, where she spent many happy days and months.

Now she is doing a very fine job at Amache as our librarian.

Amache students, she says are fond of magazines; the boys like Model Airplane News and Popular Mechanics while the girls like their own kind of magazines; The Ladies' Home Journal, Good Housekeeping and American Girl.

Phil Horimoto 7-1

## GOOD LOOKING

The friendly looking gentleman seen around the campus lately is our new science teacher, Mr. John La Coste.

He was born in Illinois in 1912, and attended a big high school in Chicago which held 8,000 pupils.

Graduated from Coe College, in Iowa, he attended the University of Iowa for post graduate work.

He majored in History but did work in geology, mineralogy and paleontology.

When he taught science and physical education at Hideville, Iowa, both his boys' and girls' teams won many games.

At Troy Hills, Iowa, he taught history and typing as well as athletics.

Here he is head of the Science Department.

He is a very friendly and interesting person and a favorite with the pupils.

Mr. LaCoste is the proud father of a seven months old son.

The family lives in a trailer camp, in the town of Granada.

He said he would be glad to have students come to visit him.

Mary Shimada 9-2



## A NEW FRIEND

Mr. Goodwin Petersen became a teacher at Amache on April twelfth.

Before coming here he was employed by Air Radio Corporation, at Stamford Connecticut, as a design engineer.

He taught at Ohio State University in the Model Laboratory of Arts and Industries.

From 1937-1939 he attended the University of Illinois College of Electrical Engineering.

Mr. Petersen received his B.Ed. degree from the Southern Illinois Normal School, which is in his home town.

He is married, and is living in Lamar.

## "SAKY"

Sachiko Sakakura the popular girls' gym teacher was born Feb. 20, 1924. She lived in Los Angeles nearly eighteen years.

"Saky", as she is often called, graduated from the Foshay Junior High School and attended Dorsey High.

Prior to the war she was a senior but, being hit by evacuation, graduated at Santa Anita Assembly Center.

"Saky" is five feet two inches tall. Teacher her girls dancing and "jitter bugging."

This tricky gal rolls her slacks knee high with clips, just to look rugged or to be patriotic.

She likes social life sports, dancing and spaghetti, and hates ---but definitely---beans!

She resides at 9L-6C and teaches at 9L Rec. Hall.

## STORK VISITS

Mr. Harry Naka is looking haggard but happy. Well after all it isn't every day that you have to pace the floor, and wear out a pair of shoes, is it, Mr. N? We hope you are feeling a great deal better now.

The mother and baby are doing well.

The proud father is withholding comment until further notice.

F. Sotomura.

## TEACHER LEAVES

Mrs. Komatsu, the general education teacher for the seventh and eighth grades finished her teaching here and went to live in Idaho.

Her students gave her a gift to which each of the students contributed.

May Yasumura 8-4

## PERSONALITY

The personality teacher of the week is none other than Mrs. E. Stewart.

You really ought to meet this creature from California.

Favorite saying, "My what brilliant students I have!"

Favorite song, "I must have been a beautiful baby"

A sign on the door says "Quiet - Genius at work."

## "GREETINGS" "SIRS"

"Greetings, Sir!" This phrase is familiar to all boys in this school. It is given to Mr. Robert George, attendance officer one head "lecturer" (official bawler-out, to you)

Oh, yes; he is also a general education teacher.

Mr. George, I don't know what our school would be without you!

Anyway, hats off to you.

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## GENIUS AT WORK

Perhaps the only room in the Junior High which is so decorative and pleasing is 2E. The room is painted green to give a cool effect. The book shelves are also attractively painted, as is the map rack. Beneath the windows is a frieze of book jackets. The walls are decorated with pictures and maps drawn by the students. The map of the countries studied, and help to decorate the room as well as help the students with their lessons.

Proverbs which have lots of meaning are pinned here and there on the walls.

A reproduction of the tent camp was made by the students in Mrs. Stewart's general education classes.

Aiko Kasai 9-3

## MISS STRAIN

The new teacher who came to take Mrs. Komatsu's classes is Miss Strain of Lamar, Colorado.

She attended college for two years in Pasadena, California, and one year at Oklahoma College. She is now finishing in Greeley. Although she has been with us just a few weeks she is already very well liked by our students.

We are glad to have you with us, Miss Strain.

Yoshiko Hatanaka 7-1

## FACULTY DOIN'S

Mr. George went to Idaho Springs and Boulder, over the Memorial Day week-end.

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Mr. LaCoste went to Estes Park, at Colorado Springs, with his wife and baby.

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Miss Ludy visited in the city of Boulder, and while there had a tooth pulled.

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Miss Steffens visited in Colorado Springs.

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Mr. Wright went to Greeley to visit his wife and his children.

L. Nakamura 7-2

## FIRE!

The Junior High School had a fire drill on Monday afternoon. The new fire sirens were perfect. They are mounted on each side of the laundry.

## HOLLYWOOD

One of the favorite teachers of our Junior Hi is Mr. Yas Hara, the science teacher. He is described as "the teacher with the dark glasses."

He likes, and is good at sports as is shown by his being on the A.A. league soft ball team.

He attended the San Pedro and 36th Street Schools, as well as Foshay Junior Hi, and Manual Arts High. He was at S.C. when the evacuation orders cut short his education.

He was born in the city of Los Angeles on June 15 1921.

He was small as a child but today stands five feet eight inches, and weighs one hundred and forty.

## MOVIES

We should thank Miss Ludy for all she does for us. She shows all the movies.

Julian Bryan is a roving cameraman who catches the glamour and picturesque side of far-off places showing what makes them tick. He takes South American pictures.

"Our Neighbors Down the Road" is magnificently photographed in color. It shows an automobile trip from Caracas to Magdalena, and much of the picture is about the Pan-American Highway, and shows both Atlantic and Pacific beaches. Herbert Lanks took this picture. It is a sound film of four reels.

Shige Kiguchi 9-3

## MR MORI

Mr. Shiro Mori is one of the most popular teachers in the Junior High. He is a good-natured fellow and has a good sense of humor.

Former Foshay man and Manual Arts Teller, he now resides at 1118-9D. He went to U.C.L.A. for two years and later to U.C. where he got his B.S. degree.

Mr. Mori was a member of Troop 64, and of the "Argonauts."

He worked at San Lorenzo Nursery prior to his evacuation.

Mr. Mori definitely hates girls! He likes ice cream and malted milk. When asked what he thinks about the future, he gives a blank look and says merely "I don't."

S.H. 9-4

## P.T.A. MEET

The 7-1 and 7-2 classes had a parent-teacher meeting Saturday, June 5, in 8H 1E, Miss Ludy's room.

Mr. Walther gave a short talk about the school. He spoke of the work of the different departments, how the parents can help, and the importance of speaking English in the home.

Then talks were given by student representatives of each activity: Arthur Miyashima of the Student Council, Philip Iorimoto and Robert Fuchigami of the Mystic staff, Miss Hinoki of the Homemaking Department.

These classes appreciate the cooperation of the Art and Homemaking Department in making their tea a big success.

Kiyoko Matsuda 7-2

## Poet's Corner

Friends, true friends, never die in the hearts of men.

Friends, who help others in times of hardship, Are always there to comfort the sad and lonely ones. Their hearts are open to love and humanity, Human feelings and self respect, With Everlasting Love spread over them. Friends are needed for successful prosperity; They are the ones we look forward to meeting and trust.

Let them respect you as you do them.

Sachiko Tanaka 9-3



# ROOM NOTES

## LIBRARY

Our librarian is Miss. Michiko Sanui. She hails from Yuba City, California. She worked as librarian at Merced Assembly Center.

The library has 970 books and in April the circulation figure was 1,560.

About 560 books were donated as gifts to the library, and the other 410 have been purchased.

The most popular books are sports, mystery, dog and adventure stories.

The most popular magazines are Life, Model Plane News, Popular Mechanics, Popular Science, American Girl, Good Housekeeping and American Magazine.

Miss Sanui says that the dog stories by O'Brien are one of the best groups of books in the library.

Bob Fuchigami 7-1

## PICNIC

Miss Steffens and the 7-1 General Education class went on a hike to Hideaway Lake, during the Memorial Day vacation.

The students took their own lunches, and the class bought Pepsi-Cola.

We had a lot of fun.

Yoshino Hatanaka.

## 9-5 NEWS

Miss Crain's 9-5 General Education class is now studying the Latin American countries. So far they have covered those in South America.

A few days ago Mrs. Bender gave a talk about her visit to Mexico. She brought various articles that were beautifully made by the people. It was a very interesting talk, and the class all enjoyed it very much.

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## FLASH!

Hot off the Griddle!

In Industrial Arts, Harry Matsushita (alias Long John) is making a plane. It is a P-38. Wonder why?

9-5's most interesting profile - Shige (Bird) Kuge.

Foremost pinhead - Hiroshi (Bob Hope) Yamauchi.

What is the matter with Mr. Fara's numbering; he leaves out "3" all the time.

Akio Iwanaga 9-5

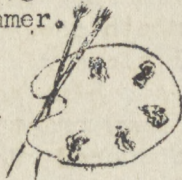
## GARDENING

About one hundred girls of the Junior High have volunteered to work in the garden. They have half an acre of land in which to plant their vegetables.

Some of the things they have planted are carrots, squash, lettuce, red and white beets and tomatoes.

Miss Hinoki plans to put in spinach, beans and corn.

They expect to can all these vegetables during the summer.



The Art Department is now working hard on many different projects.

If you visit it you will find the seventh grade and eighth grade classes working on lapel pins and on puppets. The seventh grade also models in clay.

The eighth graders also sketch and make lanyards and chains.

The ninth grade is hard at work on leather-craft, plastics, painting, stencil design and fashion design.

Mr. Okamoto and Julia and Lydia Tanji are the very able instructors.

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## HOMEMAKING

The class in which we girls have the most fun is the homemaking class (I suppose the boys don't care!)

There are interesting projects going on all the time; gardening, cooking, sewing and many others.

Miss Hinoki teaches the cooking classes, and all the girls wish they took it when the girls tell all about the delicious things they cook and eat! They plan to can the vegetable from the garden this summer.

There are about one hundred girls in the cooking classes.

New, modern electric refrigerators and stoves are here now, and the girls are learning to use them.

Another very interesting subject is child care. We are learning to care for children one to five years old. The class has visited the nursery school. We hope the girls will make use of their knowledge.

This summer many girls are going to keep very cool as they are making shorts and blouses in sewing. Won't the boys enjoy seeing them!

Sewing classes also are learning what colors each girl should wear, and what designs suit each one best. They also study fabrics and how to run a modern sewing machine.

Mary Hyashigawa.

## LEAKER

We sincerely thank Mrs. Bender for her most interesting talk on Old Mexico.

She told us of the very interesting things that go on down there. Also she brought a leather purse, a pair of sandals and a hand bag, which she purchased as souvenirs, in order to show us what beautiful hand work the Mexican children do.

We enjoyed her talk so very much.

The 9-1 Class.



# STUDIES

## CAPTAIN KARPEN

On May 21, at an assembly sponsored by the Student Council, a very well delivered speech was given by Captain John Karpen, commanding officer of the 335th Escort Guard. He also said how much he admired the landscaping of the school grounds.

Corporal King, also of the 335th Escort Guard, entertained the assembly by singing and playing on his ukulele.

Molly Fujihara 9-1

## BOY SCOUT ASSEMBLY

The assembly of Thursday, May 28, was sponsored by the Student Council with Eiichi Yoshino as chairman.

The program opened with the Color Guard, of Troop 162, Pledge of Allegiance and "To the Colors" by Troop 179.

The Drum and Bugle Corps of Troop 179, under the direction of George Saito, played the Legion Drummer, The 179 March Street Beat and You're In the Army Now.

Lucky Yamaga, Clark Tokunaga, Fred Morimoto and Eddie Moriguchi, of Troop 162, demonstrated how to render first-aid.

Mr. Ed Tokunaga gave a short talk on scubuting.

The closing ceremony of "Taps" was played by the Troop 179 buglers.

Among the honorary guests were Frank Morimoto, senior patrol leader, Mr. Uragami, financial advisor, Mr. George Saito, the scout master of Troop 179, Mr. K. Fukiyama, cub scout leader and Mr. Frank Nakatani, scout master of Troop 180.

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NOTER: Sam! Get up!

Eight o'clock!

SAM: (Sleepily) Did ja?

Better call a doctor.

Members of the Junior High Co-op Board had a meeting last Friday, Sixth period, to discuss those matters concerning the store.

Mr. Harry Uka, the Co-op advisor, explained how the store is getting on.

The meeting was then turned over to Toshiko Sakanoto, president, and discussion followed.

Toshiko explained that there were four workers taking turns at being the business manager. These four divided into pairs and took turns working in the store.

Mr. Uka then added that the business managers received six cents a day and the clerks five as their wages.

The meeting was adjourned at four o'clock.

Roy Ito 7-4

## Adios KAY!

Kay Kanazawa of the 74 class, left for Chicago about a month ago.

The 7-1 class was very sorry to see him go because he knew practically all the answers! He was brilliant and a master mind.

Kay was very popular with his fellow class members. He was one of the best tumblers, and so the 7-1 class take their hats off to Kay.

## FLAG RAISING

The flag is raised every school day morning. Each Monday morning the whole school goes to witness it. The color guard changes among the "three schools."

Our Junior Hi Color Guard consists of Clark Tokunaga, Susumu Yamamoto, Eddie Moriguchi, of Troop 162 under the direction of Ed Tokunaga.

We wish to compliment them on their splendid work.

## Recital

The beginners' piano class held their first recital on Saturday, June 5 in Terry Hall.

Thirty-five girls and one boy participated.

Yoshiko Ota was chairman. Two duets were played and Patty Susuki rendered a vocal number.

Mary Iatanabe, teacher of piano, says that there will be another recital in the near future.

## GOOD STUDENT

Howard Iki, one of our good pupils, from the 7-1 class, left school a week ago without any warning. He was good in his studies and a cooperative student.

It was a great blow to some of the teachers when they learned he had left.

He is at Trinidad with his father, and we know he is happy where he is.

Maryalice Runcorn 7-1

## Good's Corner

WHY DOES --

Eiichi Yoshino always go down to 8-E?

Nobuko Masato always talk about K.K., of 9-1, claiming her heart is in the... right place?

Mae Kawamoto want to go through Bolek 7-F?

Yas Tomita always blush when Julia Yoshoka's name is mentioned?

Grace Yamaguchi all ways talk about G.N. and then start to sing, "Let's get Lost"?

Sachiko Sakakura always talk about "muscles" and then pretend to faint?

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HARRY: What would you do if you were in my shoes?

JERRY: Shine 'em!

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# NEWS FLASHES

## A NEW ROOM

At 11G-11F there is a room for all the boys of the Amache Junior High.

In that room is a radio which Mr. George furnished so that we might enjoy ourselves. On the wall are Indian designs and other ornaments.

The room is for any boy who doesn't have anything to do, or who just wants to talk or debate with Mr. George or anyone else.

It is your room, boys; take good care of it.

It is open each Tuesday and Thursday night from 6:30 P.M. on.

Mr. George is in charge.  
Shige Kiguchi 9-3

## MUSIC

Thursday and Friday, May 27th and 28th, the Music Department, sponsored two different programs.

The Thursday concert was mostly of Japanese music. Among the many performers were Misses Nishikawa, Sumi Kawamura and Mr. Komagai.

The admission charge was fifteen cents. The show brought in \$72.11.

Friday's program included numbers by the Glee Club, the band and the orchestra.

Donations were made instead of an admission charge. The amount totaled ten dollars.

## SORRY

Mr. H.K. Walther, principal of the Junior High tried to fly a kite for his little daughter, but the kite would not fly. He tried very hard to fly it, but it took a nose dive every time.

After about ten minutes of hard work, he quit and went home.

This incident occurred about 6:30 Wednesday, May 19, in front of the center store.

Lawrence Nakamura.

## CO-OP

The month of April, the Co-op did a business of \$127.33. They made a profit of \$27.89 and have a surplus of \$66.76.

The Co-op has a total of 234 members, and there is still time to become a member.

For the period ending on March 31, the Co-op distributed rebates totaling forty dollars.

The Co-op recently opened a checking account at the Bank of Granada.

Membership fee is twenty five cents, and this will be returned for good reason such as relocation or graduation.

Despite the higher cost of pastries, the Co-op continues to sell them, although the profit has been cut.

The members of the Co-op board are: Toshiko Sakamoto, president; Harry Fujihara, vice-president; Namiko Ota, secretary; Margaret Masuoka, treasurer.

The members of the Staff are: Reiko Rikimaru, Fumiko Sotomura, Louise Sasano, Justine Sekiyama and Lorraine Miyahara.

Mr. Harry Naka is faculty advisor.

Art Sawa 9-3

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## WHO'S ZOO

The Amache Junior High Zoo is an activity of the science department.

The animals were captured by the science students who also feed them.

The Zoo consists of two box turtles, three big bull snakes—the largest is five feet long—and three garter snakes.

The food of the reptiles is rodents, and insects, and these are not eaten unless alive.

None of the snakes are at all poisonous.

Edith Yamasaki 7-1

## POSTON

If you think it is hot here, you should visit in Poston, Camps I, II or III. The temperature there may rise to 100° or 105° indoors! Coolers are placed in each apartment and the double roofs help. But how the people long for some real snow!

Barracks are like the ones at Santa Anita, but they have only four apartments, instead of six, in a building.

Vaudeville and movies are held each week to entertain the residents.

On Saturday and Sunday men and boys go fishing all day on the Colorado River where big fish and turtles live. It is near the Center.

The swimming pool is open to the public, with life guards to protect the swimmers.

Talented people of the Center make beautiful and complicated vases, bowls, canes and other things out of ironwood roots.

Various kinds of rocks curved all around, are in their collection. It is really something to see.

Sachiko Tanaka 9-3

## DAILY VISITOR

You will see her in the classrooms, around on the school grounds, or just about anywhere in the Jr. Hi. She is "Mush", the dog; a sort of mascot of the school. She got her name from her "husky" aspect.

More than a month ago she met with a very unfortunate accident in which her back leg was badly smashed. Some 9-2 boys took her to the hospital where her leg was put into a cast by Dr. Carstarphen. Even after two casts she still limps about. Her leg will never be well again.

Here's to Mush, daily visitor!



# SPORTS

## Sports Chatter

## SPORTS REVIEW

## KITE CONTEST

Dancing seems to be the most popular pastime during bad weather. The girls are learning how to waltz and "jitterbug".

In sunny weather they are seen playing baseball, tennis, basket-ball and volley ball.

Teams will be formed and captains chosen, to challenge other teams.

The girls' health class which meets for fifteen minutes each day, is now studying the treatment for shock, sunburn and snakebite.

According to Mrs. Mahoney skill tests in baseball will be taken soon.

## 9L HIKE

Girls, don't we have good exercise walking to 9-Land back? I hope the walk is not a strain on you!

All of us have health and first-aid lessons from Mrs. Mahoney.

Then some of us play games while other classes take tumbling.

We have the whole recreation hall to ourselves, so we have quite a big room.

We girls have quite a time, since there are so many activities.

Kiyome Naruto 9-3



A baseball league has been organized for boys thirteen years old and younger.

The Junior Ramblers defeated the Junior Echoes at the 10-F diamond by a score of three to seven.

Elmer Kitagawa pitched for the Echoes, and Raymond Morita chucked for the winning team.

Yo Otani 8-4

The purpose of physical education, according to Mr. Clarence Kahler, director of boys's physical education, is to develop a co-operative spirit, sportsmanship, clean living and coordination of body muscles.

The pupils learn to play different games, learn the rules and a short history of each sport. The various sports the pupils have played are touch football, boxing, soccer, speedball, soft ball, tumbling, basket-ball, soccer, track, calisthenics.

Part of the time is spent in studying health, first aid, safety rules and the general make-up of the body.

Mr. Kahler was born in Kansas and went to Kansas State College, where he was a three letter man. He went out for football, base-ball, basketball and track.

He taught for three years in Kansas and coached football, baseball and basketball.

Before coming here he was principal and coach at the Granada High School.

Mr. Kahler's assistants are John Kawata and Jimmie Otsuki, who are also very popular with the boys.

Bob Fuchigami 7-1

## SOFT BALL

The fifth period Junior Hi all-star soft ball team played the Senior Hi team in a game at the 9-K diamond recently. The score was nine to one in favor of the Junior Hi's.

The Junior Hi team players are Wayne Horita, Paul Sugimoto, Sho Matsuoka, Mas Sugimoto, James Shoji, Harry Fujimoto, Whitey Shiro, Kay Tani, Kiyomi Hamamoto and Richard Ogawa.

Pitcher Wayne Horita's fast ball hurling allowed only two hits in the two inning games. He also put out two batters.

Sam Nogawa hurled for the losing team in the first inning and George Watanabe took over in the second inning.

On May 18, the Junior Hi and the Elementary School, enjoyed the kite contest held by the Elementary boys on 9-G lot.

The contestants were divided into three groups; Bluebirds, Swallows and Eagles. Each group was divided into two sections so contestants might all have plenty of room.

First, second and third grades were Bluebirds, the fourth and fifth grades Swallows, and the sixth grade Eagles.

After the contest there was an open tournament for anyone who wished to take part in it.

Prizes were presented on May 19 in Terry Hall, to two first place winners in each group.

Miss Egelgaard was in charge of this event.

James Ogawa 9-3

## HURLERS

The Junior and Senior Hi had a baseball game, on the second of June, at the 9-K ball diamond. This was the first game the Junior Hi has played against another team.

The Junior Hi team was chosen from three ninth grade classes. The players were Hiroshi Yamauchi, Mac Sakaguchi, Shoji Kimura, Shiro Kawamura, Manchi Uyesugi, George Takahashi, Akio Iwanaga, George Nagai, Nathan Osajima.

Substitutes were Richard Kitagawa, Iwao Okuno, Minoru Shigezani.

In the second inning, a home run was hit by Shiro Kawamura. Everybody was yelling "run faster", but he still ran around the bases like a turtle.

The game ended with a score of nine to one in favor of the Junior Hi.

S. Marumoto 9-3



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# JUNIOR HIGH GRADS IN COMMENCEMENT

By Toshiko Sakamoto

The ninth grade students will participate in the last class activity of the year when the Commencement Exercises are held in the new High School auditorium this evening. The program theme, "Youth Makes A Pledge" is based on the Four Freedoms. The Commencement will be highlighted by a radio-type play describing the Four Freedoms and the possibilities of world peace.

A new Bill of Rights, which is one of the post war goals of the National Resources Planning Board, is the pledge to be given by the graduates:

- The right to work.
- The right to fair pay.
- The right to adequate food clothing, shelter and medical care.
- The right to security.
- The right to live in a system of free enterprise.
- The right to come and go, to speak or be silent free from prying, secret military police.
- The right to equality before the law.
- The right to education for work, for citizenship, for personal growth and happiness.
- The right to rest, recreation, adventure and to take part in advancing civilization.

The students on the Commencement Committee include Rae Abe, Harry Funatsu, Mary Shimada, Shoji Kimura, Sachiko Tanaka, George Takahashi, Setsumi Saito, Satoshi Hayashi, Yoshiko Oda, Hiroshi Yamauchi, Julia Yoshioka, Eddie Moriguchi, Molly Fujihara, George Murakami and Toshiko Sakamoto.

## GREETINGS

The kind of school that students in the Junior High School have made has been an important contribution to the successful operation of this center. Any outstanding achievement made by Junior High School Students reflects credit to the center and to all Japanese Americans. The enthusiastic reception of the Junior High School Girls' Trio in Pueblo is a good example of this.

I congratulate Junior High School students on their excellent morale and their alertness to their responsibility to the community and to themselves.

On behalf of the faculty of Amache Junior High School I extend sincere good wishes to our first graduating class. The cheerful and helpful attitude which most of you have displayed throughout the year has won for you our affectionate esteem.

Most of you have made much improvement in your school work. You have had a share in solving the problems of the school, and in its direction. We hope that you have made many new friends.

Remember that you build courage and foresight will your futures with your own hands and hearts and minds. No one can give you success it has to be earned.

A truly cooperative and thoughtful citizen will always have the respect of his fellowmen. Help build a better Amache, a better America, a better world!

Good luck!

Herbert K. Walther.

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# PROGRAM

Processional.....School Band  
 Invocation.....Rev. Chiaki Kuzhara  
 "Song of Farewell".....Girls' Glee Club  
 "Youth Makes a Pledge".....Voice of the Ninth Grade  
 "American Prayer".....Girls' Trio  
 "Let's Bring New Glory to Old Glory".....Girls' Trio  
 Presentation of the Class.....Mr. H.K. Walther  
 Address of Acceptance.....Mr. Paul J. Terry  
 Presentation of Diplomas.....Mr. James G. Lindley  
 Mr. Paul J. Terry  
 Benediction.....Rev. George Y. Yahiro  
 Recessional.....School Band

## CANNING

The Homemaking Department is organizing girls of the ninth grade and high school who are willing to can food at Koen Ranch. The purpose of this is to provide food for winter use at Amache.

The work will probably start the first of July and go on all summer long. The girls will work either part of full time.

Some of the vegetables that are going to be canned are tomatoes, corn, peas and green string beans. We hope that we can put up several thousand gallons.

The girls will be notified when to begin work. The transportation will be provided. Please register at 8 H, 4-F if you are planning to help.

I think this will be a great help to all girls because they will learn about canning. And of course it will be a great help to the center.

Remember; the more we can the more we help ourselves and the war effort.

Kiyome Naruto 9-3

## "DEAR TEACHER"

Opal Dorothy Steffens was born in Jefferson City, Missouri. She attended the first eight grades in that "show me" state. She graduated from Greeley, Colorado high school, and attended the University of Southern California, at Los Angeles. She graduated from the Colorado State College of Education at Greeley, with a major in English.

Before coming to Amache, she taught in the Cody, Wyoming public schools.

Her favorite pastimes are bridge, horseback riding, skiing and hiking.

During the summer time she spends a few weeks working in summer resorts.

She has traveled in Canada and Mexico.

At Amache she teaches General Education, and is the Girls' Advisor.

Bob Fuchigami 7-1

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JOIN THE LAND ARMY

FIGHT ON THE HOME

FRONT!!!!

## GREETINGS

(Continued from page 1.)  
 of the world is seen through your eyes, and you have the right and ability to make the world such that the picture you see is fair, encouraging and beautiful.

Paul J. Terry  
 Supt. of Education.

## PARTY

The Mystic staff held a party Tuesday after school in 2E. Mrs. Stewart, their advisor, read all of the comments that came in. She praised the staff for working so hard and making the paper such an outstanding success.

Then the group discussed the possibilities of finding future careers in the field of journalism.

Later, refreshments were served.

Toshiko Sakamoto

## APPRECIATION

We, the Amache Junior High student body, sincerely thank Rev. Chiaki Kuzhara who has given many hours of his valuable time in helping our staff get out both editions of The Mystic. The success of the paper is largely due to his excellent craftsmanship.

## THANK YOU

To the Rev. George Y. Yahiro and the Rev. Chiaki Kuzhara we sincerely extend our thanks for their help in making the first Amache Junior High School graduation program a success.

Robert Fuchigami 7-1

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BUY WAR BONDS

AND

STAMPS

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## Mystic Staff

Editors in chief	- Toshiko Sakamoto	9-4
	Stanley Marumoto	9-3
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	Phillip Horimoto	7-1
Girls' Sports	- Rose Taniguchi	9-4
	Kiyomi Naruto	9-3
Boys' Sports	- Robert Fuchigami	7-1
	Yoshio Otani	8-4
Society Editors	- Aiko Kasai	9-3
	Molly Fujihara	9-1
Art Editors	- Edith Yamasaki	7-1
	Yuriko Yamamoto	9-3
Make-up	- James Ogawa	9-3
	Joe Amamoto	8-1
Staff artists	- George Kawahara	9-1
	Arthur Sawa	9-3
Faculty Sponsor	- Mrs. E. Stewart	

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# HOROSCOPE

Name	Frequently Seen	Will Probably Become
Emi Ando and Anna Sasaki	Reading comic books.	Book worms.
Edna Fujihara, Edna Hagihara	With P.S. for grades.	Encyclopedia compilers.
Chiyoko Kanagaki, Rae Abo	Talking about boys.	Man haters.
Mae Kawamoto, Yoshiko Baba	Stuttering	Good conversationalists.
Mitsuyo Hatanaka, Dolly Atagi	Adding beards to faces.	Great artists.
Molly Fujihara, Bette Hasegawa	Talking and talking.	Telephone girls.
Margaret Funayama, Mary Matoba	Just sitting.	Western Union girls.
Moonza Maruyama, and anybody	Reading and writing	Information clerk.
John Heya, Whitey Shiro	Never listening	F.B.I. men
George Kawahara, Nori Kawasaki	Showing off	Noticed.
Harry Funatsu, Yutaka Koga	With perfume bottles.	Garbage collectors.
James Shoji, Kay Tani	Yawning.	Radio announcers.
Frank Sato, Bill Fukumitsu	Not talking	Barbers.
Sho Matsuka, Richard Ogawa	Taking notes (?)	Professors.
Jerry Fukui, Kenneth Kojima	Acting silly	Clowns
Clarence Ichikawa and someone(?)	At the co-op	Thrifty
Rayton Enomoto, Harry Fujimoto	Stretching.	He-men!
James Heya, Jimmy Koga	Sorta gloomy	Comic strip artists
Name	Frequently Seen	Will Probably Become
Julia Yoshioka, Grace Yatabe	Out talking each other	Quiet little housewives.
Rumi Tonai, May Taniguchi	Studying	Pilots of P-38's
Sumie Uyekubo, Kiyoko Asai	Dancing	Old ladies
Fujiko Amemiya, Justine Sekiyama	Thinking of boy friends	Bachelor girls.
Midori Mori, Namiye Kinoshita	Talking "boochie"	English teachers.
Mary Jean Hirakawa, Shizue Osuga	Enjoying "chit-chat"	Telegraph operators
Shizuko Kakiki, Grace Yoshioka	Agreeing with each other	Debaters.
Mary Shimada	Quietly listening	Public speaker
John Endo, Harry Fujihara	Sleeping	Army buglers
Terumi Feruya, Eiichi Yoshino	Arguing	At the peace conference
George Hayase, Fred Yokoyama	Studying	Taxi drivers
Michiharu Yoshimura, Irvin Hirano	Bragging	Hermits
Takeo Kata, and his thoughts	Strolling aimlessly	Marathon runner
Wesley Yamaka, Shoge Kimura	Stumbling about	Tight-rope walkers
Richard Masato, William Sugawara	Watching girls	Detectives
Luther Mizukami, and pals	Sketching	Disney artist
Sadami Sako, Kaz Rikimaru	Catching snakes	Frank Buck's assistants
Nathan Osajima, Fred Morimoto	Following Mr. Mori	Army Intelligence men
Iwao Okuno, Osamu Nagai	Fishing for "A's"	Alphabet soup makers
George Mukaida and some girls	Jitterbugging	Director of ballet corps
Name	Frequently Seen	Will Probably Become
Kiyome Naruto, Rose Saito	Quarreling	Leaders of Friends' Club
Yoneko Ibusuki, Yuri Yamamoto	Playing in class	Teachers
Mitsuko Seta, Sachiko Fukuda	Looking puzzled	On "Information Please"
Mary Tsurumoto, Sachiko Tanaka	Getting answers from M.	Advice column writers
Shigeo Matsuea, Tomiko Ogata	Talking loudly	Debaters
Aiko Kasai, Betty Komatsubara	Singing	Professionals, by n' by.
Helen Nakano, Joyce Nakamura	Joking	Club women
Tats Hirotsuka, Goichi Taguma	Making noise	Tobacco auctioneers
Shige Kiguchi, George Nagai	Without money	Millionaires
George Takahashi, Harry Morita	Around here	Railroad men
Stanley Marumoto, Art Sawa	Thinking	Organizers
Richard Kitagawa, Frank Okuda	Flexing their muscles	Policemen
Mac Sakaguchi, Yoshito Matsuea	Dreaming of girls	Bachelors
Min Shigezani, Sam Ichikawa	Getting "O's" in tests	Professors
Susumu Yamamoto, Daniel Tani	Grimacing	Tooth paste ads
Frank Norkiano, Yas Tomita	Sleeping	Sailors
Yas Shibata, Hiromu Tamai	Out-talking each other	Quiet farmers
James Ogawa and a few girls	Eating Co-op snails	Restaurant owner
Name	Nickname	Ambition
Misuko Nakakihara,	"Missy"	To be a lady
Grace Haratani	"A Rat"	To be a mouse
Dorothy Otsuka	"Dumb Dora"	To be a "Smart Dora".
Toshiko Sakamoto	"Imitation Muscle-head"	Be a genuine one
Kazumi Nakano	"Serious"	Another Nakano "whizzle"
Grace Yamaguchi	"Cow-girl"	To get to the city
Loretta Yamamoto	"Studious"	To become a teacher
Florence Makita	"Flossy"	To become a ballerina
Nobuko Masato	"Proffo, Jr."	To beat her brother
Mitsue Iwata	"Minnie"	To find "Mickey"
Mey Miura	"8-ball"	A bowling champ.
Fumi Sotomura	"Feminine"	Be able to look a mouse in the eye.



Shizue Nagoshi  
George Nomura  
Henry Okubo  
Eddie Kubota  
George Murakami  
James Naruse  
Mas Sugimoto  
Henry Murakami  
Kiyomo Hamamoto  
William Yasumura  
Mitsuo Hirose  
Wayne Horita  
John Endo  
Satoshi Saneto  
Bob Uragami  
Satoshi Rikimaru  
Tom Oshita  
Sadao Itano  
Abe Maruyama  
Paul Sugimoto  
Satoshi Hayashi

#### Name

Joyce Ikesaki, Anna Sugiyama and Sally Sugioka  
Tomiko Ishida, Esther Yahiro  
Louise Sasano, Ikuko Takano  
Yoshiko Odá, Reiko Rikimaru  
Namiko Ota, Setsumi Saito  
Mitsuko Yamamoto, Miko Uyehara  
Florence Kunitake, and Lorraine Miyahara  
Peter K. Mura, Evan Toyama  
Roy Yokahari, Richard Hidaka  
Akio Iwanaga, Shiro Kawamura  
Shigeru Kuge, Harry Matsushita  
Jack Watanabe, Hiroshi Yamauchi  
Jimmie Yamasaki, Tom Nakamura  
Takatoshi Uyesugi, Tom Yamamoto  
Eddie Moriguchi

"Athlete"  
"Edison Jr."  
"Daddy"  
"Thunderbolt"  
"Sax"  
"Master mind"  
"Spider"  
"Baboon"  
"Silent man"  
"Yambo"  
"Hirose"  
"Chucker"  
"Forty"  
"Sly"  
"Professor"  
"Sachi"  
"Shorty"  
"Bashful"  
"Projector"  
"President"  
"Pin Head"

#### Frequently Seen

Playing baseball  
"Cracking" their gum  
Trying to sing  
Giving dirty looks  
Planning their careers  
Talking about love  
Drawing  
Quizzing  
Playing jokes  
Fooling around  
Making "goo-goo" eyes  
Doing the "Hula-hula"  
Studying  
Half asleep  
Getting "A's"

Join the N.Y. Yankees  
Radio expert  
Daddy of 'em all  
Inventor  
Orchestra leader  
Superman  
To meet a black widow  
Go back home (Africa)  
A "mystic".  
Industrial Art Teacher  
Crystal City  
Live in 7F  
Be a wrestler  
Something you don't know  
Night club M.C.  
Political Leader  
Learn to dance  
Meet some girls  
To get to Hollywood  
To be a dictator  
To be a first class Scout  
Will Probably Become

Society ladies  
Teachers  
Car hops  
Comedians  
Housewives  
Waves  
Housemaids  
Dictators  
Life guards  
Fathers of a dozen kids  
Biologists  
Side show freaks  
Child prodigies  
Quizz kids  
Soda jerker

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## ASSEMBLY

## TEA

The sixth grade classes and their teachers were guests of the seventh and eighth grades at an assembly presented on Wednesday, June 16, in Terry Hall. The following program was presented:

Salute to the flag.....Audience  
Singing of "America".....Audience  
Address of welcome.....Eiichi Yoshino  
Response.....Tomiko Kanagaki  
Yutaka Tonai  
Greetings from the faculty.....Mr. H.K. Walther  
Selections.....Girls Glee Club  
Piano Solo.....Mary Kobuki  
School Organizations.....Robert Fuchigami  
Walter O.  
Clark Tokunaga  
Selection.....Junior Hi Band  
Vocal Solo.....Pat Suzuki  
School Paper.....Phillip Horimoto  
Girls' Trio.....Lucy Kishi  
Loretta Kochi  
Chiyeko Nakatoshi  
"The Star Spangled Banner".....Audience

This program was planned and arranged by the assembly Council under the direction of Miss Steffens,

Edith Yamasaki 7-1

A very successful tea was given by Mr. George for the parents of the 9-2 and 9-4 classes on June fifth.

Chairman Satoshi Hayashi introduced Mr. Torry Mr. Walther, Mr. George, Shogi Kimura, George Murakami, Toshiko Sakamoto, Eiichi Yoshino who spoke on the different activities of the school.

Forty parents attended Florence Makita and George Murakami provided the entertainment.

Mr. George and the class committees are to be congratulated on the great success of their tea.

May we have many more successful and enjoyable gatherings of parents and teachers.

Fumiko Sotomura



### 9-1 Class

President  
Kay Tani  
Vice-president  
Rayton Enomoto  
Secretary  
Richard Ogawa  
Assembly Council  
Betty Hasegawa  
Jimmy Koga  
Safety Council  
Whitey Shiro  
Bill Fukumitsu  
Co-op Representative  
Chiyoko Kanagaki

### 9-2 Class

President  
Wesley Yamaka  
Secretary  
Shizue Osuga  
Assembly Council  
Shoge Kimura  
Safety Council  
Luther Mizukami  
Student Council  
Eiichi Yoshino  
Co-op Representative  
Harry Fujihara

### 9-3 Class

President  
George Takahashi  
Vice-president  
Rose Saito  
Secretary  
Stanley Marumoto  
Assembly Council  
Aiko Kasai  
Safety Council  
Minoru Shigezani  
Student Council  
Sachiko Tanaka  
Arthur Sawa  
Co-op Representative  
Mac Sakaguchi

### 9-4 Class

President  
Paul Sugimoto  
Vice-president  
Satoshi Saneto  
Secretary  
Satoshi Hayashi  
Assembly Council  
Fumiko Sotomura  
Safety Council  
Abie Maruyama  
George Murakami  
Student Council  
Eddie Kubota  
Co-op Representative  
Toshiko Sakamoto

### 9-5 Class

President  
Jimmy Yamasaki

### Vice-president

Takatoshi Uyesugi  
Secretary  
Reiko Rikimaru  
Assembly Council  
Yoshiko Oda  
Safety Council  
Akio Iwanaga  
Harry Matsushita  
Student Council  
Joyce Ikesaki  
Sally Sugioke  
Co-op Representative  
Namiko Ota

## MISS CRAIN

A traveling vagabond! Such is Miss Coradell Crain, who was born in Kansas and attended grade school at Junction City.

Later she attended Hi School in Hutchinson, Kansas, and graduated from Colorado Springs.

Then she traveled up to LeMars, Iowa, where she got her B.A. degree.

Next, she taught school in Van Horne, Iowa.

Each summer she would travel far and wide.

Now she is one of the outstanding teachers of music and General Education.

Her favorite pastimes are swimming, dancing and singing.

Phillip Horimoto.

## PROM

The ninth grade Prom. will be held, June 23, in the new High School gym.

The master of ceremonies is Bob "Roberto" Uragami.

Credit for the fine planning goes to the Prom Committee and Mr. George.

Those who did their share are: Eiichi Yoshino, Chiyoko Kanagaki, Yoshiko Oda, Shoge Kimura, Kay Tani, Paul Sugimoto, Harry Fumatsu, George Takahashi, Harry Fujihara, Toshiko Sakamoto, Fumiko Sotomura, Aiko Kasai, Rae Abe, Mack Sakaguchi and Jimmie Yamasaki.

## Mrs. Mahoney

The girls of all the classes love to trudge up to 9-L every day because there waits every day the most vivacious and nicest P.E. teacher.

She was born in Morris, Illinois, where she went to the grammar school. Then she moved to Denver, Colorado and attended East Denver High.

Then she furthered her education by attending the University of Denver.

She taught physical education at Eaton School, where the girls enjoyed her very much.

She worked as a nurse's aid in the Denver Hospital.

Now she is with us, teaching the girls to dance and play games.

She likes to teach P.E. she says, because one gets better acquainted with the girls in playing with them than one does in a regular classroom.

She is five feet one, and is one of the veteran teachers at Amache.

Molly Fujihara 9-1

## SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Mr. H.K. Walther, principal of the Junior Hi, released the following facts concerning the summer activities:

Classes in language, mathematics, algebra, history, geography, current events, science and other school subjects will be offered in the morning for those pupils who need additional help or who wish to do advanced work.

From 2:30 to 3:30, indoor activities; games, movies, music, speech, clubs, hobby and other groups will be held.

From 3:30 to 4:30, outdoor activities will be offered.

Additional recreational activities will be sponsored in the evenings.

## BOUQUETS

Commenting on the Amache Mystic, The Granada Journal stated, "This little paper is quite newsy and very well gotten up from a typographical 'make-up' standpoint."

The Mystic Staff is deeply appreciative of this and the many other compliments that the first issue received.

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BUY WAR BONDS AND  
WAR SAVINGS STAMPS



# THE BURGLAR

It was a quiet noontime. A dark figure crept into our store room. He grabbed a big tool box. Tip-toeing back, he siezed a new cañ teen hanging on the wall, and disappeared.

Before I could move or cry out, a car drove up in front of the house. It was a friend of ours who had come to borrow my father's tool so he could finish packing before evacuation.

He looked in the board and did not find them of course.

"Where are the tools?" he asked. I found my voice at last.

"A man came in and stole them," I said.

"Wait," said my sister, "I saw someone carry the tool box out, but I thought nothing of it at the time!"

We both started question ing her at once: "How was he dressed?" "What did he look like?" "How tall was he?" "Did you know him?"

"Yes," she said to the last question, "he lives in that white house at the end of the block."

"Let's go," said our friend. We soon reached the house and rang the bell.

"Hello," greeted a woman with a puzzled look.

"We think your brother took our tool box," we said. "My brother!" said the wo man, turning pale. "No, no, it wasn't he! What color shirt did he wear?"

"Blue!" said my sister.

"He had on a maroon col or sweater," said the woman, "He isn't home now. Good - bye!"

Returning home, the police. Soon two fat policemen arrived. We told them where the thief lived. There were noises and many voices. Before I knew it everyone had gone to hunt for the thief and I was left alone in the house.

Suddenly someone knocked at the door. Probably some peddler, I thought.

As I opened the door, to my surprise, there stood a man wearing a maroon sweat er, and carrying a tool box. "I'm sorry, Ma'am," he began "I brought the things back that I --er--hid. My friend told me that he know your father and was just trying to play a joke on hi."

"My father doesn't know any one around here," I told him. "He works all day, and be sides he doesn't speak Eng lish very well.

"Well, it was not me," said the man.

I did not know what to say I waited. Minutes passed.

Suddenly a car drove up. It was my mother and broth er. He jumped out almost be fore the car stopped. Rush ing up the steps he grabb ed the thief by the collar.

"Watta matta you!" he said to the thief. He was still saying this when the police car drove up.

After everything was all settled, we gathered at our house and bragged about the part we each took in catch ing the thief.

Mary Hayashigawa 8-2

## CHAMP TEAMS

Period Captain

1. Raymond Morita
2. Mac Sakaguchi
3. Lucky Yamaga
4. Roy Ito
5. Paul Sugimoto
6. Bob Murakami

The seventh grade soft ball championship game was played last Thursday. The score was 7 to 11 in fa vor of Raymond Morita's team. Roy Ito, captain of the defeated team gave Ray mond a good six inning game.

The eighth grade champ ionship game was played off Wednesday on the 9-K diamond. Bob Murakami's hard hitting team defeat ed Lucky Yamaga's team 7 to 4.

The ninth grade champion ship is still to be decid ed between the team of Cap tain Paul Sugimoto and Cap tain Mac Sakaguchi.

Joe Amamoto 8-1

## AWARDS

The Student Council spon sored a Merit Award Assem bly on Wednesday, June 23, in the High School Audito rium.

Eiichi Yoshino presided, and Joe Amamoto spoke. The awards were presented by Mr. Terry, Mr. Walther and the teachers. They were given for contributions and services by the students to their classes and the school.

Toshiko Sakamoto.

# A MEMORABLE AFTERNOON

During my usual Sunday afternoon entertainment hour, when I was listening to some of my favorite pro grams over the air, there came an abrupt announcement of an attack on one of our islands in the Pacific.

The younger children had gone to their usual enter tainment also, the theater. My parents had also gone. I was quite alone except for the radio bringing the al arming news. I was stunned. I was bewildered.

The regular program was resumed, but it did not seem up to its usual level.

Next day I went to school. I went to my first period room. There were other stu dents in my class. We be gan to discuss what we had heard over the radio and expressed our opinions.

Several weeks went by. I walked to school alone. I had to walk twelve blocks. No matter which way I went I had to pass the busiest section of town. As I walk ed to school I would occa sionally pass windows and telephone poles on which were posted bulletins con cerning all Japanese. The posters said, they must be ready for evacuation on a certain date. I would walk nonchalantly past them as though it were no concern of mine, but inside my heart seemed to skip a beat as other pedestrians walk ed by me.

One thing which greatly surprised me was that my classmates, with whom I had been having my lessons for a year and a half and with whom I had had so much fun did not know that I was of Japanese ancestry. One day out of curiosity they ques tioned me. They said I did not look like a person of Japanese ancestry, but that they thought I was Chinese. Perhaps that answered a ques tion that had been in my mind when a teacher looked at me rather queerly.

In conclusion I feel that every other loyal American-Japanese went about feeling the same reaction as I, and in their hearts realizing the hardships and unhappi ness that a situation like this would bring to all.

Aiko Kasai 9-3



## GOOD-BYE

Seiko Asano, formerly employed in Mr. Walther's office, has left us to attend the Colorado State College at Greeley, Colorado.

We miss her friendly smile which always brightened up the office.

Alice Kurihara, Louise Nakano and Alice Soda are our new office girls. They were in Miss Beaver's class in business office work.

Mary Shimada

# 9-5

In order to increase our appreciation of books, we each made an illustration for a book or story. Some were artistic and some comical. Many were very interesting. They are now pinned on the wall, and you are invited to come and see them.

Louise Sasano 9-5

## FLOOD

The storm which came in the night of June 10, flooded the music room, library and Miss Steffen's room.

The damage was slight as only a few music books got wet, and there was about an inch of mud on the floors.

A strange coincidence is that the brick floors were scrubbed for the first time!

Phillip Horimoto 7-1

## FLASH!

Thanks to the fine work of the morning newspaper staff, the first issue of the Mystic was a great success!

## BLUE HORIZON

Beyond the blue horizon.  
Where the tender sky touches the earth,  
I often wonder what lies beyond there;  
The horizon that never ends.

Beyond the blue horizon,  
Where the clouds seem to appear,  
The peaceful old valley which lies there  
Seems to continue on and on.

Beyond the blue horizon,  
Where the sun reaches up to shine,  
The radiant beams of light travel on  
Until silent darkness covers this earth.

Sachiko Tanaka 9-3

## STORM LEAVES

On the morning of June 9, before daybreak, a terrific thunder storm occurred in this section of the land.

In Amache some apartment halls had water in them.

The thunder was so loud that the people were unable to sleep.

The next evening, another terrific storm took place. Lightning was striking near and far.

These two were the most severe thunder storms that we have had since we have been here.

William Koseki, 8-2

## OUR PRINCIPAL

Mr. H. K. Walther was born in Denver, Colorado. He went to North High School, and is a graduate of Denver University, Chicago University and St. John's Academy, in Kansas.

Before coming to Amache he was either teacher or principal in Colorado schools for fifteen years.

He was dean of boys at Clayton Collete for Boys, in Denver, for two years.

He has been on the faculty of the University of Denver for four years, and has taught social studies, English and music.

He is interested in modern music.

His favorite pastimes are reading and playing bridge.

He is five feet eleven inches tall and weighs about one hundred and thirty-five pounds.

Last summer he worked as a laborer on a construction crew.

Bob Fuchigami 7-1

Ruby Yamamoto, who was in the 7-4 class, left the center to rejoin her father in Crystal City, Texas. We are very sorry that she is not with us any longer.

Helen Nakano 9-3

## 9-3 NEWS

The 9-3 class is studying about South America.

Mrs. Stewart is teaching her classes Spanish songs and words. It is good to learn about our friends in South America. The class is very interested in the subject.

Miss Beaver came in and gave us a very interesting talk on Mexico, and let us see many post cards and pictures of the country.

S. Kiguchi 9-3

## TRIP

An interesting business trip was made by Mr. and Mrs. Petersen and Mr. and Mrs. Kraus. They drove to Lipscomb, Texas, where the Petersen ranch is located.

Enroute they visited the Texas State Teachers' College, at Canyon, where they saw students being given flight training in Piper Cub and Taylorcraft planes.

More flight training was observed near Amarillo and Pampa, Texas, where men are flying two-engined Beechcraft Transitional training planes.

While at Pampa, they saw a radio-range transmitter similar to the one which Mr. Petersen designed in Connecticut prior to coming to Amache.

## ADIOS

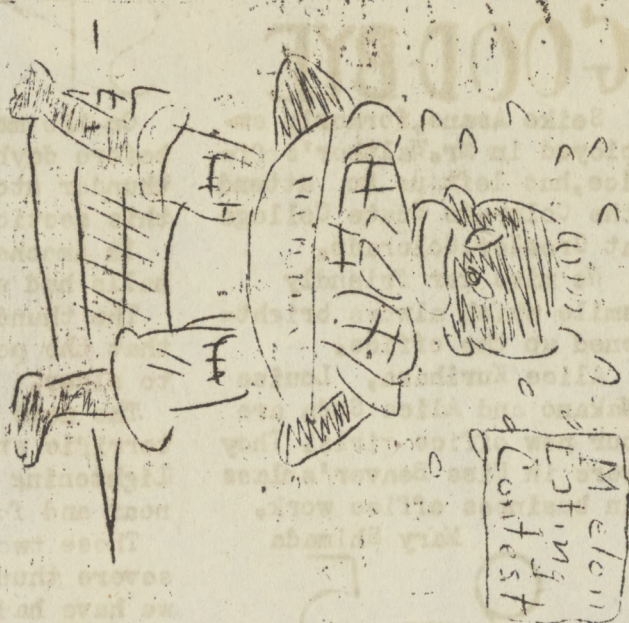
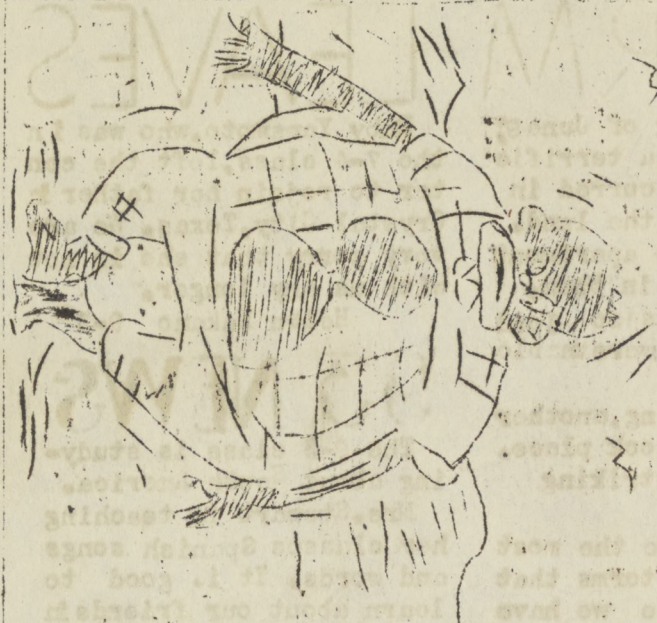
Rose and Mikio Taniguchi, popular Junior High students, left us to join their father in Crystal City, Texas. They had not seen their father for six months.

The day before her departure, the 9-4 class gave a party for Rose.

They also went down to see the family off at Granada.

Mary Shimada 9-2





HARRY: "Hi, cousin, what's buzzin?"

COUSIN: "Chicken. Wanna neck?"

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MISS S: "Joe, run up the curtain."

JOE: "Well, I'm no squirrel, but I'll try."

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MR. LA-COSTE: "Frank, name twelve arctic animals."

FRANK: "Six seals and six polar bears."

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MAC: "Hear the joke about the submarine?"

GOICHI: "No."

MAC: "It must have been too 'deep' for you!"

MARY: "Which moves faster, heat or cold?"

HARRY: "Heat. You can catch cold!"

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YOUNG GIRL: "If you will chop some wood, I'll give you some biscuits I made myself."

TRAMP: "If it is all the same to you I'll just chop the biscuits and eat the wood!"

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NORI: "Did you hear about the big fight?"

WHITEY: "No, what happened?"

NORI: "My cat licked his paw."