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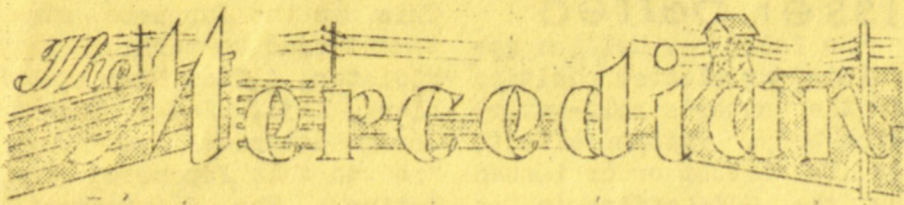
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275 TO GET DIPLOMAS



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ELECTION RESULTS

With all the color and trimmings of a grand country election; arguing pros and cons over Parliamentary laws; "seconding of nominations" and electioneering of favorites; the second and revised election took place at the respective mess halls last night.

Ward representatives who were reelected to their positions are Mas Hoshino--A; Buddy Iwata--C; Henry Shimizu----E; George Otani--F, and George Matsumura--H.

Six leaders were elected on a white ballot. They are: Mas Hoshino---A; Aki Yoshimura--D; Mitsuo Kagohiro---G; Mona Hirooka--G; Mrs. Mitsuye Okamoto---I; Tim Sasabuchi--J.

The following representatives were chosen:

A-- Mas Hoshino---unanimous;
Yuki Tanaka-75; Mabel Andow--21.

B--Isaac Matsushige-----31;
George Tashiro--27.

Miye Yamasaki--32; Wakako Domoto--27.

C--Buddy Iwata----33; Takoshi Date-2; James Yoshino-2.

Grace Narita----31; Aiko Tomiyo-11; Clara Yamaguchi-5.
D--Aki Yoshimura--unanimous.

Chiyo Furuno-42; Emiko Hinoki--32.

E--Henry Shimizu---41; Takoshi Koga--33.

Marie Kai--45; Mrs. Miyo-shi Nakano--34.

F--George Otani-----52; Fred Watahara-22; Tom Kurihara-7.

Mrs. Nakamura--45; Mrs. Kimura--37.

G--Mitsuo Kagohiro---unanimous.

Mona Hirooka--unanimous.

H--George Matsumura-----41;
George Dote--37.

Mabel Furukawa--45; Mrs. Mary Toda--25.

I--Tokio Kawashima-----46;
Yorio Aoki--16.

J--Tim Sasabuchi-unanimous.
Mrs. Molly Wada--52; Aiko Kobuke--31.

rush is on!

Long lines of residents stand patiently in the hot sun hours to obtain the free issue coupon books. Roy V. Janison, cashier, is in charge of issuance.

The following scale is used for issuing: \$4 per couple, \$1 for each individual 16 years and under, with a maximum of 7.50 for a family, and \$2.50 per individual over 16 years.

for men 18-20

All men from 18-20 years, inclusive, must register for the Selective Service at the Administration Building today.

Registrars will be in the building from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

BUSY '4TH' AHEAD

Entertainment, which will please the tiny tots to the eldest persons, is being planned for the Fourth of July celebration.

Tentative plans being formulated include a flag ceremony and program, a kiddies' and departmental parade, children's "undo kai" (field day), sports--both men and women, sumo and dance.

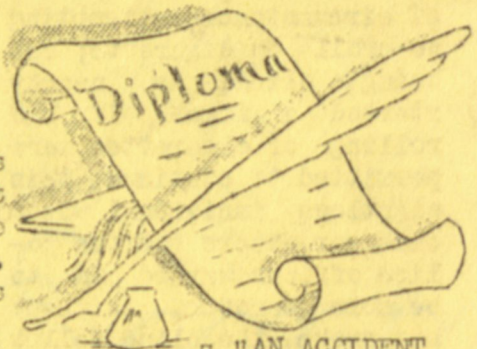
An all day hobby show will be another of the main attractions. The location will be chosen later. Hobbyists are asked to display their artistry.



Headed by a list of seven university graduates, 275 students will receive their diplomas Thursday at the Commencement Services beginning at 7:15 p.m.

The following program will be presented:

1. PROCESSIONAL INVOCATION: Rev. Hirata; 3. VOCAL SOLO, Mayme Kishi; 4. GREETINGS, Harry L. Black; 5. STUDENT SPEAKERS; 6. SONG, "THE SPACIOUS FIRMAMENT ON HIGH", graduates.



7. "AN ACCIDENT OF HISTORY", Dr. Hubert Phillips, Prof. of Fresno State College; 8. PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS, Dr. Terumi and Ed. Woodside; 9. NATIONAL ANTHEM---all

10. RECESSIONAL.
Bachelor of Arts degree will be presented to Mayme Kishi, San Jose State; Martha Takemura, Franklin Okuda and Fred Arimoto, U.C.; Mary Taketa, Armstrong Business College; Yaeko Shimada and George Kiyabu, Pacific Union College. (con't. on page 2)

Mrs. Yuki Kamayatsu is chairman for the day. Assisting her are George Fujita, flag ceremony; Mrs. Higaki and Ben Kuraya, parade; Mayme Kishi, music; Messrs. Ogata, Takano, Morishita and Kobayashi, "undo kai"; George Kawaoka, Miyo Yamasaki and Reiko Haru, sports; Mr. Sakamoto, sumo; Kanami Sanui, dance.

The latter event will honor the high school and college graduates. The theme will be patriotic and the school pennants will adorn the walls.

Kaneji Domoto will handle interesting angles on the publicity end of the mammoth Fourth program.

The Moving Reporter by Suyeo Sako

Little Hugo Taniwaki, 4; son of our managing editor, gets the credit for being the youngest bookworm at Merced Assembly Center.

Hugo goes to the library every day and reads books and magazines. He is a distinguished individual as he sits on the bench which has a sign reading "Librarians Only." ORCHIDS FOR POLICE DEPT.

Down in Ward H a policeman, while patrolling that section, found a man of circumstances attempting to roll a cigarette; but being blind, he nearly started a fire. If his rolling of cigarettes were permitted to continue, this sightless individual would endanger others so the police officer warned him to be more careful. Without his smoke, the blind fellow was very lonesome, so he started to play on his musical pipe. However, one day he accidentally dropped and broke it.

Seeing this lonesome man with tears in his eyes, the entire police force came to his rescue. Everyone on the police force chipped in dimes and nickels with which they purchased two cartons of cigarettes. Today, he is a happy individual and so is the entire Police Department.

A RIPE TOMATO?

Hearing that the first tomato plant bearing a ripe tomato was located in Ward A, your reporter made a mad dash toward the place. Upon reaching the destination, disappointment and embarrassment greeted him as a great big, red tomato was nailed on to the small plant.

The Japanese certainly have a great sense of humor....plus rumor!

PLEASE RETURN

Dr. T. Fujimoto requests the breezer hat with initials, T. F., which he lost while making a call, be returned.

If anyone has it, please return it as we are short of doctors and cannot afford to have him get a sun stroke.

PENALTY AGAINST MAN IS EIGHT COKES....

Issei Barred

"No Issei may hold an appointed or elected position in the Center's self-governing body." This, in effect, is the latest order issued by the WCCA office in San Francisco.

The elections held last Wednesday were held void since Issei were allowed to vote. According to the bulletin, no Issei may even serve as a committee chairman.

Official notices

Latest bulletin on the eligibility of a person who holds a ward representative post states that the candidate does not need to know Japanese.

An interpreter will be assigned to convey official messages to Issei.

FORBIDDEN BOOKS

All books written in Japanese except approved Japanese religious books are considered contraband.

Residents are asked to turn all unauthorized literature over to the interior police.

GRADUATION

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Socials, one for the high school students and one for elementary will follow the exercises. A dance on July 4 will also honor the graduates.

Mary Suzuki is general chairman for the graduates' activities. Assisting her are Gladys Ishida, survey; Fred Arimoto, program; Mayme Kishi and George Yoshida, music; Joe Shiro, general arrangement.

Violet Kumimoto, flowers and clothes; Shizue Asai, grammar school social; June Suzuki, high school social; Kanami Sanui, dance; George Yoshida, finance; Isao Kuge, publicity; Agnes Yamamoto, invitations.

Elementary graduates number 119 with 55 schools represented; 135 high school students with 30 and 21 junior college and university graduates with 11 schools.

"Anata-wa muzai desu ka?"

This was the Japanese statement read to parking law violator, Alfred Stronk, by clerk, Kaji. Judge Dwight Darrow demanded "yes" or "no" to this Japanese quotation. The defendant, scratching his head, slowly answered "no", which to his surprise was an admittance of guilt.

Glancing around the court room, eight thirsty looking attendants touched the judge's heart. Lamenting the fact, Judge Darrow ordered the law breaker to purchase each of them a bottle of coca-cola. Stronk reluctantly followed the order.

Leroy Stroder, who was arrested for the same charge, appeared eight minutes late for his hearing. Because of tardiness, contempt of court was charged against him. Appealing for a fair jury trial at a later date, the case was postponed.

IN APPRECIATION

Unable to thank their many friends individually, Mrs. K. Kimura and family express their deepest gratitude to those who were so kind to them during their hour of bereavement.

THANKS

Mr. N. Tanji and family extend their heartfelt thanks for the expressions of sympathy shown them in their hour of sorrow.

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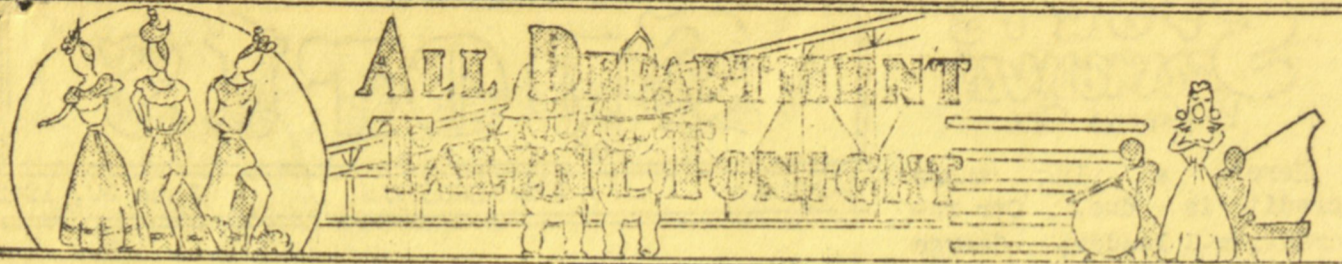
RECREATION-----Suyeo Sako

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ARTIST-----Jack Ito

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Contributors-----Richard Okuda, Shizuo Tsujihara, Mary Watanabe.



Eight lovely girl strutters and one beautiful majorette, twirling a baton and dressed in bright uniforms from the Girl Scout Department will strut in tonight's talent show.

You'll scream with delight when the Art department with their South American style sends their 3 colorfully costumed Carmen Mirandas dancing across the lighted stage. If this isn't enough, watch the Sanitation department in their colorful dresses in the side-splitting performance of the famed "Yo-

gore Dance."

For those who wish to learn another language, listen to the Filipino talk by the Gardening Department. They also will stage a dance which appropriately fits their occupation called the "Hoe-down Dance."

For Issai, a shaku hachi and naniyabushi numbers by the Sanitation and Carpenter Departments will thrill them. You'll be breathless when you hear vocal solos by the news staff, canteen and Supply Department.

Comical and serious songs are expected by the Ware-

house, Finance and Supply Departments. If religious atmosphere appeals to you, listen to the Religion Department, and from the Fire Department anything can be expected. Education Department promises something in the cultural field.

With all departments in this Center expected to participate, the talent show is scheduled to start tonight at 8 p.m. at the grandstand. This program promises to be the most colossal, comical and cultural ever staged.

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Beyond Our Barracks

Let's talk in our follow friends from other centers to see what's doing.

"Anita Funita" is the theme of Santa Anita's July Fourth Celebration.

Pomona has already attained the goal we have set for ourselves—increasing the paper to six pages semi-weekly. The razor blade rationing seems to have hit the Santa Anita—a beard growing contest will go on for one week and a half.

"Something for the Issai" is planned for Pomona's Fourth of July celebration. It's a four-hour show with half of it "shibai" (Japanese drama).

How to save our shoes—Tulare has started a rubber saving plan and urges residents to wear wooden clogs and sandals—not a bad idea, is it?

Women activities in Tan-feran range from needlework to making sailboats and "getas". Even if it's devoid of water, Tanferanites are proud of their lake.

"Pansho", a two-toothed creature, is the mascot of El Joaquin, Stockton Center paper.

MIDGET RACE AND SHADE

Have you ever seen a giant run? Well, if you haven't, keep your eyes on the Fourth of July 100 yard dash scheduled for the "200" Club. All participants are 200 lbs. or over.

The event will take place between the double-header baseball games at the ball park. Speedsters are George Fukuyama, 210; Ping Oda, 208; George Nakao, 205; and Jack Noda, 210.

health aid

"Will you have a luscious salt tablet today?" The mess hall attendants will be asking you this question as those tiny saline pills are being distributed to all mess halls.

"The pills, when taken in proper dosage will greatly relieve heat-exhaustion and strokes," the Health Department said.

Your Favorites?

Who is your favorite orchestra leader? What is your favorite record? This is what the Recreation Department would like to know in their effort to satisfy the Center dancers.

The department will attempt to buy the records the majority wants, so it's all up to you now.

When Joyce Kilmer wrote his immortal song, "Trees", he must have been thinking of just such a tree—a lone but a friendly tree, shading the home of Matsu-mura and sons (B-1-1).

Although it is only a very common species of the cotton tree variety, it is the largest tree found inside the Center. It measures some 25 feet in height; and at about 10 a.m. the sapling casts a welcome shadow to cover about 50 square feet upon the good earth.

In the line of vegetation, the tomato tops the list by a 19,000 count. The wild morning glory and "kiku" cuttings lead the flowery variety, while the virile Bermuda grass is always here.

baby boy born

Mr. and Mrs. Y. Tanaka of Walnut Grove in J Ward are proud parents of a baby boy, named Jun, born on Fri June 26, at 11:34 a.m. The child, the fifth one, weighed seven pounds and four ounces. Attending physician was Dr. Fujimoto.

BALLOT

Write in your favorite song and orchestra and turn in to F-2-2.

SONG _____

ORCHESTRA _____

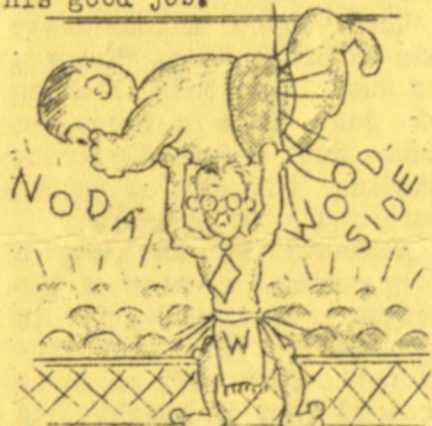
SPORTS Scrambles

by Kanemi Ono

Here's a plug where credit is due. Our recreation leader, George Kawaoka, has rendered his earnest efforts arranging schedules, planning diamonds, getting equipment and trying to satisfy 70 team managers at the same time.

In a field where team competition is the essence of his work, complaints from dissatisfied team members prevail. Through these obstacles and starting with a limited amount of equipment, Kawaoka has various leagues under-fire today, which are receiving the same interest that all leagues do in the sporting world.

A big hand is accorded him from the Mercedian for his good job.



At a secretly planned outpost, the Noda-Woodside championship wrestling bout had its colors. It was a match in vain, as referee Harry Black became exhausted calling the numerous fouls. After conferring with the official timer, Kiyo Togashi (Woodside's secretary), Black called the battle a draw.

Incidentally, the Truck Department turned out 100% strong cheering Noda in his critical moments as Woodside displayed a series of devastating rabbit punches and drop kicks.

7-7 DEADLOCK

The Turlock Senators and the Yolo Phillies battled to a 7-7 deadlock in the only American League tilt over the weekend. Umpire Takemitsu called the game a tie because of the limited time. S. Daikai and F. Nakatani tossed for Yolo, as H. Ito and J. Saisho opposed them.

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REDS, GIANTS LEAD

all star games

Two North and South All-Star games are scheduled for Independence Day which should be of interest to baseball fans.

In the National League, All Star players from Yolo, Sebastopol and Colusa will represent the North. Cortez, Livingston and Walnut Grove are uniting to compose the southern team.

Marin, Yuba City, Yolo and Sebastopol are the northern teams of the American League. The South will select its athletes from Courtland, Modesto, Cortez and Turlock.

The American Leaguers will take the field for the first game and the National League the night-cap. All star candidates for the two games will be released soon by the team managers.

baseball sched.

TUESDAY, JUNE 30

MARIN VS SEBASTOPOL "B"

YOLO "A" VS SEBASTOPOL "A"

THURSDAY, JULY 2

YUBA CITY VS COURTLAND "B"

CORTEZ VS LIVINGSTON "A"

After the second round of play, the Colusa Reds and the Sebastopol Giants held their National League leadership by the slimmest margin.

The Colusa lads downed the Cortez Cubs, 6-5, and the luckless Walnut Grove Braves dropped another close tussle by losing to Sebastopol, 9-8. The Yolo Phillies walked away with a surprise victory over the Livingston Dodgers by a 9-4 count.

AB	R	H
YOLO PHILLIES	31	9 11
LIVINGSTON DODGERS	26	4 4

BATTERIES---Yolo, S. Matsutani, T. Sasabuchi and J. Hatanaka. Dodgers, S. Ito, G. Tanji and K. Ohki.

AB	R	H
COLUSA REDS	32	6 9
CORTEZ CUBS	28	5 9

BATTERIES---Colusa, M. Ishigaki and G. Fukuyama. Cortez, H. Kajioka, J. Kawaoka and G. Kajioka.

AB	R	H
SEBASTOPOL GIANTS	34	9 10
WALNUT GROVE	34	8 13

BATTERIES---Giants, M. Arishita, G. Otani and T. Ono. Braves, G. Yoshiwara and T. Ioka.

HOW THEY FELL...

Over 2,000 people gathered around the sumo pit to make the first sumo tournament a huge success. Issai enthusiasts thronged the bleachers cheering their favorites. Technical criticisms on the art of sumo prevailed among the fans.

In the feature San Yaku matches (three highest ranking wrestlers from each team), the team of the Nishi (west) blanked the Higashi (east) squad, 3-0. Kimura(N) defeated Ojima(H), Uyomoto(N) dropped Goto(H) and Aoki(N) threw Inouye(H).

In the special event entry, Hanaisami was a victor over Isoarashi. Both are

sumo experts of the past. Also a special bout, Ojima won a two fall match from Nakano.

The Nishi team were victorious, 3-1, over the Higashi in the Class "L" battle. Nakano(N) conquered Yagi(H), Kojima(N) dropped Nakashima(H), Shimizu(N) a draw with Kobuko(H), Arimoto(N) defeated Takeda(H) and Hirai(N) lost to Kayokata(H).

Hustling tusslers competed 85 strong to win individual honors in the "B", "C" and junior divisions.

Mr. Sakamoto was chairman for the event. Mr. Tani-guchi acted as announcer and Y. Shiro refereed. Fuku-nishiki arranged matches.