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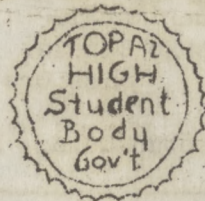
HAPPY
NEW YEAR

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WHAT'S OUR NAME?

One-act Play to
be Presented



Wednesday, Dec. 23, will be the turning point in the entertainment field for the students of Topaz High School. The 6th period drama class will present, "D298," a hilarious one-act comedy. This is the first of a series of dramatic offerings to be given by the drama classes.

The play is under the direction of Mr. Lewis, drama and speech teacher, and Irene Misumi, the student director.

The cast is as follows: Florence Sasajima as Mrs. Ebb, John Katsu as Billy, Motoko Ishiyama as May, and Miss Ruth Naruo as Miss Pratt. Yoneko Takata is directing the "props."

On schedule for the following week is another one-act play, "Don't Feed the Animals," which is to be offered by the 5th period drama class. The play is about a man who finds himself in a paradise (???) of women.

Sumi Kate will act as student director and Joe Morita, Thomas Hirano and Hiromichi Mifune will work on the stage crew. Asako Kusumi is in charge of the "props."

"We the Associated Students of Topaz High School, hereby, recognizing the need for the definite control over Student Activities---"

This is a fragment from the preamble of our Constitution, which originated in the super-intellectual minds of our Constitutional Committee members.

Terminating three weeks of indefatigable work, the Constitutional Committee presented before the delegates the first draft of the Constitution for Topaz High School. The student government, as enumerated in this document, will consist of the Executive Committee, the Student Representative Council, and the Student Affairs Committee.

The Constitutions of various schools, such as; Berkeley High, S.F. Polytechnic, University of California, and also that of the United States, were deliberated upon by the Constitutional Committee. The "child prodigies" serving on this much over-worked Committee are: Moss Ashizawa, Chairman, Paul

Don't get the idea that Topaz Times Jr. is going to be the paper's permanent name. This is your paper and you are the ones who will read it. So we, the Journalism class, want you students to choose the name.

There's no catch to this contest, no box tops or wrappers to send in. All you do is write your choice, your own name and the grade on a piece of paper; then, drop it in the box in the library. Submit as many names as you want. Come on, think hard and get them in before the deadline, January eighth.



C'MON EVERYBODY
RATTLE YO' BRAINS

Tani, Norman Hirose, Masa Kitagawa, Sachi Kawanara, and Ryoza KumeKawa.

The Constitutional Delegation, under the chairmanship of Mich Hayashida, has really pitched in to do 'their part' in establishing the most democratic, and the most representative government for the Associated Students of Topaz High School.

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Why is it that those cute Tenforen couples decided to call it quits? Will you tell us, Yo Kishii and Joe Inatome? Or Lil Miyachi and Bill T. Sekai?

Why is Nami Ihara looking so blue and lonesome? Can it be the lack of a twin brother? I am sure A.M. will be back.

EDITORIAL

It is particularly fitting that the first issue of the high school paper should be issued at a time when we are all looking forward to the event of the New Year.

So much lies ahead for each and everyone of us. We attempted to spend precious hours concerning ourselves with the uncertainties of the future. Surely, we know that there are definite certainties.

Much of our future success will depend on how well we equip ourselves today. The equipment will consist of knowledge, training, the development of work habits, and particularly of character.

All these are available to us in Topeka. We need but the will and the tenacity, if we would make 1943 a truly HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Charles F. Ernst
Project Director

As one looks back over the past three months work and considers the steady improvement that has characterized many aspects of the community development, a keen sense of pride is felt in the realization that many things have been accomplished. I feel confident in the assertion that the immediate future will give evidence of further advancement.

As Christmas approaches and 1942 fades from the calendar of time, let us all resolve to do our part in our homes with our teachers and friends, in our city with its many privileges to serve and to assist, so that the future will be made more secure for everyone. Remember, 'We shall not pass this way again!'

I wish you all a joyous Christmas and a prosperous and hopeful New Year!

L.G. Noble
Principal of Topeka High

The excursion of several boys, with a lot of influence around school, to Block 13 had their aims and objectives fulfilled to the utmost of perfection; with A.N. sending for a coat.

Everyone thinks that Shigeko Suzawa and Andy Handa make a darling couple---so does Andy!!

Kiki Miho, does wearing your P.J.'s under your jeans help you to get to school on time?

Do only monkeys climb out of windows to get out of class? Miss Sugihara can testify that she saw a human (?) example. Take W. Hamada, for instance.

Tak Doi, do you know that Dickie Katayanagi is crazy about you?

If you turn around sometime, Ayako Ota, you'll find out who those two boys are.

Why the sudden interest in the Co-op, Miss Gerard? Can it be pure economics?

CLASS NEWS

STUDENT ENROLLMENT

Rise up and take a bow, seniors, for you are members of the largest class in Topaz High School with 218 strong. Coming in second is the junior class with 189 students, while the sophomores trail right behind with 178. Of the 585 students enrolled, 307 are girls.

The title for the smallest class belongs to Miss Fukuoka's second period Project Designing Class which has eight students. The largest class is the 4th period girls' gym, 98 students.

CORE

According to the decision of the faculty, there is supposed to be no more homework assignments. The work is to be accomplished while in school. The study periods are to be deducted from the Core classes. The amount of time to be given depends on the Core teacher. Miss Gerard of the senior Core class says, "Those who need help may come back after school for more information or for consultation."

BUSINESS TRAINING

The commercial classes, headed by Mr. Maggiora, are receiving training to acquaint themselves with everyday business. As they have not yet received textbooks, the students are learning from Mr. Maggiora's own notes. Assisting him are Miss Date and Mr. Sakurai, who teach Shorthand and General Business, respectively.

INDUSTRIAL ARTS

With tables and saw-horses made by the pupils, and with tools donated by the W.R.A., the woodshop classes got underway. The students are making tables, bookcases, and small wall-shelves for their homes.

The classes are headed by Mr. M.J. Roper. He is assisted by the Messrs. Kaino, Nishino, and the Misses Tamura and Fukuoka.

AG. SCIENCE

Twice a week, on Wednesdays and Fridays, the Agricultural Science classes go on an outing to nearby farms to get practical training. They study the breeding, feeding, and caring of livestock, the raising of crops, and the mechanics of farm machinery.

The purpose of these classes is to give scientific and practical training in agriculture.

LANGUAGE

If you pass a class room and hear a strange language "floating" out, don't be surprised! You're still in the United States. It's just the French, Latin, German, and Spanish classes learning to talk like the natives of the respective countries.

The language teachers are Miss MacMillan, Mrs. Nails, Miss Sugihara, Mrs. Honderichs, Mrs. Moritani, and Mrs. Kawakami.

MUSIC

Faculty members of Block 2 and the patients of Topaz Hospital will be serenaded by the Topaz Carolers on Christmas Eve.

ART ROOM

Claiming the title as the most unique and unusual idea is Mr. Yabuki's art room at 5-AB which is any student's ideal spot for study.

Instead of the usual combination of 2 rooms, the room is divided into 3 convenient sections. The biggest room is occupied by the regular art classes, and the adjoining section is for the special art workers. In another division is the combination office and supply room, complete with fluorescent lighting.



Despite difficult conditions, the school library opened on December 14th. The head librarian is Miss Bills, who is also teaching Journalism. She is a graduate of Utah State Agricultural College in Logan.

The library is located at 9-CD, and it is open to the students of both Jr. and Sr. High Schools.

Miss Bills stated that, "subscriptions for current magazines have been made, but as yet they have not arrived." Plans are being made to keep the library open in the evenings, for the convenience of the students.

The assisting librarians are Teru Kanda, Ashu Hirano, Sadako Okubo, Toshiko Kinoshita and Fusa Tsumura.

FACULTY LIST

APPOINTIVE TEACHERS

Adams, Alden
Bills, Ora
Caffall, Deon
Finlinson, Lyman
Gerard, Eleanor
Goertzel, Victor
Hale, Summer E.
Henderson, Ellen
Honderich, Ella
Hudson, Marguerite
Johnson, Lucile M.
Johnson, D. Elmer
Jenkins, Alton
Lamb, Lottic Lee
Lewis, George
Lisle, Zeda R.
Maggiore, Robert
MacMillan, Mary
Mitchell, Ruth
Nelson, Richard
Roper, Melvin J.
Satterfield, Veda
Westover, Leon A.
Winters, Doris
Nail, E

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Date, Kiyok
Fukuoka, Chiye
Hosoi, Eiko
Iino, Eddie
Isobe, Masao
Ishida, Sayuri
Izumi, John
Kaino, Juichi
Kataoka, Toshi
Kawaguchi, Kojiro
Koizumi, Kiyo
Kawakami, Toyo
Kusumine, Miyuki
Matsueda, Seiichi
Muneno, Saiki
Nakaso, Katherine
Nakaso, Shiro
Nishino, Fumio
Ota, Alice
Sakurai, Senichi
Shinkai, John
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Tamura, Shizue
Wakai, Masayoshi
Watanabe, Rose
Yabuki, Masao

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9th Grade Core
Ag. Class
12th Grade Core
Guidance Counselor
Health and P.E.
7th Grade Core
German
Home Ec.
7th Grade Core
Gen. Science and Ind. Art
Ass. P.E. Director
9th and 10th Grade Core
Speech
8th Grade Core
Commercial
French, Latin, Core
10th Grade Core
7th Grade Core
Industrial Arts
Girls' P.E.
Science and Math.
Home Ec.
Latin and French

Math. and Physics
Shorthand
Ind. Art and Drama
Math
Music
P.E.
Math. and Physics
Math. and Physics
Industrial Arts
Home Ec.
P.E.

Voc. Art
Latin
P.E.
Special English
Biology
11th Grade Core
12th Grade Core
Ind. Art
Math. and Science
Bus. Training
Math. and Science
Spanish
Ind. Art
8th Grade Core
Mathematic
Art



NEWCOMERS

The pupils of Topaz Hi welcome three new teachers, Mr. Maggiore, and Mr. and Mrs. Johnson.

Mr. Maggiore, the commercial head, is a graduate of San Jose State College. There, he received his certificate of Special Secondary in Business Education. Before coming to Topaz, he taught at Washington Union Hi in Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson are graduates of B.Y.U. Mr. Johnson, the General Science and Ind. Arts instructor, received his Bachelor of Art and Master of Art degrees. Mrs. Johnson, a 7th grade Core teacher, received her Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees. They taught laboratory classes at Brigham Young.



FACULTY
MEMBER
LEAVES

PRIVATE LEE BYERS

We wish Mr. Byers, our former 11th grade Core instructor, loads of luck and the best of health. He left Topaz to serve his country.

Mr. Byers is a graduate of Washington University, where he got his Master's degree with flying colors. He has taught in the New York City College Faculties, in the New York Boy's School, and he was associate professor of Abraham Polytechnical.

FIRST SOCIAL HUGE SUCCESS

Jive Cats and Faculty Get Hep to the Jive

Sad case---Not bad--- Say now! What? The first social of Topaz High School was held in Dining Hall 32, beginning at 7:30 P.M. on Dec. 18th.

In spite of the stags outnumbering the stagettes, the social turned out to be a huge success. Everyone, including the faculty, had a "colossal" time.



As the first bars of smooth music floated out, the boys were bashful to ask the girls for a dance, but as it changed and the "downbeat" on the "jive" gave out, the couples were "cuttin' a rug," filling the dining hall to its capacity.

The Christmas decorations were effectively arranged by the Dance Committee. The super music was furnished by Bill Oshima, Johnny Oshima, and Jack Kawakami, who were ably assisted by Saburo Shimamura. On the advertising committee were Lil Miyachi and Kitty Yamauchi.

PEEK INTO SANTA'S XMAS BAG

We hope Santa won't scold if we tell who the following books are recommended for:

"One Foot in Heaven"	Seichi Adachi
"The Man Nobody Knows"	George Yoshioka
"The Beautiful Wretch"	Yaeko Sekimachi
"More For Your Money"	Bargain Hop
"How To Win Friends and Influence People"	Nobby
"No Hunting"	Topaz High Wolves
"Exit Laughing"	Rosie Adachi
"The Age of Ignorance"	7th Graders
"Bob Hope's Joke Book"	Bill Oshima
"How To Put Out a Fire"	Tets Ochi
"The Lone Wolf"	Nobe Fujimoto
"Above Suspicion"	"Chinky" Hidekawa
"The Wonder Workers"	Consti. Com.
"Elementary School Subjects"	Moss Ashizawa
"Wolf Call"	Jim Honda
"How to Worry Successfully"	Faculty
"Call of the Wild"	Y.M.C.A. Boys
"A Man's Best Friend"	Vincent Shijo
"A Smattering of Ignorance"	Sumi Ashizawa
"How to Dance"	Pat Iwanaga
"The Sun Is My Undoing"	Topaz Weather
"How to Knit"	Mako Takahashi
"Smiling Through"	Miss MacMillan
"Encyclopedis Brittanica"	Agnes Mori
"Hold Back the Dawn"	Michiko Takaki
"Secret Agents of Japan"	Topaz Student Body

HOW'S YOUR I.Q.?

What are your abilities? You don't know? Well, you're going to find out.

Mr. Goertzel, Director of Guidance and Placement, is here to help you determine what you can do. There is going to be a general examination given to all the students of Topaz High. This test will be an Ability and Achievement Test. It will tell you what your strong and weak points in each study are. If you are rather weak in, say, Arithmetic, you will know right away that you need to study on it harder.

Now, don't think this isn't going to do you any good; it will! It may help to decide what sort of employment you are best suited

for. Not only will it get you a job in the center, but will assist you to prepare yourself for a career after the war.

Now that we have talked on your own personal advantages, let see what good it will do for the whole school. By finding out what you have learned in this school, the test will tell if our school is run on a high school standard. If it is found to be below the standard, there can be improvements to benefit you, the students.

So kids, if you hear rumors going around, don't ignore it! Just gather up your brains and common sense, and don't worry. (P.S. Don't worry, you won't be graded for this).



Jr. High News

JUNIOR HIGH CONSTITUTION

With the motto, "If it isn't for the whole Topez Jr. Hi and the community, let's forget it," the Jr. Hi Consti. Comm. is working under supervision of Mr. Nelson, their faculty advisor. Alice Nomura, chairman of the committee, stated that they expect to finish the constitution by Christmas.

SCRUBS

Naoko Otagiri, a scrub in junior high, comes from that so-called, "Land of Paradise," Santa Anita. Her biggest thrill since she came here was seeing the ground covered with snow.

Prior to evacuation, she attended Grant School in San Francisco. When

asked, "How do you like seeing all your San Francisco friends again?", all she could stutter out was, "I'm so glad--ah, ah."

Masao Thera, also a scrub in junior high says that his biggest thrill since he came here was going to school with all the big guys. In Tanforan; he went to school with all the "small fry's." Before evacuation, he attended Morning Star School, which he claims is the best school, with the best teachers.

While he was in Tanforan, his favorite amusement was sailing on wide "Lake Tanforan," on Cap't Tsugawa's boat. When asked, "How's school here, Mas?", "Come back and ask me next time," was the response.

News Briefs

FACULTY OUTING

The faculty of the elementary and the high school, along with the office staff went on an outing near the Topez Mts. Saturday, Dec. 19. Lunches were taken and a program was arranged by Miss Thurgood and Miss Bills.

The outing was held in honor of Dr. Carlisle, Superintendent of Education, who is leaving January 1, to resume his former position.

PUBLISHED

Lil Miyachi's speech on "Armistice Day," and Isamu Maruyama's essay on "Why I Love America," were published in the December issue of "Speech" magazine.

This magazine, known throughout the country, is edited by Miss Henderson, a teacher of the seventh grade Core class.

STUDENTS LEAVE

Sonoko Suzuki, and Masa, Kana Kitagawa, three students of Topez High, left school recently with their respective families.

Sonoko is going to Colorado, then to Michigan, and then to New York. Her father is going to teach the Japanese language.

Masa and Kana are headed for Boulder, Colorado. Their father, Dr. Kitagawa, is also going to teach the Japanese language.

Speaking of SPORTS

by M. Kato

STUDENTS:

I hope you students don't think that this page belongs in the ashcan, as my assistants and I are doing our best. (Ed. Note: Maybe that's not enough).
STAR ATHLETES

Here in Topaz Hi, we have some students, who were active in sports at their former High schools. They are as follows:

BASKETBALL: Tomioka, Obayashi (George Washington); Yoshitomi, Tamaki (Commerce); Nitta, (Washington); Hidekawa, Momii (Lowell); Shimizu, Asai, (San Mateo); Nakaso (Alameda); Harano (Berkeley).

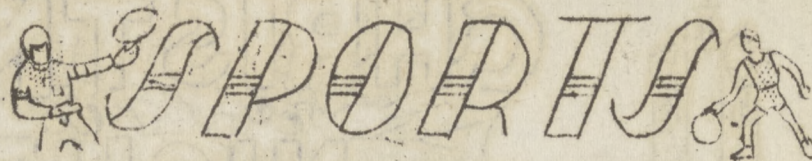
TRACK: Tsumori (Poly); Yonenaka (Sequoia); Ida, Tani (Lowell); Kami (Berkeley); Kotake (Hayward).

BASEBALL: Adachi (San Mateo); Kato (Fremont).

FOOTBALL: Nitta (Washington); Sasaki (Roosevelt).
GYM ACTIVITIES:

"Topaz High's sports activity will be limited to only intra-mural games for the present, and will be played after school by voluntary groups. Basketball will be the main game, stated Mr. Hale, Director of Boys' Physical Education. He also stated that the school has ordered \$600 worth of equipment, but it is not known when it will arrive.

Soccer and basketball are being played during gym, but later on when the equipment arrives, tennis, volleyball, football, and baseball will be added.



Mr. Hale Comments On School Sports

From 3-AB a loud voice boomed out, "Let's get some work done!" The voice was that of Mr. Hale, Director of Boys P.E.

Mr. Hale was born in Idaho and attended school in Logan, Utah. He admitted that he was a four letter-man, starring in track, football, basketball, and baseball. Later he taught school at Hinkley, Logan, and the University of Michigan. He proudly told us that he coached an All-American football player, Kent Ryan, a halfback from Utah State.

Commenting on the students' ability here in Topaz High, Mr. Hale stated, "I have never seen better material." When asked about inter-school games, he regretfully said that this was not possible because of lack of transportation and equipment. However, he would like to see various track teams compete with ours next spring.

Just then, Mr. Jenkins, the assistant P.E. director, walked in. In a brief interview, he stated that he was a principal of a Jr. High in Shelley, Idaho, and coached a team that won three championships.

Modestly, the assistant stated that he played basketball, track, and baseball in college.

All-Stars Defeats Rec 29 7 to 0

Playing before a fairly large crowd, "the Rec-29ers," were defeated by Sambo's All-Stars, 7 to 0, in a hard fought game.

In the first half, it was strictly a defensive battle, but the second half was featured by passes galore, which resulted in a winning touchdown for the All-Stars.

The game was highlighted by the excellent kicking of Echi Adachi of Rec. 29, and the all around playing of Ashizawa and Nitta. Starring for the winners were Nakaso, Sano, and Kaibe.



MISS
P.E.

GYM TEACHERS:

Did you know that Miss Satterfield and Miss Kusamine hail from two of the outstanding universities, Stanford and California, respectively? The former majored in Sociology and the latter in P.E.

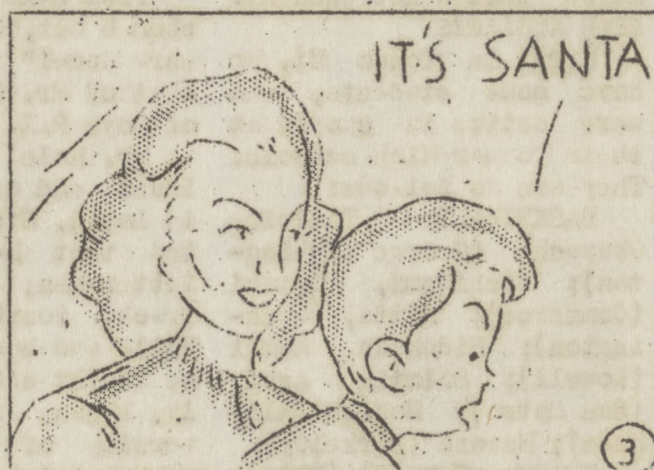
Miss Satterfield will leave for the Minidoka Project after Christmas, where she will continue teaching Girl's P.E.

ACTIVITIES:

Schedule for class activities are not known as yet, but so far the periods have been spent playing games and studying hygiene.

CHRISTMAS NIGHT

UYEHARA



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ELECTION DAY NEARS



PLAY HUGE SUCCESS

Enthusiastic applause greeted the presentation of the one-act comedy, "Don't Feed the Animals," on New Year's Day, in Dining Hall 32.

Under the direction of Mr. Lewis, drama and speech instructor, and student director, Sumi Kato, the play unfolds many hilarious incidents before the delightful

STUDENT FORUM

Don't let the word "Forum" scare you! It was Mr. Nakaso's idea. Each Core class elected one person to be on the Forum, which will be an organized body having official standing. After the various speakers have presented their views, the audience will have an opportunity to ask the speakers questions pertaining to the problem under discussion.

The Forum consists of several members, under the chairmanship of James Hayashi.

climax. This was the first dramatic offering of the 5th period drama class. Commendable performances were turned in by all the cast, and not to be unmentioned are the stage crew workers; Tom Hirano, Joe Morita, Hiro Mifune, and Asako Kusumi.

CAST

Jimmy	Jimmy Ishida
Scripps	Shigeo Hotta
Buttons	Kay Tatsuguchi
Teacher	Miyo Ishiyama
Students	Toshiko Suzuki
	Florence Yoshida
	Kay Sakaguchi
Hoboes	Rose Adachi
	Mary Ejima
	Tama Yoshimura
Diane Carter	Sachi Honda

With the ratification of the Constitution, the matter of the election of the student body officers has risen. An Election Board consisting of nine members, three from each grade, has been organized. Nine to fourteen school days before the election, persons desiring to run for offices, except that of Editor-in-Chief and Grade officers, are required to submit their petitions of nomination; containing their names personally signed, the office for which he or she desires to run, the signature of his Core and Reg. teachers, and his respective Dean, to one of the members of the Election Board; whose names will be announced later. In the event that the Core and the Reg. teacher are the same person, another signature other than that of the Core teacher will be required.

Seven school days before the election, the Board will give a brief oral examination to the candidates. Upon passing, the nominees will be presented before an assembly of the Associated Students, four school days before the election. Campaigning will begin at this time.

Details as to the time and place of election will be announced later.

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News Brief

PARENT-TEACHER DAY

On Friday, Jan. 8th, the students stayed at home, and their parents attended classes instead.

More than 400 parents got acquainted with the teachers; and got an idea of the type of courses offered.

The parents spent the morning "going to class." Lunch was served in Dining Hall 32; and a program was arranged for the rest of the afternoon.

REPORT CARDS

Early in February, the students of Topaz High will reluctantly bring home "little white cards" to their parents. Little cards that tell so much---report cards!!

CORE-CLASS

If you find your school-mates walking around in a daze, don't worry, they aren't ill. They've probably just taken one of Mr. Nakaso's tests. Your answers can't be "maybe", or "I'm not sure", You have to be exact! You'll probably grumble and pout about the way he gives the quizzes, but I'll bet you will be mighty glad that you took them when you are asked a "\$64.00" question on U.S. Government.

ESSAY WINNERS

The winners of the Christmas essay contest, sponsored by the Community Activities, were Rentaro Hashimoto, Sachi Kawahara, and Ken Shimomura; each of whom received as awards a \$2.00 merchandise order to be spent at the Co-operative Stores.

EDITORIAL

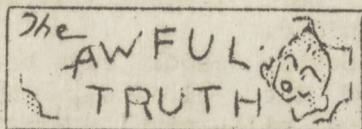
With the final ratification of the Constitution, it seems most pertinent at this time to inform the students to take heed of the splendid opportunities which the act has created.

"Back home," we the niseis, generally have had the tendency to remain in the background in all school activities; a behavior natural no doubt in the predominantly white society of our schools. No student can underestimate the benefit he may derive through the participation in student government and other activities. Therefore, each student should also be conscious of the loss he is inflicting upon himself if he fails to realize the significance and refuses to take advantage of it.

Now even the sophomores, in an un-traditional manner are entitled to a responsible office.

Remember, ultimate success is the net sum of advantages accumulated through successive opportunities. Here is an opportunity staring at you; don't lose it!

MOSS ASHIZAWA



Yami Yamamura, why are you so happy these days? Is it because of a certain person from Rohner, Ark.?

Yo Ikeda and Yosh Yamada, is this a new romance?

Florence Sasajima, is it the boxing lessons or the instructor that interests you??

Vince Shijo and Frank Gyotoku, I believe that what you want is 9-9-E.

Annabelle, the girls all wanted K.D.'s to those S.L.C. fellows! (Too numerous to mention).

As you boys would put it, "Tut" Hirano is "hot" for Keiko Kanzaki.

Any similarity between Mr. Johnson and a monkey is purely coincidental.



JR. HIGH NEWS



JR HIGH GOVERNMENT

Alice Nomura, chairman of the Jr High Constitutional Comm., stated that the Constitution was completed except for last minute corrections.

Those who helped to draw up the document were, Keiko Manabe, Alice Fukui, Kiyo Aoki, Mickey Suzuki, John Carlisle, and Jerry Koga.

Who is that ten by ten with the draft below his nose?---That's right, it's Michio!

Not to mention any names but, Alaska has women gold miners, and what does Topaz have?---It has women gold diggers!!

Did you know that a certain somebody from Centerville, and a certain somebody from Salt Lake City are mixing together? Well, they are. Aren't they, Miss C.

Don't you think it's about time that Norma got tired of movies? She goes twice a week, and not once either!!

What's this? What's this? Michiko Nishino, what were you doing in back of the Canteen with the big crowd of boys the other day?

Shizuko Yokomizo, how are you getting along with Mickey Suzuki? (Mr. Five by Five).

ASSEMBLY

An assembly is to be held on Friday, Jan. 15. It will be presented by the Junior High students, under the direction of Miss Kusumino. This will be the first assembly to be put on by the Junior High students.

SEVENTH GRADE CONSTITUTION

The Constitution for the 7th grade is well on its way. It consists of seven articles and is similar to the U.S. Const. The 7th graders hope that when the Constitution is finished and ratified, it will be as good as the 8th and 9th grade Constitutions.

PARTY

At his home in Block 2, Mr. Nelson, a former 7th grade Core teacher, gave a party for some of the 7th graders on New Year's Eve.



HIKE

On the 7th Grade hike December 31, the hikers had expected to eat their lunches far out to the north. But because some of the pupils didn't have their Id. cards, they were forced to eat their lunches inside--here at camp. The next time they will be sure to bring their Id. cards!!

NINTH GRADE CORE

The ninth grade Core classes, under the supervision of Miss Caffel and Miss Lamb, have been interchanging their respective Core classes for the past few weeks. Since Miss Caffel teaches Social Science, and Miss Lamb teaches English and Literature, this alternating of classes will benefit the students. In this way, all the pupils will learn English, Literature, and Social Science.

GOODBYE, JOHN

Because of illness, John Carlisle had to miss school the last few days of his stay in Topaz.

Before the 7th graders started on their hike, December 31, they all went to John's home in Block 2 and sang a farewell song, which had been made up for the occasion; then, John made a very good speech-- John's... speeches always have been worth listening to.

John Carlisle, a 7th Grader, has returned to Logan with his parents.

PARTY

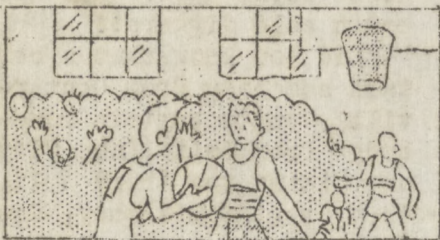
It was seven o'clock
It was this school block
We met at Dining Hall 32
I was glad to leave my
Mess Hall stew
We had no refreshment;
only games,
It was lots of fun, except
for the dames!
It's worth contributing a
dime,
So we will have refreshments next time.

SAMMY YAMAUCHI

Notes from the SIDE LINES By M. KATO

BASKETBALL IMPORTANT:

The sports staff is glad that this school now has a basketball team, because this sport plays an important part in the general educational scheme, teaches cooperation, and keeps up the sport morale of the students.



SPORTS SHORT:

Due to some oversight on my part, Yosh Yamada, track from Technical, and George Yamamura, basketball player from Commerce, were left out from the list of "Star Athletes" in the last issue. (Sorry, boys)....Coach Jenkins, assistant P. E. director, left Topaz Hi to work on a defense project in Provo... Now that the sports equipment has arrived, maybe you P.E. students can show off your stuff...I'm wondering when this school will get its nickname and school colors..... Even though the Casaba stars haven't a decent court on which to practice, their willingness to stick it out is truly great.

If you have anything to say concerning this page, please drop your notes in the library. I'll be glad to accept your comments.

SPORTS

TOPAZ HI CASABA SQUAD DEFEATS HINCKLEY, 33-7

WARD I WINS GRIDIRON TITLE

In what proved to be the best game of the day, some 500 grid fans watched the underdogs from Ward I defeat the much publicized stars from Ward II, 12-6, at the high school field last Sunday.

The entire game was full of action, with both sides blocking and hitting hard. From the opening kickoff, both teams opened up with their offensive plays.

The first tally came when Saki Yoshida threw a beautiful pass to shifty Pete Kashima in the end zone. Led by Sambo Nakaso, Ward II quickly came back to score after a series of beautiful plays. The half ended in a deadlock, 6-6.

The decisive score came in the 3rd stanza when "Tiny" Sus Iwasa hit Min Sasaki with a perfect pass, and aided by beautiful downfield blocking, Min scored the winning touchdown.

For the winners, Sus Iwasa, Pete Kashima, the Katayanagi Bros., and Kaz Kato played brilliantly. For the losers, Bill Sakai, Sei Kaibo and Hisanori Sano, played good ball.

Topaz Hi's up-and-coming Casaba squad made it two victories in a row over the Hinckley Mustangs at the latter's home court, last Friday, by a lopsided score of 33 to 7.

Led by Adachi, who personally accounted for the first five points, Topaz took an early lead, and left the floor at halftime with a 12 to 7 score.

A high scoring. Topaz team took the floor in the second half, and with Tsumori, Yamamura, and Tomioka making buckets from all angles, the local team pulled away with a commanding lead, and coasted in to an easy 33 to 7 win.

The Topaz scrubs made it a double victory by scoring a 27 to 16 win..

In their first meeting, last Wednesday, Topaz took the Mustangs into camp by a decisive 38 to 13 score. The box score of the Topaz varsities is as follows:

Name	pos.	g.	t.	f.	p.
Tomioka, f.....	2	1	1	5	
Adachi, f.....	3	1	1	7	
Hidokawa, c.....	2	0	0	4	
Shimizu, g.....	0	0	0	0	
Yoshitomi, g.....	0	0	1	0	
Nitta, f.....	3	0	0	6	
Tsumori, f.....	2	2	1	6	
Kawaguchi, c.....	0	0	1	0	
Yamamura, g.....	2	1	1	5	
Ochi, g.....	0	0	0	0	
Hamada, g.....	0	0	0	0	
		14	5	6	33

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ELECTION RETURNS

SCHOOL COLORS
AND
NICKNAME

FIRST STUDENT BODY
OFFICERS ELECTED

Even though the Constitution has been ratified, and the student body officers have been elected, there still remain other important matters to be decided; such as, the selection of school colors and a nickname for our school.

They may seem minor things now, but remember that they will play a major role in school activities as soon as our teams are organized. Our selections now, will set the tradition for years to come; therefore, we should seriously take it into consideration.

WHY STUDY?

This was the topic under discussion at the student forum meeting, held on Jan. 20.

The meeting opened with talks by two students, Bill Oshima and Lil Miyachi. The former spoke on "Education leads to Vocation," while the latter spoke on "Education for Girls."

Dave Tatsuno, guest speaker, related the necessity for students to develop culture and personality.

Topaz High School heralds its first student body President, Masao Ashizawa, previously the Constitutional Committee chairman. His competent associates on the Executive Committee will be Vice-President, Rhoda Nishimura; Secretary, Annabelle Uyedo; Treasurer, Juro Hayashida; Yell leader, Saburo Nakaso; Girl's Association President, Mary Matsumoto; Boy's Association President, Eiichi Adachi.

The election got off to a real start when the candidates for the manifold offices, introduced themselves individually at a special senior assembly held last Tuesday the 26th.

INAUGURAL BALL

Tom Tsuji's orchestra will make their debut at Topaz High's First Inaugural Ball, which will be held on Feb. 12. The dance is for couples only and will begin at 7:30 P.M. in Dining Hall 32. There will be refreshments and a slight charge to defray expenses. It will be a program dance. The dance committee is under the chairmanship of Tomio Sakurai. Watch for Bid Selling Date.

At last the huddle dispersed but indecision still hovered about. Finally with the help of faculty members, "TOPAZETTE" was proclaimed the new name for the school paper by the journalism class.

The winning name was submitted by Kiyoko Suyeyasu, a high senior. A box of candy will be awarded to the winner.

What with colorful campaign posters placed strategically about the school, and "political machines" inciting gullible students to vote their candidates into office, the spirit of election was in full swing. All through the week there was tension among the nominees for office and among most of the students.

The climax to this momentous week came with the final voting on Friday the 29th. It was with ebullient enthusiasm that the students of Topaz High School cast their ballots during Registry class Friday morning.

The Election Board collected and tabulated the votes during the first and second periods, and it was with difficulty that they managed to keep the returns "under their hats."

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Tattlings

Boys, if girls like Rayko Sekiguchi, Yae Sekimachi, or Nancy Toga think that you're too young for them, maybe Yumi Tsugawa, Amy Hironaka, or Yuki Sonoda won't think so.

Live and see things! Who ever thought that Topaz High would have a cute girl with a southern accent too. She's from New Mexico.

Boys! Don't laugh at giggling gals again till you hear Jimmy Ishida giggle.

Why has Irene Misumi decided the Wyoming is too far? Will you tell us Sat Yonekura?

Since we started something, it's only fair to warn him so, ---look out Yush, Mas Kawaguchi is "hot" for Yo, too.

Hisashi Watanabe, when will you learn that Oki Hashimoto is definitely not interested?

Kay Tatsuguchi, wasn't it a relief to have the curtain come down on that certain scene in "Don't Feed the Animals?"

Wonder why Mas Isobe is seen so often in the Registrar's office. Who is she, Mas?

Mr. Fumio Nishino has been seen near Block 29 often. Say, Fumio, what is the interest? Possibly---S.I.??

EDITORIAL

You students who complain about homework and inadequate study facilities should utilize the school library in that respect. It is open for your convenience.

Through the conscientious efforts of the library staff, the books have been properly shelved in the Dewey Decimal System, and at present, a card catalogue is being arranged. Numerous reference books are available, not to mention the large number of fiction books and periodicals for pleasure reading.

The success of the library depends upon your complete cooperation. Make use of the library in the evenings since it is open for your benefit not for the librarian's health.

Surely, your time spent in the library will benefit you and prove to be a great asset in school studies.



Miyo Suzawa we're sure "SS Dippy" will sail into Topaz again. A mere 165 miles won't come between good friends for long.

Have you noticed the hole in 10-B? We wonder if the P.E. and the Industrial Arts Departments know anything about it? How about it, Mr. H and Mr. R.

Be original. Don't wear suspenders or a belt. Eventually your originality will be noticed.

CLASS NEWS

NEW FACULTY MEMBERS

Topaz High welcomes three new teachers, Mr. Min Yoshida, Mr. Frank Matsunoto, and Dr. Joe Goodman.

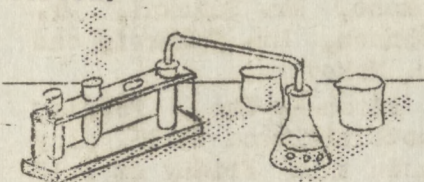
Dr. Goodman, a graduate of Washington University, where he received a Ph. D. in chemistry, is teaching algebra, and physics here.

Mr. Yoshida, who is also teaching algebra, is a former U.C. student.

Mr. Matsunoto, who formerly attended San Francisco Junior College, is the new German instructor.

HOME ECONOMICS

The Home Economics Dept. extends a cordial invitation to all parents and residents to visit their Open House, which will be held on February 5, in D.H. 32 from 7-9 P.M. Clothing, tailoring, pattern drafting, foods, and nutrition, will be on exhibit. Light refreshments will be served.



CHEMISTRY

As a result of Mr. Westover's persistent efforts to obtain equipment on an emergency requisition from the W.R.A., part of the chemicals and apparatus has finally come in. Delivery of these appliances is expected in the near future. The small room at the end of the laundry is being prepared as the stockroom.



DRAMATICS

Thornton Wilder's famous play, "Our Town," will be presented by the Topaz High students in the near future.

Mr. Lewis, drama and speech teacher, urges any student interested in being in this play, to sign up with him. Casting will probably start about February 15.

There are seventeen male and twelve female speaking parts. There are also a great many pantomime parts, which are just as heavy as the speaking parts.

The qualifications for those interested in trying out for plays are:

1. Cooperation
2. Interest
3. Dependability
4. Talent

CLUB

All those interested in joining a dramatics club should see Mr. Lewis in 11-EF. In order to become a member, however, the applicant must have a certain number of points. These points may be earned by participating in plays.

Sumi Kato is temporary chairman and Sumi Ashizawa is temporary secretary.

HA, HA, HA,

He: "Before we're married, dear, I feel I must tell you that I'm color-blind."

She: "Ye' sho' am, white boy."

PHYSICS

How can one forecast dust storms?

What is the mystery of the luminous light bulb?

These are only some of the problems discussed and analyzed by the physics classes under the instruction of Mr. Bando and Dr. Goodman.

"The progress of the classes is slow, as we are handicapped by the lack of necessary equipment," Mr. Bando stated.

Since there is the question of priorities, the availability of materials is indefinite. However, it has been planned to have the equipment made here.



MECHANICAL DRAWING

Through the efforts of Mr. Roper, the industrial arts teacher, and his assistant, Mr. Iwatsu, the Mechanical Drawing class has finally been organized. The class now has all the essential equipment, and further plans have been made to improve the lighting system and to construct drafting tables.

NOTICE

If you students have any bright ideas, or have any constructive suggestions, drop them into the box in the library. Oh yes, if you know of some choice bits of gossip, how about dropping them into the box too!

ICE SKATING

Ice skating is a very important sport now that everyone is sending for skates. They go to the ice rink after school or during their spare time and learn to skate. The beginners will take flops quite frequently, but as time goes on they will become experts. How about it beginners?



NEW GYM TEACHERS

Something new has been added to the Girl's P.E. department. Namely, they are Miss Tane Amemiya and Miss Kimi Fuji.

Miss Amemiya was working as girls' director at Rec. Hall 29.

MR. CURREY SPEAKS

Students trying to satisfy their curiosity, swarmed by the dozens into 3-CD during 6th period, last Tuesday. The attraction was Mr. Currey, who has come to work with the co-op here in Topaz. He spoke on the geographical location, the government, the people, the education, the health service, and the rich resources of Newfoundland.

After his brief stay, Mr. Currey is going to Gila, Arizona.

NINTH GRADE

"The ninth grade is co-operative except toward socials, and they should be more sociable and active since they will be in high school in September." This was the reply given by Miss Caffall, ninth grade advisor, when asked about the ninth grade. She will help to plan student activities.

There will be no social activities until the junior high student government is organized. A social chairman will then be chosen from the ninth graders. The ninth graders will decide whether to have combined socials with the eighth graders or not.

Who are those cute little girls? You want to know, boys? They're Mary K. and Rose W.

Smiling Jack has Fat-Stuff, but the 9th graders have hot stuff.

Say, Hanako A., how about giving the other girls a chance, huh?

Why are the ninth grade boys so shy and sad? Are the girls that good looking?

GUM CHEWERS

The gum chewing girl

And the cud chewing cow
Are really alike

Yet different somehow

Ah, let me think---

I have it now,

It's the intelligent look

On the face of the cow.

News Briefs

LIBRARY

About 150 books have been donated by the Salt Lake City Library. A large number of fiction books were contributed.

From February 1, there will be a fine of two cents on overdue books. Also, a one cent fine will be charged for overdue magazine.

The library is open every night, Monday through Friday, from 7-9 P.M., for those who wish to study or do reference work.



FACULTY ATHLETES

The faculty football team again scores!! This time it defeated the first period gym class with a score of 12-6. So far, the team boasts of two consecutive wins and no defeats. The Stars of the team are Mr. Westover, Mr. Nakaso, Mr. Shinkai, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Sakurai, and Mr. Nakayama.

Flash--- The faculty football team will play again this Friday at 4:15 o'clock if the weather is favorable.

Flash--- A faculty basketball team is now being formed to play in the industrial league. For further developments read the next issue.

NOTE OF APPRECIATION

Mr. Tsutsui, the janitor, wishes to thank the members of the faculty for the gift that he recently received.

FASHIONS



A girl was trotting gaily down a street when she accidentally bumped into a man. The latter smiled and was going to apologize when he suddenly realized she was wearing slacks. He screamed, pulled out his automatic and shot her; he didn't believe in feminized pants.

MORAL: Most girls wear slacks, but the ones with the pretty legs still wear skirts.

Members of the feminine set: why don't you sew your name on your coats, etc., and give the boys a chance. No time for a formal introduction, you know.

Suggestions for windy days: Girls, wear bandanas to keep your hair from looking like a hay-field.

Buy and wear clothes that fit you. You're supposed to dress, not hide in them. (???)

Boys will be boys, but lately they have changed. All I see now is boys with clothes and I do mean clothes.

No kidding? You mean, Tad Ishida been trying to get a certain girl? Is that why he's always dressed to kill?

Boy, oh, boy! Harry Kitano, how much time do you take to curl your hair and your eye lashes? You should give Masa Takatoshi some of your curls.

Are you trying to out-shine the girl's white shoes, Tak Kubota?

Harpe Komaru's sharp glenn plaid, short coat is the thing, isn't it, girls?

RAMBLING REPORTER

The question here is, "What do you think of dances for couples only?" This question is of a debatable nature, and one about which we would all like to know about. In their own words, here are some of the replies:

FLORENCE SASAJIMA, Junior: "Well, it's tough for the wallflowers if there were couples only dances, but you have to take into consideration that if there were dances for couples only, there wouldn't be any left-overs."

BILL T. SAKAI, Senior: "It won't work. Lots of guys go if the other guys go, but if the other fellows don't go, they won't go. Most of the boys are too bashful to ask the girls. Anyway, stag dances are more fun, less formal!"

KAZU NAO, Sophomore: "I think couples are better because at a stag dance, the boys are too bashful to ask the girls."

JOHN KATSU, Sophomore: "I don't think it's good, because the boys would have more "chansu" at a stag dance."

JOE TAKATSUNO, Junior: "I think it's lousy, I can't get a date, anyway."

TAMA YOSHIMURA, Senior: "I believe that some of the dances should be for couples only and some stags. It should suit the occasion."

For pleasure and "in" fun, Jimmy Fiddler recommends the following movies for:

"The Big Shot"	Mr. Noble
"It's Love I'm After"	Florence Sasajima
"The Male Animal"	Tetsuo Ochi
"Woman of the Year"	Mary Matsumoto
"This Time For Keeps"	Harpy Komaru
"Sweater Girl"	Yo Ikeda
"Butch Minds the Baby" (babies)	
"Juke Girl"	"Butch" Nakaso's Core Classes
"For Me and My Girl"	Grace Sayegusa
"Born to Sing"	Toa Momii
"Glamour Boy"	Elsie Itashiki
"Priorities of 1943" (skirts)	John Oshima
"My Favorite Blonde"	Patsy Iwanaga
"Lady Has Plans"	Miss Gerard
"The Desperadoes"	Fumi Manabe
"Ball of Fire"	"Bags" of Topaz High
"Between Us Girls"	Shiz Ozaki
"Dive Bomber"	5th ^o Study Girls
"Vivacious Lady"	Tsuki Takaha
"The Great Commandment"	Kiki Miho
"Two-faced Woman"	Topaz Hi Constitution

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Notes from the SIDELINES By M. KATO

This week, I shall devote the entire column to the first string varsity stars of the Topaz High basketball team.

At the forward positions are Tom Tomioka and Eichi Adachi. Tom played at George Washington Hi in San Francisco and is a long shot artist, plus being a tricky ball handler. At the other slot is Eichi Adachi, former San Mateo star. He is an all-around man and is the high scorer of the team, besides being an outstanding player.

Performing at center is "Chinky" Hidekawa, formerly of Lowell. He has developed a deadly left handed hook shot and makes use of the backboard on most plays.

Holding down the guard positions are Hiro Shimizu ex San Mateo star, and Vince Monii, former star of the Lowell Hi 120's. Hiro is not a high scoring man, but makes it up by his defensive ability.

Another worthy performer at guard is Tom Yoshitoni, varsity star from Commerce High.

TOPAZ HI SUFFERS FIRST DEFEAT FROM DELTA 24-23

INTRAMURAL PROGRAM

In an effort to give each boy an opportunity to indulge in school sports, the P.E. Department, headed by Mas Isobe, has outlined an intramural program in which most major sports will be played.

The intramural program is slated to begin in the later part of February and will include basketball, volleyball, and softball, for the time being. "If facilities permit", Mas stated, "we might have handball, ping-pong, horseshoe pitching, and track." There will be four basketball courts, three volleyball courts, and five baseball diamonds.

The league will be divided into their respective Core classes, and within those classes, from the 7th grade to the 11th, the teams will be formed according to their number. Those best qualified will play in Class "A", and "B".

Suggestions!

Since it's traditional for a school to have a nickname and school colors those students, who have brilliant suggestions for a nickname and school colors for Topaz High may submit their choice in the library.

Wrapped in the wild bedlam of screaming fans, the Delta High varsity barely nosed out the powerful Topaz High "A" squad, 24 to 23, last Friday.

Despite the slow opening, the game turned out to be a real thriller. The outcome of the game could not be determined until the final second of the game.

The first half proved to be dull with both teams playing for breaks. The initial half ended 8 to 7, with Topaz holding a slim margin.

The turning point of the game came in the second half, with Adachi, Hidekawa, and Monii matching basket for basket. The game see-sawed back and forth, with both teams showing uncanny cleverness and accuracy.

With six minutes remaining, Delta grabbed a five-point lead, but Adachi and Tomioka scored twice to come within one point of Delta.

With ten seconds remaining, Tomioka connected from the center court, but it was nullified by the referee, erasing all hopes for a Topaz victory.

High scorers were Adachi with 10 points, and Hidekawa with 6.

In the preliminary tilt, the offensive minded Topaz "B" squad trounced the Delta scrubs by a lopsided score of 46 to 12.

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"OUR TOWN" CASTED

EXTRA! EXTRA! The cast for Thorton Wilders' play, "Our Town", has been chosen.

CAST

Stage Manager K. Kumeawa
Dr. Gibbs Paul Fukami
Joe Crowell

Masa Tatsuguchi
Harvey Newcome
Kingo Kotake

Mrs. Webbs
Kay Tatsuguchi, Miyo
Ishiyama

Mrs. Gibbs
Sumi Keto, Lil Miyachi
Geo. Gibbs Johnny Katsu

Rebecca Gibbs
Motoko Ishiyama,
Sadako Yoshida

Wally Webb - Vincent Shijo
Emily Webb Toshiko Suzuki,
Michiko Okamoto

Prof. Willard
Joe Morizumi
Mr. Webb Shigeo Hotta

Women in Balcony
Mary Suto, Kay Sakguchi
Man in Auditorium

Kenzo Ishimaru
Lady in Box Pat Iwanaga,
Eileen Yamate

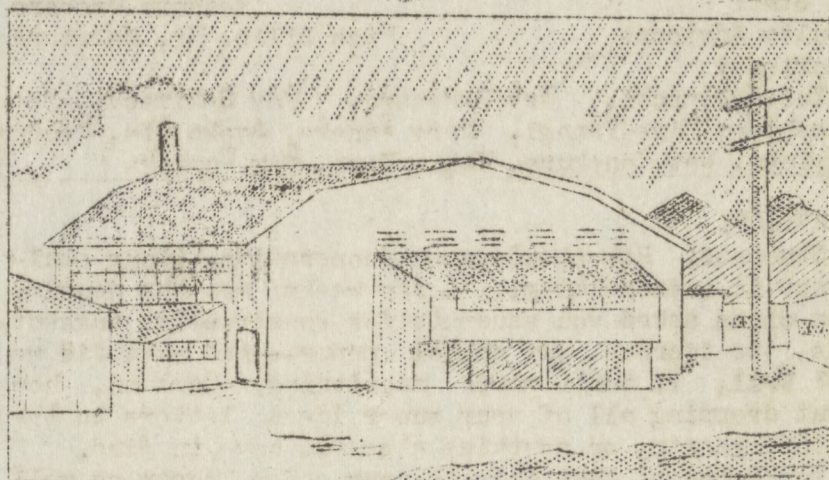
Simon Stimson
Jack Kawekami
Mrs. Soames Flo Sasajima,

Elsie Itashiki
Constable Warren
Koji Ozawa

Cy Crowell Tut Hirano
Baseball players
Joe Morita, Hiro Mifune,

Shig Omori
Sam Craig Paul Kagiya
Joe Stoddard Jim Ishida

Student Director
Irene Misumi



CONSTRUCTION BEGINS

Imagine yourself in a spacious auditorium, leaning back in a comfortable chair, and listening to an interesting program. Takes a powerful imagination, doesn't it? Well, it's going to be a reality pretty soon.

The ground breaking program for the new auditorium was held on Monday, Feb. 22, after school. Preliminary work for the construction will begin immediately.

This will be the first of the several buildings which will comprise the school. After construction of the auditorium, other buildings will spring up to make Topaz High School.

Strictly speaking, this new assembly site will be far superior to the "cheese box" we have for an auditorium now. The audience won't have to be giraffes to see what's going on. It will no doubt be better for the speakers and performers on the stage.

FINLINSON DRAFTED

Farewell to Mr. Finlinson, the Ag. Science teacher, who has been drafted and who is leaving for Fort Douglas, Salt Lake City, today.

Mr. Finlinson is a Utah State grad., where he received a B.S. degree in ag. He then taught school for two years, and later worked on a ranch.

He declared, "I liked teaching at Topaz High because the students here are very cooperative."

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Something is just beginning to bloom at 2-ET the first period core class, and it ins't flowers either! The two buds are H.N. and M.N.! (Mighty sweet!)

I guess that Block 10 will be seeing the flock of admirers again, now that Maisie A. is back! Hot dog!

They don't need spring fever to keep'em going. M. Furu---and To---Sak---!

I guess the morning's being lighter has frightened Mary Matsumoto into thinking she is late for school 'else, why the tooth brush Mary?

Seven days with Mr. Westover makes one "week".

Rhoda, wake up! Last night is last night! You will catch yourself saying "Hi!" in algebra, instead of "present."

Annabelle, someone is patiently waiting for your return. Could it be M.A.?

Bill Oshima are you back again? Anyway we're all glad to have you back again!

Question: "Why does B come before C?"

Answer: "Because one must B before he can C."

We wonder why Mr. Iwa Bando comes in to work so late in the mornings? Could it be that he has too much night life entertaining a certain somebody???

Question: "How is a poultry-keeper compelled to earn his living?"

Answer: "By fowl means."

ATTENTION!

Students! How about some cooperation. (Your ebullency is overwhelming). A few weeks ago the journalism class asked you students for constructive suggestions, to improve our school paper---and what did we get? Well, it isn't worth mentioning. Come on, how about dropping all of your super ideas, letters to the editor, gossip, or anything else you have in mind.

Don't forget that this is your school paper as well as ours! Our principal aim is to satisfy the readers, and at the same time publish an attractive, informative, and interesting newspaper.

If you especially like a certain column or feature in the school paper, drop a note in the box, and say so. As yet, we are experimenting with all types of novelty columns to amuse you readers, but we have no way of knowing what you think about them; unless you do as I so desperately request.

So take this plea for what it's worth, and fill the purple suggestion box in the library to its capacity!

S.R.C.

At the meeting of the Student Representative Council, held on February 24, a committee was appointed from within the Student Representative Council. This committee, consisting of Himeo Tsumori, Hiro Nakano, Yo Kishii, Michiko Nishikawa, Sadame Hara, and Junji Hada, will consult with Mr. Tani and Mrs. Hudson to formulate a

Red Cross Chapter here at Topaz High.

It was also decided that a flag raising ceremony be held every Monday morning at 9:00 A.M., presided over by R.A. President, Eiichi Adachi. Juro Hayashida will be in charge of the buglers.

BONERS

The object of "he" is "she."

William Tell shot an arrow through an apple standing on his son's head.

ODDS AND ENDS



CLASS MEETINGS HELD

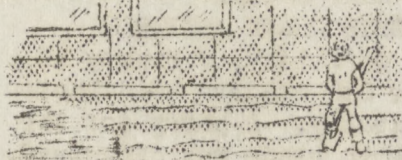
Seniors, juniors, and sophomores held their individual class meetings on Friday, the 26th.

Presided by George Yamamura, the meeting of the seniors opened with suggestions for school colors. Many humorous and striking color combinations were contributed, after which an election was held on the same. Beige and brown was the unanimous choice. For the school mascot, a panda was preferred by the majority of the students. Albert Nabeshima, a junior, related to the seniors the cost of publishing a year book. George Yamamura then presented the list of future activities for the class, such as a senior outing, a senior week, a senior prom, and a senior banquet.

At the junior and sophomore meetings, an election on school colors were held. **EXHIBIT**

Stop! Where? At the library this week. The craft, industrial arts, and drafting classes are exhibiting their handiworks, such as; leather and pyro sport belts, linoleum block prints, and carvings. The articles are all made by over 100 students.

Better get out a new roll book, Miss Fukuoka, Mr. Iwatsu, and Mr. Nishino, because you're going to be busy signing up new students after they've seen the colorful exhibit.



HOTBED

Have you noticed that enormous hole in back of barrack eight? It's not a grave! A gang of sweating Ag boys are working hard to make this hotbed. Its purpose will be planting tomatoes and cabbage.

Mr. Edward Bando, formerly of San Mateo, California, is now teaching physics, trigonometry, and algebra. He was a graduate student of the school of engineering at Stanford University.

Although he had no intention of teaching, until now, he admits he is enjoying it very much. He finds the students most interesting.

Mr. Bando is quite an expert on tennis and plays for a hobby. He also indulges in the literary field and mechanics.

He does not have any definite plans for the future, but after the war he plans to return to California to attend to some unfinished business.

MISS ELEANOR GERARD

Miss Eleanor Gerard, a Core teacher and now our new Vice-principal, was born, obviously, in Sacramento.

Prior to Topaz, she taught at S.F. Jr. College where she taught in the Police Officer Div. (No comments). She received her M.A. in Police Div. work at U.C.

Says Miss Gerard: "I like Topaz very much. The school, itself, is improving and getting 'under control'".



AG. SCIENCE

Dr. Harry H. Smith, Dean of animal husbandry of Utah State, spent a week in Topaz lecturing on beef, cattle, and swine. Thursday afternoon he demonstrated methods of slaughtering hogs. Friday, during high school assembly he cut up the pork.

That Friday afternoon a field trip was made to Mr. Morrison's farm just north of Abraham, where a demonstration was given.

Dr. Smith's lectures were arranged by Aden S. Adams, the high school vocational agricultural head.

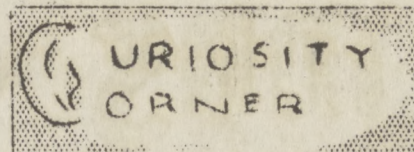
George Yamamura: "What kind of face does an auctioneer like best?"

Andy Hands: "What kind?"

George: "One that is forbidding."

Andy: "I'm going to vomit."

JR HI NEWS



PERMANENT STAFF CHOSEN

After two months of a rotational staff, a permanent staff has finally been chosen for this term.

For any article that appears in this section of the paper, credit should go to the individuals, who make up the junior high journalism staff.

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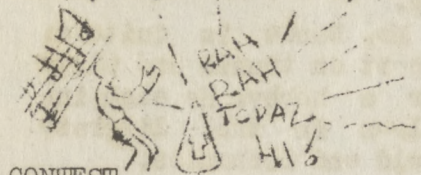
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NAME CONTEST

CONTEST

Have you thought of one? Well, you'd better hurry, as the deadline is near. What? You don't know what we're talking about? Well, we will repeat what Mr. Nelson already has said.

1. All yells and songs must be original.

2. Music from former schools may be used, but lyrics and words must be original.

3. Any student of the junior high is eligible to compete in this contest and he may be helped by his parents, brothers, or sisters.

4. All yells and songs become the property of Topaz Junior High.

5. All entries must be submitted to either the office (10-A) or the vocational ag class (8-A) by March 10th.

How would you like to win a prize? Well, then get out your "thinking caps" and name the junior high section of this paper. Now that exams are over, you'll have plenty of time.

The entry box will be in the library and the deadline is set for March 8th. Be sure to put your name and registry class with your suggestions. You may submit as many names as you wish.

Make a try!

EIGHTH GRADE ASSEMBLY

On Friday, February 19, the 8th graders held their assembly. A party for the eighth grade was discussed. Entertainment was supplied by Yuri Tanabe and a group of girls who sang a few songs.

It was an enjoyable assembly which drew the students of the 8th grade to a closer union.

Warning!!! All work and no play makes a person dull. (Hint to all bookworms).

Beware, 4-F boys! There are still some desperate wolfesses loose.

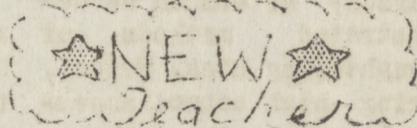
Joe M., aren't you just too, too happy to have so many girls go woo-woo over you?

It's been heard that Ashi A. and Kay Y. look alike. Who's being insulted?

Jensuke M., did you know that all the girls are cra---zy over your big masculine physique. Shoulder paddings???

Naomi T., want a blind date? If so, apply at Block 31.

Familiar quote: Topaz has a too well developed sense of rumor, rather than humor.



Something new has been added to the junior high. They are Mrs. Leese and the new Seventh graders.

Mrs. Leese teaches math and social living. She is a college graduate and is formerly from Minneapolis and Nevada. She has been teaching here since January 1.

The seventh graders had a welcome get-together. The highlight of the occasion was a little initiating and an one-act play.

CLASSIFIED... ADS

Inquiring Reporter

Lost: Tom Fukuoka's barber.

Wanted: Competent secretary to keep track of "Toa Momii's dates and stuff.

Wanted: Any reasonable facsimile of Pat Iwanaga for Johnny Oshima.

Wanted: Piano, by lady with mahogany legs. See Chiyo Sonoda.

Lost: Hank Obayashi (in Physics).

Lost: Gossip for Gossip column. Anyone finding any such dirt, please turn into box in library.

Wanted: A model without "daikon" legs.

Wanted: Ash trays for Vincent Shijo's gang.

Found: Book of etiquette. Yosh Takakura, please call for it.

Wanted: A better meeting place for a certain gang of girls.

Wanted: More and better assemblies.

Wanted: More girls with southern accent. Frauds need not bother to call.

A woman entered a cafe and ordered soup. Soon, she called the waiter:
Woman: Waiter, there is a fly in my soup.
Waiter: Well, what do you want me to do.
Woman: Give it artificial respiration.

That 25th hour! If you had an extra hour in your day, anywhere in the day, to use as you liked---what would you do with it? Here are some of the ideas on the subject expressed by various students and faculty members.

DR. GOODMAN, science and math teacher: "There are so many things I'd like to do. I really wish there were many more than just a 25th hour. In all sincerity, I'd probably use it sitting around in bull sessions."

ELSIE ITASHIKI, Sophomore: "I'd like to give an extra hour, read funny books and magazines."

ALBERT NABESHIMA, Junior: "I'll do things I've been wanting to do all my life---temptations!"

MISS BILLS, librarian: "What I need is about six extra hours so I can catalogue all the new books and get them out on the shelf for the students."

PETE KASHIMA, Senior: "I'd like to spend the extra time to study for "Butch" Nakaso's tests."

AILEEN YAMATE, Sophomore: "Run down to the new soda fountain."

MISS SUGIHARA, Spanish teacher: "I'd sleep!!! And take a very, very much needed rest."

MIYE YANAGI, Senior: "Gee, I don't know! I guess I'd knit some more."

TOPAZ DEFEATS DELTA 17-16



The 9th grade basketball team played an exciting game on Feb. 25. They had a close lead all throughout the first three quarters, but in the last minute of the 4th quarter Delta threatened by scoring two points making it 17-16.

The all-around playing of Hamada, Fukami, and Yamasaki, Nakahiro, Oshima, and Iwase; and the accurate shooting of Utsumi, Hirano, Kashima, Minemoto, Gyotoku, and Sano made it a victorious game.

Box score of outstanding players is as follows:

Players	Pos.	fg.	ft.	tp.
Minemoto	G	3	0	6
Hirano	F	2	0	4
Gyotoku	G	1	0	2
Kashima	C	1	0	2
Sano	G	1	0	2
Utsumi	F	0	1	1
		8	1	17

SIGN UP

For a long time the feminine set have thought that boys were the privileged individuals because they could challenge other schools.

Now girls have a chance to make a team, too! If they prove good, they may play Delta Jr. High or other school teams.

Notes From the SIDELINES

BU M KATO

Coach Sumner Hale, Director of Boy's P.E. bid farewell to Topaz High last week as he left for Smokey Hill Field airbase training school at Salinas, Kansas to become civilian director of the physical fitness program for aviation cadets, who are planning to become officers.

Until a new caucasian teacher is found, Mas Isebe will act as the temporary head, with the help of Frank Sakurai.

My good friend, George Yoshinaga, sports editor of the Heart Mt. "Echoes", quoted me in his column that our athletic field is nothing but an empty lot, well this true at the present, but in due time, a beautiful high school and gymnasium will be constructed on this lot.

Interesting facts derived from the four cage games played to date find Adachi and Tomioka as leading scorers with 8 points per game, giving Topaz Hi two high scoring forwards.



FIRST CASABA QUINTET

TO BE ONE OF THE BEST

Cocky, versatile, and great are the words that can be used to describe the first casaba squad of Topaz High.

Boasting of three victories and one setback, they are raring to go once again. Their style of play is different. Like a well oiled machine they roll with ease.

Breaking fast, the squad has often sent Adachi, Tsumori, or Nitta, driving into the hole for easy layups that have sent the opposition into shambles. When the front line is checked, it is Tomioka, Momii, or Shimizu who connect from the back court. Tricky ball handling sends the casaba into the pivot spot where Hidekawa or Yoshitomi connect for score.

FREE THROW RESULTS

FREE THROW CONTEST

After many days of delay, the free throw contest for those boys who are interested in competing for top honors of the ten relocation centers got started. Eight boys turned out at the Delta High School gym last Tuesday night to shoot it out.

It was a poor response on the part of the many, talented cage play boys, who play "hunch" every day at school court. A much larger turnout was expected.

Of the eight boys shooting, Tommie Nitta lead with 20 buckets out of the 25 shots. Michi Adachi and Harpo Komaru tied for second place with 12 points while Tom Tomioka came in a close third with a good score of 14.

Others who also shot, and deserve notice are Tetsuo Ochi with 17 points, Frank Sasagawa with 16, and George Hashimoto and Himeo Tsumori with 15 points each.

GYMNASIUM

With the official ground breaking ceremony held last week the construction of the high-school combination gymnasium-auditorium will be started soon.

This building will be completed first, so that it can be utilized while the high school is under construction.

This auditorium will have a seating area of 80' by 96', and a 40' by 20' stage with dressing rooms on both sides of it.

The basketball court will occupy part of the seating area and will be 48' by 84' with a 15' space along both sidelines to accomodate spectators.

SOON

Both sides of the gym will be used by the boy's and girl's physical education classes with locker and equipment. Rooms will be allotted to the girls. Back of the stage will be occupied by three large rooms for indoor sports such as badminton and volleyball.

ST PATRICK'S
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MISS BILLS MARRIES

Sniff, sniff, so sniffed twenty-five people, as the odor of delicious fried hamburgers floated by their noses in D.H. 32, last Wednesday night.

An informal gathering was held by the journalism class, in honor of Miss Bills, former journalism teacher and head librarian, who is leaving to marry Mr. Keith Gates.

To top off the evening, Mrs. Boardman sang a solo, and May Hayashida and George Yoshioka a duet. Refreshments consisted of thick, juicy hamburger patties, mouth-watering french fries, luscious jello, and that "pause that refreshes"—Coca Cola.

As a token of appreciation, the journalism class presented a gift to Miss Bills.

TOPAZ HIGH STUDENTS VOLUNTEER

This week Topaz High School will lose four students, Walton Morita, Yutaka Kagami, Leo Kishii, and George Yoshioka, who have volunteered their services to the U.S. Army.

They will take a physical examination sometime this week and will be inducted at Salt Lake City.

Everyone wishes good luck to these boys!

"HELLO DAY" SET FOR MARCH 17

In an effort to promote new acquaintances, the entire student body of the Topaz High school will participate in the "Hello Day" activities, announced for March 17, 1943.

For those who have been anxious to meet some one, but did not know how to, here's the answer.

During registry period on Wednesday, bids will be distributed to the students. These are to be autographed during the course of the class schedules by persons you have not yet met.

DING!!
DONG!!

Listen! The bell is ringing, for it's 8:50 A.M.. We'll all have to wake up earlier from now on, because Daylight Saving Time is being put into effect!

On petition, the bell was moved from the "plaza" to Block 32 for school use. Before, the students used to get out of class at different times because the gong, which we had for our former bell, wasn't loud enough.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

March 17 is the day on which the Irish commemorate their great national Saint, who died at Saul, County Down, March 17, 493, at the patriarchal age of 106.

For over 14 centuries, this same spirit of reverencing the memory of Patrick has survived in the hearts of Irish men and Irish women in every part of the world.

To top off the day of "acquaintance making", a matinee dance will be held at 4 P.M. at Dining Hall #32, with Harry Kitano as Emcee. Records of such name bands as Glenn Miller will provide the music.

"There will be no admission charges", declared Rhoda Nishimura, chmn. of Hello Day, "but contributions to defray the expenses will be accepted."

SCHOOL GETS SCRUBBING

Topaz High's Clean-up Day was a successful accomplishment. The girls and boys of both Sr. and Jr. High showed enthusiasm and fine cooperation. The boys shoveled gravel and laid it out, while the girls cleaned the interiors of the classrooms. Our reward was, a better school ground, and the praise of our neighboring blocks. Mr. Adams, who was in charge, made the day the success that it was.

COME ON! LET'S ALL DO OUR BIT TO IMPROVE THE PAPER!

After all that humble entreaty for more letters to the Editor, criticisms, suggestions, etc., in the last issue, only a shameful number of the afore-mentioned were dropped into that box in the library. Come now, is that all the enthusiasm you, as an individual, have for the school paper? Don't you want our "Topazette" to be the best school paper put out by the students of any of the relocation centers? Of course you do! With the cooperation of each and every student here in Topaz High School, the "Topazette" can, and will, become the best!

It isn't asking too much of you to scribble down on a slip of paper something that you especially would like to see written up in the paper, is it? You know, maybe your school paper back home had a column which was popular with the students. Suggestions of this nature are definitely welcome!

Beware of procrastination! Don't wait till tomorrow, or the next day, to put your bit into that box, do it right away! Puhlee---eeese!!!



THESE BOYS, WITH "HEINIES"!

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The 5th period Physics class doubled up with laughter as they enjoyed a free demonstration on "How to Snooze" by Kingo Kotake.

Dave Yamate, a square's delight, is said to be running after Naomi Kitagawa.

Sambo Nakaso has been quoted to be crazy for "Dinah Shore".

Mrs. Boardman has been learning to cut a mean rug. Watch out, Dorothy Aoki---competition!

A notice to Shijo's blockheads: Trying to get hep to the time and copy the new fad of the A.C.'s?

Don't worry, "Cow Patch" Katsyanagi, Tak still loves you!

It's been said that Shizu Nishino can be picked easily out of a crowd by that strut of hers!

CORE CLASS BONER

"I've permission from the 'flowing' people to give their names as references."

IDEAL GIRL?

I'll take a girl who
doesn't smoke
Who doesn't laugh at a
shady joke,
I'll take a girl who's
hard to get
Who hasn't kissed every
man she's met
Up to the Museum of
Ancient History!

Exchange Extracts

POSTON III PETRIFIED

Here's a nice ditty.

"Roses are red,
Violets are blue,
Orchids are \$3.50,
So nuts to you!"

The Postoners are thinking of restricting school socials to students only. Plenty of complaints have been heard concerning this matter. A very good way to correct this is by petition. How about it?

BUTTE DESERT SENTINEL

There's a girl in Butte who can tap-dance, sing, play the piano, sew, and cook!

Are there any reasonable facsimilies in Topez?

There is also a pretty neat love-lorn column. Are there enough troubles here to add a similar column in the "Topazette"?

ROHWER HI-LITES

This sheet has a "wanted" section which advertises that a woman wants a man. What kind of girl is she to have to refer to the classified ads. I hope there isn't any such thing in Topez!

HEART MT. ECHOES

According to the "Heart Mt. Echoes", the student body had a March of Dimes dance which netted quite a sum of money. Of course, we don't have to have it for some charitable institution, but you know the old saying, "charity begins at home".

FFA ELECTS OFFICERS

In a meeting held by the agricultural students, the following were elected as the officers for the Future Farmers of America organization: President, Jim Hayashi; Vice-Pres., Tom Masuda; Secretary, Toshiki Suzuki; Sergeant of Arms, Dick Katsuyasagi.

To be a member of the F.F.A., the student must take 420 minutes of ag science per week. Part of this time may be obtained on projects or from the work program.

The club plans to have a field day, and a Father and Son outing when the weather moderates. The walks around the school are to be repaired, also.

Flag Raising Ceremony

Last Monday, Topez High held its first flag raising ceremony with the pledge of allegiance led by B.A. Pres., Eichi Akechi. This ceremony will be held every Monday morning.

Two stuttering blacksmiths had just finished heating a piece of pig iron and one placed it upon the anvil with a pair of tongs.

"G-g-g-go on, h-h-h-h-hit it," he stuttered to his helper.

"Wh-wh-wh-where shush-shush-shall I h-h-hit it?" asked the other.

"Aw, h-h-heck, now we'll h-have to he-he-he-he-he it all over again!"

CLASS NEWS

JOURNAL COMMITTEE

Plans for the school journal and organization of a staff for the same were discussed at the journal committee meeting held last Friday afternoon.

Several capable students were nominated for the important position of editor-in-chief, and from this list, the members of the committee elected Ken Shimomura. The rest of the staff is to be chosen at a later meeting.

The faculty advisors are Dr. "Joe" Goodman and Mrs. Boardman.

MEET THE FACULTY

Did you know that a member of our Topez High School faculty taught music for five years at the Dwight School in Englewood, New Jersey? Yes, she is Mrs. Donnell W. Boardman, a graduate of Smith College in Northampton, Mass., where she majored in English. She also took many music courses, enabling her to teach instrumental, vocal, choral, and theory of music. Mrs. Boardman is now teaching senior English and Journalism. She likes it here at Topez.



SCORPION

OUR NAME

CURIOSITY CORNER

We wish to extend our thanks and appreciation to those who contributed suggestions for the name of the Jr. High section of the school paper. "Scorpion" took the spotlight and won. It was submitted by Ayako Miyazaki, a ninth grader. She was awarded a box of candy.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Students:

Beginning with this issue of the "Scorpion", we are going to feature a new column named "Letters to the Editor". In this column all questions, gripes, and criticisms concerning the whole Jr. High will be printed together with the answers supplied by the editor, teacher, and the proper authorities. No true name is necessary. The box will be placed opposite the charging desk in the library. Do not confuse yourself by putting your queries in the box with the big question mark because you will not get a response.

Why that box is still there, is a big question even to me!

Jr. High Editor

FACULTY NEWS

We are fortunate to have new teachers added to our faculty. Miss Eloise Sundquist, a former member of Texas College, is now teaching ninth grade English.

The 7th grade have got two new teachers. They are Mrs. Larson and Mr. Harris, both of them from Delta.

RED CROSS

The Topaz Jr. High showed their spirit in the huge success of the Red Cross Drive in which the students took part very cooperatively. Mary Komaru, Jr. Red Cross chmn., said, "I'm sure you won't see a single student without a red cross button on (I hope). I would like to thank every student who participated in contributing to the Red Cross."

CLEAN-UP

Friday, March 5, Topaz Jr. High was buzzing with activity, for that was the day that our school got a good scrubbing behind the ears. Just picture Dr. Goodman, shoveling gravel, with all his muscles bulging out, and Miss Caffal in drape shape slacks scrubbing the walls and floors. All in all, it was a huge success and a lot of fun.

Neat bracelets you have there Miya N. (Shozo T. is skillful, isn't he?)

Is that Bob U.'s heart beating full blast, when Juné Yamada walks by???

Why are all the boys going after "Tamago Head"? Is it because of the scarcity of eggs?

"Chiyo K.", boys just adore your Pepsodent smile.

Tillie, the Toiler, and Mac, of Topaz Jr. High.... (Rugi, and Lilyann).

Miyuki Wada, don't give the boys such a quick brush off! Give them a chance!!!

Frank Shidawara, do you put wave clamps on your hair---or is it just natural???

Addition to Staff

Several students interested in journalism have been added to our staff. They are as follows: Alice Nomura, Alice Mori, Michi Nishino, and Norma Kanzaki. We gladly welcome these people and anyone else interested, come and join up!

Eighth Grade

The 8th grade held their grade meeting on March 8, under the chairmanship of Ken Yamanaka. The main topics discussed were the year book, and the 8th grade program.

GIRLS FASHIONS



Gee! Gals, with the summer just around the corner, guess we won't be seeing much of those big, black, wrap-around G.I. jackets any more

Miss it? Why shore--- especially Annabelle, who practically hid in it. Cute though!

Greetings to gingham checks, candy stripes, flowered prints, seer-suckers, and all those luscious things.

During the hot, roasting days of summer, cotton dresses and play clothes will be quite the thing.

Oh! Yes! Don't forget the cute sandals to go with them. After all--- feet get hot, too!

Argyle socks 'n argyle sweaters---oh! What heaven! Don't we envy those who know how to knit.

Miye Yanagi is seen around school flashing a simply super scrumptious, home-knit Argyle sweater and socks set. Aren't we all green-eyed with envy!

Skirts, sweaters, and jackets will always be tops with the high school gals---and we say, "more power to them".

As for the rugged individuals or the "Daisy Junes" of Topaz High School, there are still the old faithful jeans and plaid shirts---the pigtailed included!

Prepare for the hot, blistering summer, now!

Rambling Reporter



The question of the week, as our rambling reporters have found out, is, "What do you think of afternoon dances?"

MISS SUNDQUIST, Algebra teacher: "It's all right, but to cut out class time, no!!!"

"POTAE" NAKATA, Sophomore: "Yippee! Now maybe the 'hep' boys can get a K.D. with the 'hep chicks' of Topaz High." (You don't mean C.N., do you?)

AIMEE NOMURA, Junior: "Big chance for sad bags. It'd be swell with Tom Tsuji's orchestra!". (Sigh!)

YAE SEKIMACHI, Senior: "Strictly solid if we have some really righteous music---and if all the kids participate and turn out for them."

"PORKY KAJIWARA, Junior: "I don't like the idea. Too many spectators!"

HARRY KOMARU, Senior: "Yeah, man! I think it's a good idea, if all the 'cats' and 'chicks' show up at the afternoon dances."

MAY HONDA, Senior: "Sure, it's O.K... How about holding special classes for those who don't know how to dance? You know, for stupid people like me!"

MAY HAYASHIDA, Junior: "I think the kids will enjoy it. Let's have it some time in place of the usual Friday assemblies we have!"

TOPAZ SCORES OVER HINCKLEY

For the second time in succession, Topaz scored a victory. The "A" team score was 25-15 and a 31-13 score for the "B's".

Box scores of outstanding players are as follows:

"A" Team

Players	Pos.	fg.	ft.	tp.
Nakahiro	C	5	1	11
Nakamura	F	3	0	6
Hirano	G	1	0	2
Matsuzaki	G	1	0	2
Minemoto	G	1	0	2
Kashima	C	1	0	2
		12	1	25

"B" Team

Players	Pos.	fg.	ft.	tp.
Yozo	G	6	0	12
Hirota	C	5	0	10
Horita	G	2	0	4
Mizono	F	2	0	4
Yamada	F	1	1	3
		16	1	33

Girls Sports Signup

There will be another sign up for girls interested in club activities and sports. The G.A. president has picked a committee of two girls from each grade. Miss Fujii has been chosen for the G.A. advisor. There will be a meeting in the near future so we want all the girls to come out.



INTER-CLASS BASKETBALL

By Ochi

Basketball feuds that have threatened to flare up many times before will finally become a reality when eight teams crash in the initial games of the first Topaz High inter-class tournament, starting at 4:15 today.

A huge turn-out is expected at the local high school court throughout the tournament, signifying a definite "Civil War" among the classes.

The highlight of the race will be the game between the Seniors and Juniors. Both teams are heavy favorites. The Juniors have a smooth aggregation, lead by Adachi, Hidekawa, and Shimizu. Not to be outdone, the Seniors have versatile Tomioka, Momii, and Yamamura.

The dark horses of the tournament are the faculty members and the Sophomores but they will prove very troubling for the favorites.

GAMES TODAY

Senior A vs. Junior A
 Sophomore A vs. Faculty
 Senior B vs. Junior B
 Sophomore B vs. Freshmen B

COACH DAVE CROWTON NEW DIRECTOR OF P.E.

"Topaz High appeals to me very much and the basketball team rates with the best in the state," said Coach Dave Crowton, the new director of boys' P.E., who filled the vacancy left by Mr. Sumner Hale.

Coach Crowton comes from Brigham Young University Training School, where he was director of health and physical education, teaching future P.E. teachers in that field.

He is a graduate of Granite High School in Salt Lake City, where he played basketball for three years. He attended B.Y.U., and there he continued playing basketball for two more years. Coach Crowton was also the former secretary of the State Coaches' Association of Utah.

BOXING

Boxing classes are now open to the students of Topaz High at Rec. 38. Fist cuff classes are under the instruction of Dick Miyashiro and Al Yamanaka. Mr. Miyashiro fought professionally back in Hawaii.

The bags, speed bags, mats, gloves, and other equipment are all here, so start training for the coming high school tournament.

At the present time, boxing is being taught after school, but arrangements for the students to take boxing during gym hours are being made.

Until now, boxing lessons have been under the instruction of "Tiger" Matsumoto. Hats off to him for volunteering in the army!

INTRAMURAL ACTIVITIES

Intramural athletics is entirely an "extra-curricular" activity at the Topaz City High School. All of the sports and events will be conducted after school hours on an entirely voluntary basis. The program will be diversified to meet the needs of the entire student body, and the various sports will be planned to attract some who might not have participated as yet.

General plans are as follows:

1. Competition is by core rooms.
2. League competition will be formed as follows:

a-7th grade	(4 teams)
b-8th grade	(4 teams)
c-9th-10th grades	(8 teams)
d-11th-12th grades	(7 teams)
3. Each core class will select an intramural manager, and he will have the responsibility of getting teams ready to play.
4. Managers will submit names of entrants for his core teams to the P.E. Department, where entrants will be posted for each team.
5. Players are eligible to play on one team only.



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JOURNAL STAFF CHOSEN

Now that the staff has been chosen, plans for the journal are being set up. The journal committee, chosen from the senior, junior, and sophomore classes, nominated and elected the staff members.

Ken Shimomura, the newly-elected editor, is ably assisted by the following persons.

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The junior high school is represented on the staff by Ashi Ashizawa and Hane Abe.

Sign-ups for the journal are being held at present in the core classes. The deadline is set for Friday, April 2.

Come on, hurry and sign up for your journal now!

S.R.C.

The recent revision of the Registry system necessitated a like revision in the Student Representative Council. To adjust to this new system, a meeting of the original S.R.C. was called by Dr. Woolf, Friday, March 19.

After much deliberation as to the reasons for this change it was decided to elect the new S.R.C. from the Core classes. Former members are to be given priority in the election.

SCHOOL COLOR AND MASCOT

A green and gold jerseyed figure plunges over for a touchdown; green and gold banners flutter over the school; and green and gold figures fight with ram-like bravery and stubbornness. Yes, these colors are going to be familiar in this high school, for they are now our official school colors. Likewise, the ram, has been adopted as the school mascot.

From Palm Trees To Dust

I watched with great awe and a tinge of terror, the cloud of dust that came puffing up before my eyes. "So this is Utah," I thought. It seemed rather dry; much drier than Honolulu, and intolerably colder. My imagination had been working overtime, and the dozens of Utahs that I thought of would astonish any of the great dreamers.

The trip on the way had its interesting parts, too. The greatest thrill of all came when we passed beneath the Golden Gate Bridge. It was at night, and the bridge was lighted up; maybe not to its full peace time capacity, but to my eyes, used only to the cavernous darkness of the Hawaiian blackout, it, was simply wonderful.

A city at night, decked with glittering lights I have not seen for over a year, and so I stayed on deck for hours, just watching the street lamps on the road along the bay, and the red blinking lights further up the hill. To me, it was like being in heaven.

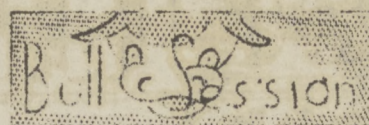
From Oakland, we boarded the train. It seemed to rattle unnecessarily, and another night of it would have given me a nervous breakdown for sure.

The coastal mountains
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May Honda, stop making those eyes at F.K. during core class. It isn't Sadie Hawkins' Day, yet!

After last week's assembly put on by the Juniors, the most envied couple seems to be the "King and Queen of Jive", alias Kingo Kotake and Pat Iwanaga.

"Potae" Nakata, the gals are still dying for a glance from you!

Sets Kimura, how about getting a K.D. to that "double" of yours, Grace Matsuno!

Nami Ihara has proven herself to be Topaz High's most popular girl at the "Hello Day Matinee Dance". Her latest beau, T. Tomioka, seems to be the lucky guy. How about a K.D. with her, huh?

Coming in next was Anabelle, Sec. of the S.B..

These two girls are just recuperating from an appendectomy. Let's all rush to the nearest hospital, shall we, gals?

James K., what is the subject of interest 4th?

Couldn't be K.I., Could it? Hagi T., why so blue? After all, Y.K. isn't leaving for the army, yet!

Yosh Yamada, Yo give you the "brush-off" too soon?

Ki Tanemachi, at least put a bowl on your head when you let K.Y. cut it!

Why did Clem Nakai get that "slitzie"? Did he break up with his girl?

Commandos, don't look too hard at---P.N., B.N.,

EDITORIAL

Waste of time is waste of one's life. At school some of the most noticeable ways of wasting time are: (1) absence from school without good cause; (2) inattention and indifference to work; and (3) tardiness.

The school is to be complimented as a whole upon its good use of time, and upon its splendid attitude. The latter was well displayed in our recent gravel drive and clean up day.

In the matter of use of time and punctuality, probably all of us can improve. Let us see to it that there is no more loafing on the job, no fooling about when one should be working, and little or no tardiness!

Let the Topaz High School serve you to a maximum degree! What you get from the school depends very much upon your wise expenditure of time.

"Dost thou love life? Then do not squander time, for that is the stuff life is made of." Benj. Franklin.

Dr. Woolf
Principal

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The coastal mountains of California were beautiful, though in a different way from those in Hawaii. As I watched them from the train, they made me think of Grant Wood's painting. (They were so smooth!)

We passed the Sierra Nevadas late at night when I was fast asleep; thus I missed the two feet of snow that would have been a sight to see. By next

morning, the scene had already changed to a dry sea of sage-brush. Oh boy, but that desert was dry and monotonous! It made me long for the coco palms which all my life I had been taking for granted. I now have reformed, and I certainly do appreciate trees.

Ten days on the boat, two days on the train; haven't I come a long way just to live in the desert?

Exchange Extracts

GRANADA, COLORADO

Students of Amache High are able to buy book covers, stationary items, notebooks and other items, for cut-rate prices through their student Co-op.

Amache High held its first commencement exercises last month. Thirty-two seniors received their diplomas.

A National Honor Society has been formed for the intellects of Amache High. Scholarship, leadership, service to the school, and character are the merits by which these students are chosen.

Emblems are awarded to Amache students who earn a total of 25 points, through participating in school activities.

MINIDOKA, IDAHO

Fate has done someone a dirty deal. Both student-bodys of Minidoka and Rohwer High picked "High-Lites" for the name of their high school papers.

HEART MOUNTAIN, WYOMING

After much debate, Blue and White, and "Eagles" were chosen as the school colors and name.

A Board of Arbitration has been established to settle all disputes and protest. This board will be for all sports outside of school and will have final say on all disputes.



VOICE OF THE VOLUNTEERS



"Why volunteer?" "Why not wait for the draft?"

These are typical of the questions asked us. Why? Because today our country is in danger. Her democratic principles are threatened. When these principles are in danger, our ideals are also endangered. The natural thing to do would be to enlist.

But to us of the Japanese race a far graver problem arises--our status as American citizens. Suspicion and disagreeable emotions, no matter how baseless, are cast our way. The one great weapon we have to break these undesirable reflections is enlistment in the army. But this is not enough. Not only the willingness but also the eagerness to fight for the principles upheld by the democratic nations must be shown.

There are persons who think that the retaining of civil rights and liberties are necessary before they fight. This is no time for quibbling over personal grievances! No pro-

gress or satisfaction will be attained by merely demanding. The U.S. government is not going to give anything out if we do not deserve it.

Another great problem which arises is the future of the Japanese-Americans. For those who wish to remain in this country, the future must be secure. All the Japanese-Americans to come must be insured safety and comfort.

At present there are two classes of persons. First are the individuals who believe in demanding, and second those who think action is necessary. We have chosen to join the latter group.

Thus in volunteering, we not only show our loyalty to this country, but also endeavor to bring back and all minority groups the privileges which they rightfully deserve.

We deem it our duty and distinct pleasure to take the opportunity to join the armed forces of the United States.

The Lopez High Volunteers HIGH SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP

All students interested are cordially invited to attend the Sunday evening high school church conference which meets in room 32-8-EF, regularly, every Sunday evening from 7:30 P.M.

The fellowship has had so far: panel discussions; speakers on relocation, and boy and girl relationship; socials; songfests; and other activities.

FOUND

1. A wine-colored, tweed fitted girl's overcoat, with velveteen collar.
2. Pocket knife
3. Eversharp pencils; fountain pens.
4. Gloves, mittens, scarves, caps, bandanas, knitting needles, eye-glass case, hat, and purses.

Please call at 10-A, for lost and found articles, promptly!

~ Scorpion ~

OUR NAME - MASCOT

After much confusion, the Jr. High has made its decision to have the same colors and mascot as the Sr. High School. Our colors are green and gold and our mascot will be the ram. They shall stand for our school and we, in turn, will stand by them faithfully and forever.

Social Committee

The Topaz Social Committee has been working industriously trying to get all the jr. high students acquainted. On April 8, 1945 our second matinee dance will be held. It's for all of you, boys and girls alike, so cooperate and attend. Donations will be accepted.

EIGHTH GRADE

The 8th grade party, on Friday, March 19th, proved to be a great success. The ball started rolling at 8 P.M., with games and ended with everyone swinging and swaying. The best couple of the evening was Flo Miho and Asao Onizuka.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

The newspaper's okeh, but why not publish something about having a "Sadie Hawkin's Day"? We girls would appreciate it, as the boys never ask us for dates, dances, etc., and we have to ask them.

Dear Lonesome:

For the information, to supply the answer to your letter, I have asked our Vice-President. Since the "Sadie Hawkin's Dance" doesn't seem to go over with both sexes, we are now making plans to get you acquainted and then, have a "Lil Abner Dance". I hope that answers your letter.

Jr. High Editor

G. A. AND B. A. CABINET

The Girls' Association and the Boys' Association met last Friday, and have finally chosen their cabinet for the term. They are as follows:

Girls' Association

Pres.- Kay Yoshiura
Vice Pres.- Rose Uyeda
Sec.- Secretary

Boys' Association

Pres.- Bob Utsumi
Vice Pres.- Mo Minemato
Sec.- Chuck Yamasaki
Sgts. at Arms.- William Hamada and Jiro Nakamura

The cabinet members have pledged to do their utmost for the good of the girls and boys of the Junior High, so let us, students, give them our fullest cooperation.

Curiosity Corner

Are the boys getting tired of Hollywood waves or is it the shortage of oil?

Kiyo A., all the 7th grade boys are detectives picking up your trail!

The name "Mary", sure seems to be popular with George K.. How come?

What happened to the Hana Nagata and Potae Nakata affair?

Miss Sundquist has a touch of Texas in her walk and talk.

Human Comedy Tut Hirano
You Were Never Lovelier Martha Oshima

In Which We Serve
Executive Board
Angels With Dirty Faces

7th graders
They Got Me Covered
Rose Uyeda and Mackinaw

Desperadoes
Mo and Skinny
The Lady Has Plans

Elsie Miyata
No Time For Love
Robert Mizuhara

Stand By For Action
Hid Kashima
Ball Of Fire Flo Miho

Powers Girl ?????
Gentleman Jim
Sanzui Takaha

Something To Shout About
Leo Ikeda
Talk Of The Town

Chiyo L. and Joe M.



This column is not from Mademoiselle nor from Harper's Bazaar. It's straight from the "chick" collection of Topaz High. You boys will just have to stop going out to town just to see the on-nas (gals). You'll just have to learn to appreciate us gals down here. You know we have these sharp Hawaiian Kanakas from the "Land of Wicki-weeki". Have you noticed their sharp beige legs and Lahala purses? Yes, and look at those bright colored shoes. What? What? You want a K.D. to Pauline?-----You haven't seen Shizu Nishino's bracelet have you? Well, it's made of wooden bells, straight from Delta-----Don't we gals like "Moses" Oshima's spiral sweater? What? No stripes on the arm? Well, he's not a fake like some other people that knit their school colored sweaters with stripes.

The proposed auditorium really appears in the offing with the arrival of a shipment of lighting equipment to be used for the new assembly. Arrived is a total of twelve 500 Watt spotlights, five sets of strip lights, a switchboard and gelatines. Dimmers are expected in the near future.

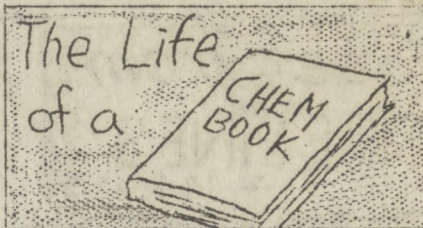
Due to the high voltage used by the equipment, only the gelatines will be used for the coming "Our Town".

I am a chemistry book, and I would like to relate something which happens to me almost every week-end.

Mr. Westover was just explaining the second step in the manufacture of Sulphuric Acid--- 2SO_2 plus O_2 produces 2SO_3 the third step is---bong! bong! Before I knew it, I was slammed shut and I felt myself being rushed out of the chemistry room.

Voices were shouting and laughing all about me and suddenly I heard a fellow calling out to my ambitious student. Look who's going to study! And he answered back, "G'wan, I've got piles of homework so I gotta study over the week-end." The other fella laughed.

Soon, we reached the canteen and suddenly, I felt myself getting oily with potato chip fingers. Oh, the life of a book! Then, as my studious friend passes by Rec. 20, he decided to play basketball. I was rudely slammed on top of some other person's Algebra, Latin, and Physics books. There I lay



until the dinner gong sounded. Then I was snatched up and finally reached my home for the week

Saturday passed and except for my being moved to a safer place than the low table where the baby could reach me. I was not moved or looked at. Sunday, I heard my responsible owner moaning that he'd have to study so I brightened to think that I would finally be used, but his friend came over and I heard him say something about a "game" at Rec 10.

To make a long story shorter, I arrived back in school on Monday morning and I discovered after rejoining my other "chem." companion books that the majority of them had undergone similar experiences. How about really using me next time, huh? Or let me lie in peace!



Notes From the SIDELINES

The Ward-3 basketball team, composed mostly of stars from the high school team, proved itself to be just about the best in Topaz, by defeating the highly touted Topaz All-Stars, last Tuesday at court 20, in a close game, 23 to 22.

Johnny Shinkai, eighth grade math and science teacher, is quite a track star. At Lowell High he set the 120 city broad jump record of $21\frac{1}{4}$ ", which still stands.

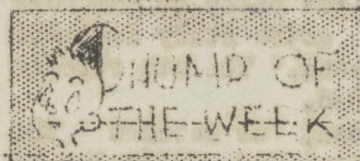
With the climax of basketball season just around the corner, the coming of spring will find softball and track as the main activities during P.E. periods and after school.

Amache High of Granada, Colorado has decided to give school letters as athletic awards, which I believe is an excellent idea. This will develop keener competition and more turnouts for sports.

Interesting statistics derived from the four interschool cage games played by Topaz High, find the team has made 17 charity tosses, potted 54 field goals for 125 points for an average of 31 points per game. High scorers were Tomioka with 35 points, followed by Adachi with 24 digits in three games, Hidekawa 12, Nitta and Tsumori 10 each in four encounters.

TRACK TEAM TO BE MANNED BY GREATS

By Tets Ochi



It would be unfair to name a player for this week because our varsity has not played a game in weeks; therefore, this is a pick based on previous tussles which we have had with neighboring towns.

For this issue we left our fearless pick with Tom Tomioka, one of Topaz's "finest."

Tom hails from "Frisco", California. A product of George Washington High, he captained the Eagle's 110's for two years, setting an all city scoring record of 104 points in 8 games.

He also played for the Y.M.C.A. casaba team, who under the tutorship of Mas Hara, won the Y.M.C.A. championship.

Tomioka is a brilliant forward and a skilful ball handler, and one of the highest scorers on the high school team, averaging 10 points a game.

The pungent odor of linament will again fill the spring air, as the 1943 track season rolls around the corner.

Unlike previous years, track teams all over the nation will be built not for the purpose of winning but to develop youth for a bigger battle.

With this in mind, here at Topaz, some hundred and fifty potential trackmen are expected to sign up next week.

Under the watchful eyes of Coach Crowton, light drills will be held for several weeks at the local ground. A tryout meet will follow, qualifying men for the school "cinder" squad.

The nucleus of the team will be built around such stars as Tsumori, Adachi, Tani, Yonenaka, Kashima, Ida, Kami, Yamada, Kotake, Takeshita, and other boys.

Potentially, Topaz High has one of the fastest trackmen in the state. Perhaps the most talented of all is diminutive Himeo Tsumori from Poly High in San Francisco. He runs in the 100, and only last year he was 1/10th of a second off the city record.

With such stars already bolstering up the squad, track meets with outside schools are being considered and it looks like a great year for the Topaz High cindermen.

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JOURNAL NAME CONTEST SUMMER SCHOOL PLANS

Do you want to win a free journal? Of course you do, so be sure to submit your entry for the journal name contest to your Core representatives before Wednesday, April 28. All suggestions will be considered by the S.R.C. and the five best entries will be judged by a group of impartial judges; the winner will be awarded a free journal.

Dr. Henry Takahashi has been authorized as the official photographer for the journal. He has already taken pictures of the track meet held in Delta, and individual pictures of the seniors and class officers, as well as group pictures of clubs and organizations and candid shots around the school.

FORUM THIS WEEK

On Wednesday, April 28, the Student Forum will present the second of its series of discussions on subjects of student interest. With Mary Ejima acting as chairman, several students are to present their views on the topic, "Nisei vs. Prejudice".

Students should attend this Forum discussion at 8:00 as it concerns them.

P.T.A.

A special P.T.A. award was given to the 7th grade for having the largest number of parents registered at the P.T.A. program, held on Friday, April 16, at the high school auditorium. A penant made by Mrs. Hudson and her sewing class, plus one dollar was the award.

A group of approximately 100 parents visited various classes and later gathered in the auditorium for the meeting. The theme was "Character Building Through Cooperation of the Home and School". Mr. Drayton B. Nuttall, principal of the elementary school, spoke on the topic through the eyes of an educator, then Mr. Iyeki gave the parents' view on the subject. Mr. Noble, superintendent of the Topaz schools elaborated on reports of P.T.A. in other centers.

The elementary school presented an art exhibit.

Tea was served at the end of the day. The hostesses were Mrs. Wehara, Mrs. Shibata and their committee.

Attention: Boys and Girls! The summer session course is designed for those who wish to make up back courses and also for those who want to make extra credit. Each student is limited to two or three courses. Each course will either be two hours long or one hour schooling with heavy homework.

The session will be six weeks long and, of course, only during the A.M. It is hoped that one credit given will be equivalent to one semester work but that has not been definitely decided.

A wide variety of offerings will be available and the tabulation of all students' requests have been made.

DELTA CONCERT

The A Cappella Choir was received with great acclamation by both the Topaz and Delta High Schools on Friday, April 16. It was the first spring concert presented under the direction of Edwin Iino. The climax of the concert was the playing of Ernestina Teramishi who rendered two violin solos as her debut with the choir. Her accompanist was Emiko Komiya.

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LET'S ABOLISH REPORT CARDS

How about starting a movement to abolish report cards? Many of the teachers seem to think that report cards aren't necessary and say that they don't believe in them; as for the students, they don't care to have them, and so everybody agrees that it's a good idea.

Report cards are for the purpose of giving the parents an idea of the kind of work their children do. However, instead of grades—which don't always seem fair—why don't they have the teachers write a note to the parents about the students instead? It would work just as well as the report cards—if not better.

There would be the feeling in the students that they are coming to school to learn, not to earn a grade. That is one of the most important aspects of education and to preserve it, let's abolish grades!

HINT TO FACULTY MEMBERS

Attention, faculty members! You complain about the attitude of the students toward their teachers in classrooms, and that some teachers—especially the resident teachers—are so intimate with their students that they do not have their respect. If this is the case, isn't it up to the teachers to help us "get down to business"? Perhaps it is also due to the resentment of the Nisei students toward the Caucasians that all is not well. It might help a great deal if some of the faculty members were more friendly.

After being evacuated from home, the students don't like to be told what to do except by someone that they feel understands their troubles. Do all the teachers understand their point of view? It's true that education is important to the Nisei but it is very hard for a student to study without the proper equipment and environment.

Coming down to "brass tacks", camp life has changed many of the students' attitudes toward education, so how about you faculty members showing a little more cooperation too?

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Why the "happy go lucky" look on your face nowadays, Shig-Nomura? Can Machiko Nakamura be the reason?

Say Dan Mizuhara, are you still hot for that gal? Remember in Tanfo? Just in case you've forgotten—Sumi "Pooey" Yui!

The hep cat Moses Oshima is really hot for "Sookie"!

Why is Grace S. sinking? Can it be because of the departure of "Harpo" Komaru?

Why, Kaz Kato, did you say that Agnes Mori is your current "fire"?

You still don't seem to be getting in there with "Okie" Hashimoto, are you, Watanabe?

Hey, George Hamada, what's the attraction at Reg. 34? Can it be that cute little thing named Etsuko Doiguchi???

What does K. Kusinoki find so interesting about block #39? Could it be "Kimi" Ihara?

This note was found in 5th study.

I love Johnnie K.
Johnnie loves me.

Signed Sasi
Dear Johnnie:

This is what I found Sasi writing and I just won't stand for it.

Signed??????

Is "Snobby" going to start that awful fashion again? This time with gals' sandals. Goodness! What will these men folks think up next? Of course, A.N. is an insult to the masculine sex!

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Exchange Extracts

MANZANAR, CALIFORNIA

To provide an opportunity for ten to twenty students to attend college, the Manzanar Scholarship Fund Raising Committee was formed.

The purpose of the group is to raise funds for giving financial aid to niseis who wish to pursue a college education.

HEART MOUNTAIN, WYOMING

Recognizing that there is a shortage of manpower in agriculture and industry in the nation and that many high-school students will have an opportunity to help alleviate this situation, a plan to allow students to accept outside employment and still earn credit for high school work has been outlined.

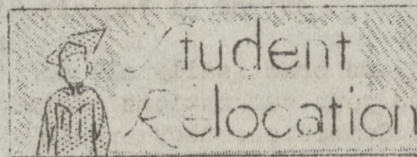
A benefit dance for the school was held; for which the students were required to bring two magazines, or any such reading material, and to present a student body card in order to receive a bid.

DENSON, ARKANSAS

To plan student body activities which will stimulate interest in school, a student council was organized with home rooms of both Junior and Senior High Schools selecting one representative each. The council members will report the agenda of each meeting to their respective home rooms.

Ah! Spring! Ain't it wonderful? It is in evidence all around us and some have had it for quite some time now---

Big eyes were looking coyly at him as they danced to the music of Glenn Miller's "Moonlight Serenade", and he felt as if he were dancing on air. ---Wasn't it wonderful, Andy, during 5th Biology in 12-AB? You know---Shigeko! ---Mrs. Ballard, nee Miss Caffall, as seen frequently staring dreamily at the billowing, white clouds. Sure signs of spring fever. ---Speaking about spring, it seems many of us who have had spring fever so long, have finally realized what it has done in "black and white" today. Oh woe!---There are two persons seen always in a gathering of people; how long has it been Miss I. and Mr. S.?---Don't keep it in the dark, Miss W., we know now! You look so happy since certain restrictions placed on soldiers were lifted in the case of a certain person!



Students, especially seniors, desiring to further their education in colleges should get in touch with the Student Relocation office in Rec. 30.

Students are cautioned against writing directly to the colleges for information.

Review of "Our Town"

The opening night of the dramatic presentation "Our Town" proved to be a tremendous success as indicated by the enthusiastic applause by the first night audience. Members of the cast were warmly praised for their excellent performances. Those who have not seen the play as yet should surely see it on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday of this week. The play is being produced by Mr. George Lewis.

Much of the effectiveness of "Our Town" is due to the splendid performance of Kiyochi Kumekawa as the Stage Manager. The rest of the cast is excellent, thanks to the direction of Ruth Naruo.

It is difficult to talk credits, especially as in writing this particular review, I haven't had a chance to; but I am sure that no injustice would be done in singling out the young actors who played the parts of Emily Webb and George Gibbs---Toshiko Suzuki and Johnny Katsu. Both put in splendid performances.

The whole play, with the exception of one or two lapses into slightly questionable taste, seems to me to be exactly what the author, Wilder, must have wanted it to be, and exactly what it should be --- highly interesting and extremely moving study of the small town reaction to life, told in the language of the small town. IAN

SCORPION

Student Body Card

Student body cards will be on sale from this next week! At present they are being printed in Delta. Any student owning a student body card will have the following privileges: 1) receive the school paper; 2) be a member of a "Spring Frolic", which the boys and girls association is to be on the evening of May 8. Bids will be 10¢. 3) go out for school sports; 4) join all contests; and 5) go to student activities cheaper or free.

Get Hep

The Junior High Social Committee is now planning a "Spring Frolic", which is to be on the evening of May 8. Bids will be 10¢.

Hep chicks and hep cats, now is the time to blast out just 10¢ to make it a big success.

CURIOSITY CORNER

Toots and Casper are a happy couple, so are Norma and Frankie.

Mickey Mouse is tiny, but Mrs. Goto is tinier!

Flash Gordon is a type of man we want, but not William Hamada.

Annie Rooney is always sad but not Ann Sutow.

The Katzenjammer kids are mischievous; following their path are the Goto twins.

Maxie, isn't it lonesome in Core since Mary has left Topaz?

Skinny, don't you think Margaret K. is cute? Writing letters is pretty serious, you know.

Congratulations, Mrs. Ballard, alias Miss Caf-fall!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Editor:

Let's have a boys rally every other week where we can encourage the boys to come out for special events such as dances, sports and other things of importance which we lack in our activities.

The Duke

Dear Duke:

Your idea of having a boys rally every other week is a very excellent suggestion. We are now trying to carry out this plan.

Mo Minemoto,
B.A.P.

Editor:

Why must we always have socials? Can't we have fun any other way?

Tired of Socials

Dear Bored:

Since requests for socials are practically all we get, we have them. If you'd give your suggestions for other activities to the Social Committee, they would be glad to carry them out.

Vice-President

G.A. NEWS

The sign-up for Junior High girls was held during all last week. Every grade chose its own teams and captains. The girls will begin to play badminton, softball, volleyball and basketball. They will continue playing and earning points until the end of the term when the girls having the highest points will receive their awards.

EIGHTH GRADE NEWS

Half of the 8th graders were the envy of all, as they gaily prepared to go with Dr. Goodman to visit the hog farms. After asking them to give the best regards to all their relatives, the other students went back to their school work, with many a regretful sigh.

SEVENTH GRADE NEWS

A crowd of the 7th graders came slopping wet to D.H. #32, last Friday evening. It was a party to get acquainted. The evening was full of joy with candy pulling. It was claimed by everyone to be a lot of fun, and a great success.

CASUALTY

It happened during drowsy 5th period, April 21. A group of young ladies were having first aid demonstrations in LB. They sat tensely on the edge of their chairs, watching their victim being bandaged. Suddenly, with a deafening thunder, a boy came falling in the window. The ladies were terrified and with frightened eyes watched the boy get up. Then they knew that there was nothing to fear.

The boy winced. He was hurt somewhere. The young ladies all wanted to treat him with their newly acquired first aid tactics. Before they could do so, the boy walked out of the room. (Maybe he was afraid of being bandaged up.)

The pretty young ladies made disappointed faces and mutely went on with the demonstration. The class was again peaceful.

A LETTER OF COMMENDATION

One of the Topazette staff members received a letter from the editor of the Salt Lake City West High School Paper, which reads as follows:

"The TOPAZETTE is quite a popular paper at West High. I see a copy in the principal's office. Then I see one on a teacher's desk. And then I see the journalism teacher running around in a fit of frenzy waving the thing madly before bewildered students. I think it is one of the best mimeographed papers we have seen in these parts."

UNQUOTEABLE QUOTES

Here are some "famous last words" of various students and faculty members around school. The next time you converse with one of the following, listen for the expression.

Shizuo Ozaki	"Ho's my boy."
Joan Ihara	"Wise up"
Hideo Yoshida	"Ugh!" (Indian Love Call)
Tetsuro Uyehara	"That's mine's"
Kuni Sumi	"Man!!!"
Ashi Ashizawa	"SHUT UP" (To the Scorpion staff)
Fourth Period Senior Core boys	"We didn't know there was an assignment"
Nobuji Fujimoto	"No shame"
Elsie Mayoda	"Yike!"
Mr. Handa	"Hock no, man"
Eichi Adachi	"What's doing?"
Sodatsu Ishida	"Watch it"
Sachi Honda	"I don't care"
Mary Eijima	"Gosh he's a babe"
Mrs. Boardman	"Why shore, you wretches"
Mr. Bando	"Please, be quiet"
Masaru Kato	"Watch it now"
Mr. Westover (After giving a long assignment)	"Now is there anyone who hasn't anything to do?"
Setsuko Kimura & Grace Matsuno	"Bzzzzz Bzzzzzz"
Mr. Harris	"If you want to talk, talk to Dr. Woolf"

Junior High News

Two outstanding students of the Topaz Junior High School have left us for the outside world during the past month. Shirley Kato, a ninth grade student, who is formerly of San Leandro, seems to be enjoying herself out there in Moab, Utah. Mary Komaru, also a ninth grade student, who is formerly of San Mateo, has left for Henderson, Colorado. While in Topaz, she served as a delegate to the Executive Council. Mary was also a member of the Scorpion staff, and she was the head of the Red Cross drive of the junior high division.

Since the resignation of former President, Bob Utsumi, it is the duty of Vice-President, Mo Minamoto to uphold the Boys Association by taking over the office of President. To succeed in the office of Vice-President is Thomas Hirano. The following students will make up the board of the Boys Association:

Secretary	Chuck Yamasaki
Sergeant at Arms	William Harada
	Jiro Nakamura
Representatives	
Hid. Kashima	Jiro Nakamura
Tats Sano	Mas Shinamura
Togo Oshima	Frank Ura
Maxie Nakahiro	

RAMS INAUGURATE TRACK SEASON

Place 3rd in
Invitational
Cinder Meet

By Tets Ochi

As the last sound of the starting gun echoed away into the spacious stadium of Delta High last week, so ended the first track meet for the Rams.

Although Topaz did not win, they have fully convinced some 600 track fans that the Rams are potential contenders for the county crown.

Fillmore, with 68½ points, walked off the winner, followed closely by Delta with 66½ markers, Topaz holding down 3rd spot with 53½, and Hinckley occupying the cellar with 33½ points.

The meet was closer than the score indicated; the battle for second place could not be determined until the end.

For the Rams, there was not a single man that could be tabbed as the star. Despite their lack of training everyone of the spikesters did a magnificent job.

In the 880 relay, Tsumori, Yonenaka, Shimizu, and Yamada brought the fans to their feet as they swept in ahead of the older and larger competitors.

Led by Akira Fujimoto and Hideo Yonenaka, the Rams swept the broad jump event, the winning leap being 20'3" followed by 20'2."



SPORTS
TOPAZETTE

Notes From
the
SIDELINES

By M. KATO

In accordance with the wartime program of physical education training, the P.E. directors of Topaz High are planning to contribute to the physical fitness of high school pupils by instructing combatives, sports and games, and other vigorous activities adapted in intensity and duration to the individual needs of pupils as a part of the total war effort.

Word comes from Coach Kittredge of Poly High that their track team greatly misses the services of Hime Tsumori, a great dashman, and star hurdler, Mike Ichimaru.

An inter-class track meet will be held in the near future between the 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th grades. Unless a student has a good reason for not participating, all boys will be required to take part in at least two events.

Flash! The high school track team challenges the Topaz community to a dual cinder meet, which would be tentatively scheduled for May 7th, but may be held on a later date.



Star player we choose this week is Eichi Adachi, who is Topaz's best all-around athlete.

Eichi attended San Mateo High School, where he earned his letter in track, basketball, and baseball.

He is a dead shot with either hand, plus being a clever ball handler, and was chosen on the 110's All-P.A.L. casaba team for two years.

In track Eichi holds the 110's 8 pound shot put record with a remarkable throw of 46'10".

While playing left field for the San Mateo "Bearcats", Eichi had the honor of being chosen again on an All-P.A.L. team, this time as a star ball player.

A dual track and field meet will be held on Wednesday, May 5th, with Topaz invading the Delta cinders. After a little crystal ball gazing, yours truly goes out on the limb and predicts a 73 to 47 defeat for Topaz, but I hope the team wins and upsets my prediction. The prophecy is based on lack of practice and equipment.