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## WATSONVILLE SENIORS RECEIVE DIPLOMAS AT SPECIAL COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES FRIDAY

Thirty young high school seniors of the Watsonville High School were presented their diplomas at the special commencement exercises staged in Bldg. 72 of this Center, Friday afternoon.

The processional was played by Harumi Nance on the piano. Rev. Kohei Takeda led in the invocation. The singing of the "Stars Spangled Banner" was joined in by the audience.

Dr. Harry Kita, Chairman of the Center Council, presided and gave the introductory remarks saying that the residents of the Center join in congratulating the graduates upon their achievements. "From a life of contentment and peace the graduates go into a world of turbulence and strife," the chairman said. He asked that the graduates be strong and weather the storm with flying colors and with visions, bright and unafraid.

In the presentation of graduates, Mr. Thomas S. MacQuiddy, high school principal and Superintendent of Schools, said that the American public has great faith in the graduating class and that they should keep a strong heart that will carry them through the difficult times and to work for everything that democracy means and that America means."

Mrs. Louise Worthington, dean of girls, presented special award of achievements

for scholarship to the local W. C. C. A. in the Scholarship Federation including Florence Yoshizumi, Shizuo Takemoto, Misako Kimoto and Kazu Oshima. They were given pins and certificates.

Assisted by Kazuo Shimonishi, Mr. MacQuiddy presented diplomas to Meriko Arita, Hatsuiko Eto, Frank Fujita, Tom Hashimoto, Aiko Hirokawa, Aiko Iimaru, Shieko Kameo, Kazuo Kamitani, Misako Kimoto, Yutaka Kimoto, Shigeru Kizuka, Evelyn Y. Matsui, Frank Matsumoto, Harry Morimune, Gus Nakagawa, Kazu Oshima, Haruno Sato, Toshiko Shigemoto, Ayano Shintani, Grace Sugidono, Jiro Sugidono, Ichiro Sugidono, Shizuko Sugiyama, Shizuo Takemoto, Mae Yamaguchi, Kikue Yamamoto, Grace Yamashita, Saburo Yamashita, Shiori Yasumoto, and Florence Yoshizumi.

Kazu Oshima, a class member, responded and graciously thanked Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Rose, Mr. Lindsley Lueddeke and his service division committee and the school officials who made it possible for the class to hold commencement exercises.

Miss Edna James was present to represent the school board of the E. A. Hall Grammar School and gave certificates of graduation to Shin Sugiyama, Harumi Morimune, Spencer Nakata, Frances Kametani, George Uchimura and Dorothy Arita.

## GIGANTIC TALENT SHOW PLANNED FOR SUNDAY AT THE ARENA: "COME ONE, COME ALL"

A talent show to surpass all talent shows will take place in the arena, Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m.

Talent facilities of the entire Center have been obtained to participate in the gala "finale" program.

With John Yamauchi as "emcee", participants in last Sunday's program were the string band composed of Frank Masamori, Clara Nakamura and Sachiye Endo. Instrumental numbers were given by Kimiye Ruth

Miyasaka on the accordion; Kay Matsushita, harmonica; Tom Miyazaki, trumpet.

Mr. and Mrs. Rose of the administration were among the interested spectators. Mr. Rose gave a short talk thanking the residents for their cooperation. Dr. Harry Kita spoke of the Council work and commended the recreational department for their outstanding contribution in coordinating the Center activities of the indoor and outdoor recreation.

NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS APPOINTED

Center Manager, E. A. Rose, appointed the following additional members to the Center Council: Teutomu Aways, Frank Yamazuchi, Takeichi Kadani and Shuichi Nishita.

At the sixth weekly meeting of the Council, Monday evening, representatives from the American Crystal Sugar Company, were present to explain and appeal for laborers to work in the Montana Sugar beet farms.

Until further clarification is available, the Council advised the residents against destroying books and literatures printed in Japanese.

Mr. Rose forwarded the sum of \$20.00 to the Council which was found.

Appointments made by the Council included Library Board: Dr. A.E. Tatsumi, chairman; Miss Sada Onoye; Mrs. Miyuki Matsuura. Board of Recreation: Kenzo Yoshida, chairman; Harry Shirachi, Geo Nagano, Henry Omoto, Kenshi Wada; Board of Education: Dr. F. H. Ito, chairman; Mrs. K. Koda, Mrs. John Urabe, K. Takizawa and Dr. George Hiura.

The Council has planned an open forum to be held soon to discuss relocation problems as soon as further details are available.

THE HAPPINESS CORNER

The Hirabayashis were the proudest family in the Center this week.

News arrived from Harry, a family member stationed at Camp Grant, Illinois, that he had been promoted from a Buck Private to First Sarge. Harry has been in the service for only nine months.

Alyce Hirabayashi's usual beaming face was broadened out with unforgettable smiles Thursday when the news was received.

Another candidate for this corner this week is Kimiye Miyasaka. Instead of one "Wanzenita," Watsonville High School's annual, she received two copies.

A group of her high school friends made a gift of a souvenir edition which had been autographed and inscribed by classmates and teachers from cover to cover.

ART EXHIBIT HELD OVER

New art pieces have been added to the large collection now being exhibited at the Center Library.

By popular demand and to give the entire center an opportunity to see the work of the Center artists, the closing date has been extended for another week.

JOHNNY DOUGHBOYS BAKE 600 PIES

And baked the Six Hundred. That was the tale of the favorite American dessert, apple pie, which made its debut at the mess halls Wednesday noon.

The bakers have been graduated from their cobbler stage to pie-baking class. The "Dough-boys" baked the whole night through and their efforts were not in vain if the gleams of "second servings, please" in the eyes of the diners were any indication.

EMPLOYEES RECEIVE FIRST CHECK

"Pay Day!" The two magical words spread rapidly around the Center Wednesday and by the time the Center Cashier, Claude Addison, and his staff were ready for distribution, a long and eager line had already been formed.

The employees in the Center received their first pay check and the sentiments of many were to frame their checks for souvenirs.

WEEKLY "SING" NIGHTS CLIMAXED

Toru Asada, song leader, and Florence Koda, pianist, were in charge of "Sing-spiration" Friday night in Bldg. 33.

The quartet composed of Pat Matsushita, Kenji Shikuma, Masao Takeshita and Jimmy Hirokawa sang "Ole Black Joe".

Fred Yoshioka played two harmonica selections and impromptu songs by Bob Takiguchi and Tom Masamori were given.

FIREMEN HAVE HOUSEWARMING 'SMOKER'

The food, the entertainment, and the atmosphere of jollity all contributed to a gala housewarming smoker staged by the Firemen at their new headquarters Monday night.

Twenty-eight "Extinguishers" enjoyed Chief Pierson's encesing and the program which was highlighted by Tom Masanori's vocal numbers; Japanese song styling by Sachiye Ando; Frank Masamori's guitar-harmonica selections and Kazu Ikeda's specialty dance. The guest artists graciously repeated encore numbers.

Honored guests, Harry Smith, Chief E. Pierson, and Pat Baker entertained with a vocal trio. Mr. Baker also sang a solo. The steak dinner was prepared outside of the Center. The boys are still waiting for their corn on the cob which was promised with their dinner, but failed to make its appearance at the smoker.

F.O. AND P.X. ENJOY W.R.

Staff members of the Post Office and the Post Exchange staged an outdoor Weinie roast Thursday night near the warehouse section.

With Fire Chief Pierson and his aides in charge of the bonfire, thirty guests attended and enjoyed the feast. Bonfire sings, jokes and games were featured.

HOLLISTER GRADS HAVE SOCIAL

The Class of '42 of the Hollister High School celebrated their graduation with a social at the Reception Hall recently. Arrangements of the affair were in charge of the class committee.

Attending the social were Masae Fujii, Teruko Fujii, Satoshi Hane, James Ito, Sueno Kadani, Isao Kameshige, Tsutae Kamimoto, Frank Miwa, Shigeo Nakai, Shoso Nakamoto, Amy Lee Noto, Frank Ohata, Joe Ohata, Harry Okazaki, Harry Sakae, Lily Sumida, Ida Tabuchi, Iabel Taoka, Margaret Taoka, George Ueki, Roy Uyeno, and Mary Wada.

"ARIZONA HERE WE COME"

With the theme "The Last Roundup," the office workers of the Administration and the Division of Operations held their 'Why Arizona?' party at the Reception Hall on June 18.

Clever and artistic desert decorations adorned the hall.

The group, led by Mr. Gustavus Schneider, played games and "acted silly" for two hours and the enjoyed a repast of Chow Mein while being entertained by John Noguchi and Fred Yoshioka, who also with George Sakamoto entertained the diners with a skit.

Eighty-five who attended all "pitched in" to help make their "On to Arizona" fling a successful and memorable one.

Allyce Hirabayashi and Harry Nakahara served as general chairmen. Chic Abe, Satoru Takemoto were responsible for the theme and slogan; Kay Nakamura and Bob Kitaji, invitations.

KITCHEN "G" STAGES DANCE PARTY

Soft blue lights and good records added to the enjoyment of the dancing party held by Kitchen "G" workers last Thursday night.

One hundred and fifty couples were present. Sox Yamaguchi was chairman of the general arrangements.

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\* FAREWELL \*

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\* Was this to be  
\* Farewell? \*

\* A last, longing gaze  
\* Thro' the infinite  
\* Darkness \*

\* Toward the town,  
\* My home -- \*

\* One comfort:  
\* Street lamps \*

\* Glistened thro' the  
\* Mist \*

\* Like tear-filled  
\* Eyes. \*

\* --Fuku Yokoyama \*

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\* ATTEND SUNDAY'S GRAND FINALE PROGRAM \*  
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# SPORTS

HIROCHI WADA, Editor

National League	W	L
Guards.....	4	0
Doughboys....	3	2
Skill Crew....	2	2
Field Office..	2	2
Recreational..	1	3
Transportation	0	3
Center Store..	3	2

## SOFTBALL STANDINGS

	American		
	W	L	T
Firemen.....	3	1	
Administration	3	1	
Laborers.....	2	1	1
Carpenters....	2	2	
Infirmery.....	2	2	
Warehouse.....	1	2	1
Old Timers.....	0	4	

Kitchen		W	L
Swing.....	7	0	
B.....	6	2	
A.....	4	2	
E.....	3	4	
F.....	3	4	
H.....	2	5	
G.....	1	7	

Other ranking batters are listed on the Recreational bulletin board.

IN THE NATIONAL LEAGUE the strong Guard ten continued to set the pace when they overtook Skill Crew 14-12 after being behind 5-12 before their half of the sixth. The leaders connected 7 hits during that inning and the following frame against Lindy Koga for 9 tallies to keep a clean slate. Skill Crew dumped Recreational 5-1 to knock the latter out of the pennant race. FX after two losses last week trounced Field Office 17-5 and Transportation 6-3 while the Doughboys likewise duplicated over Field Office 21-9 and Transportation 6-5 to remain as contenders. FX climbed into second spot edging out Skill Crew 6-5.

Firemen and Administration replaced the Laborers as this week's leaders, but every team with the exception of the Old Timers stands the chance of winning the American league flag.

Swingsters' 2 game lead over second place B seems almost a cinch for the second round kitchen pennant. Ted Hisatomi one of Swing's three pitchers, struck out 10 G batters for a new record and a 7-4 win and their 7th straight triumph. Saguchi, B. hurler, won recognition also for the first shut-out, a 4-0 verdict over F.

### TOP BATTING AVERAGES

Nat'l: C. Onoyo, (F) .583; Shiruchi (FO) .454; Asami (G) .445; F. Endo (FO), .429; S. Morimune (G) .429; J. Urabe (Rec) .400; and Ueki (Rec) .400.

American: Nishioka (L) .500; Sera (F) .474; Sakoda (WH) .462; L. Urabe (Cl) .462; Yoshino (F) .438; H. Takata (WH) .438 and W. Iwami (C) .429.

Kitchen: Nakamoto (B) .600; Izumizaki (F) .476; Kikuchi (G) .421; Sugidono (F) .409; J. Takemoto (Sw) .409; Miyamura (G) .400; and Ariyoshi (H) .391.

## VOLLEYBALL, Girls'

(Girls' League)	W	L
Sisterettes....	4	0
Nursemaids....	2	2
Panhandlers....	1	2
Office Crew....	0	3

## (Kitchen League)

	W	L
H.....	5	1
F.....	5	1
E.....	4	2
A.....	2	4
D.....	2	4
G.....	1	7

The strong Sisterettes added 3 more wins, defeating Panhandlers 15-6; 15-1, Office Crew 15-7, 15-8 and Nursemaids 11-15, 15-4 and 15-4 to lead the Girls' league. The second place Nursemaids are the only team to win one game out of a series from the leaders.

In the kitchen class H and F girls remain as co-leaders. H after 4 straight wins dropped a series to F. The latter meanwhile gained revenge against E to drop them in second place with a 15-9 15-12 victory.

SUMO: Last Sunday's sumo tournament resulted with the following top-ranking winners: R. Oyama (5 straight), T. Ikeda (3 straight) and T. Shiramizu (4 straight).

East won over West 5 matches to 4 with R. Oyama (E) vs R. Nakanura (W) ending in a draw. The contest matches were as follows:

Fukuda (E) over Shiramizu, Tsuzaki (W) over Fujii, M. Ikeda (W) over J. Masamoto, T. Hisatomi (E) over T. Ikeda, Iwakiri (E) over Toya, and R. Oyama (E) over R. Tabata.

(See other ranking batters listed on the Bulletin Board in front of the Recreational Building, located next to the Office of the Center Council.)

"LET THE WHOLE WORLD BEGIN HERE ..."

"Let the whole world begin here..." Descriptively the English author, John Priestley, of "Midnight on the Desert", a personal history, takes you on an excursion from California to the stopping point, Arizona. Ninety miles from Parker where Priestley stayed, he found "an armful of pictures of an ideal world," a country that is geology by day and astrology at night. From cold early morns, to burning noons, and riotous sunsets Priestley paints vivid pictures which would be the envy of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce.

"Let the whole world begin here." can well apply to us. May we look at Arizona through Priestley's eyes and find the same inspiration. Though we may not put Arizona between the covers of a book, it should prove to be an adventure well worth recording on the pages of life.

--Sakaye Nakamura

NOTES FROM THE "NOVEL NOVEL"

Our Center Library has been experiencing one of its busiest weeks since its opening a few weeks ago. Besides the usual job of giving the public good reading material the staff have gone into something a little out of the ordinary by experimenting in the making of costume jewelry.

One might say only a miracle could change the common everyday macaroni into a necklace that might be found at the finest of stores. Yet, this week the library staff have been creating beautiful necklaces out of macaroni. The children, too, are having their share in this work. Every afternoon once can find them at the library happily making their own macaroni beads.

For the most popular book of the week, the World Atlas with the map of Arizona is still at the top. Rachel Field's "All This and Heaven Too" is the second popular book with Howard Spring's "My Son, My Son" following a close third.

By Fusako Kodani,  
Head Librarian

CENTER SANDALS

How proud you must be, O Center Sandal  
To help a maiden on her way!  
You were destined to char away  
In an obscure grassy dell,  
Now you can, with feelings sway  
To the swishing breeze of Center's gale!  
Many a storm from out the bay  
Will greet your rhythmic cloppity clop!

The pines along the barrack way  
And gay lovers two on Lovers' Lane  
As they wonder if they too are sane  
Delighted youngsters with laughter gay  
The Issei, too, on barracks lean  
Though tired and bent from utmost strain  
Still plans for tomorrow as another day  
Will greet your carefree cloppity-clop!

Alice Yeomans

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