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NORTHERN COUNCIL LAUNCHES PROGRAM FOR WORK OF YEAR

Specific Action Taken Which Claims Protection of The Title; Officers Picked For 1938; Florin Chapter Is In

PLANS FOR ORATORICAL

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—Outlining a constructive program for 1938, the Northern California District Council of the Japanese American Citizens League held a largely-attended meeting here February 12. The whole set-up looks to the support of the Second Generation Development Project and to assure success of the national convention.

Specific actions taken were to protect the title of the League, election of officers, acceptance of a new chapter, and plans for a regional oratorical contest.

To Protect Title

The Council approved a motion to recommend that the national convention take steps to forbid non-member bodies the use of the title, Japanese American Citizens League. The League is now an incorporated organization, and a such has right to the exclusive title use.

Officers Are Chosen

In the election of officers, Harry Kita, of Salinas, retains the post of president, as provided by the district constitution. Other officers are: Bill Ishida, Fresno, first vice pres.; Henry Takeda, Sacramento, second vice pres.; Vernon Ichisaka, Washington Township, rec. sec.; Yasuo Abiko, San Francisco, treas.

In making the financial reports the president said there was \$374 in the legislative fund, and the treasurer reported dues paid up to December 1937, with a balance of \$234.31.

The newly-organized Florin chapter was accepted into the northern district, sponsored by Sacramento. The Council will sponsor the new chapter for national membership.

42 Delegates There

There were 42 delegates present, from 21 chapters. Watsonville, Livingston, and Stockton delegates were unable to reach the city on account of the storm.

A general discussion of proportionate representation and assessments was had.

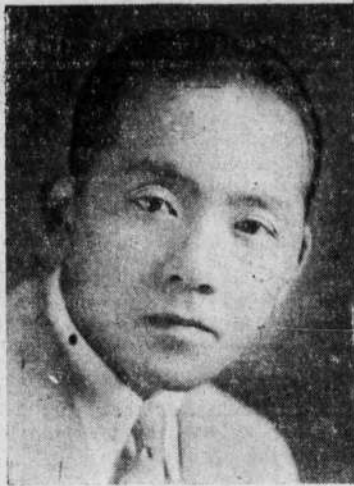
The Council voted to send delegates to the meeting of the Southern District Council meeting at Venice, February 20.

The next meeting of the Council will be held at Fresno, on invitation of the American Loyalty League of that city. The Fresno delegates said they hoped to have the meeting in connection with the 15th anniversary celebration of the organization of their chapter, the latter part of May.

The Council took steps to carry out the regional oratorical contests, looking to the elimination contest at Fresno in May.

Chairmen for the district oratorical contests are: Bay Region, Miss Teiko Ishida; coast region, Chester Ogi; central California, B. Ishida; Sacramento valley, Tom Yego.

CONVENTION CHIEF



JOHN ANDO has been appointed chairman of the general arrangements committee for the national convention of the JACL in Los Angeles.

NORTHWEST BOARD TO ELECT LEADERS

Council Will Hold Gathering In Connection With Yearly White River Seating Party

SEATTLE—Election of officers for the coming year, and a general consideration of plans, will be the main business of the Northwest District Council when it meets at Auburn, February 26, in connection with the inaugural ceremonies of the White River Valley chapter.

Another special subject for discussion, and following on the completion of the two objects mentioned will be preparations for sending a large delegation from the northwest district to the fifth biennial national convention of the organization to be held in Los Angeles. The Council will meet at the offices of the Western Producers Exchange.

Officers of Council

Present officers of the Council are Roy Nishimura, Yakima, president; Saburo Nishimura, Seattle, secretary, and Ted Nakamura, Tacoma, treasurer.

"After the election of officers," said Secretary Nishimura, "it is expected that the Council will take up in detail the recommendations made at the Northwest District convention at Yakima last fall. These recommendations look toward the welfare of the second generation, in general. There are some points that deal with our regional problems, and these will be considered."

To Consider Project

"By and large, the Second Generation-Development Project is the big thing in the League program this year. Valuable suggestions were made at Yakima, and at San Diego and Watsonville.

"The project deals with problems in the social, civic and economic fields.

"The program to send a mighty Northwest delegation of boosters to Los Angeles will be considered in detail."

HUGE CROWD SEES BAY REGION FOLKS SEAT NEW LEADERS

Brilliant Ball And Ceremony Are Held At San Francisco In St. Francis; Honor Paid Alexander For Veteran Aid

TSUKAMOTO IS IN CHARGE

SAN FRANCISCO—At a brilliant social and official affair the night of February 12, the Japanese American Citizens League chapters of the bay region installed officers for 1938 at an inaugural ball at the St. Francis Hotel, in the Colonial ballroom.

Approximately 850 persons were present, and the great hall was filled to capacity. The dramatic installation ceremonies were featured by appearance of Boy Scout Troop No. 12 drum corps. Other events were singing of the national anthem, and silent tribute to the pioneer first generation.

Alexander Is Honored

Of special interest was the presentation of a sword to Wallace Alexander, president of the local Japan Society, in recognition of his aid in the passage of the Oriental Veterans' Act. Susumu Togatani made the presentation on behalf of the national organization.

Mikio Fujimoto was chairman of the general ball committee, Chairman of the installation ceremony was Masao Sakada, of Oakland, and the installing officer was Walter T. Tsukamoto, of Sacramento, national executive secretary. Saburo Kido, new president of the San Francisco chapter, made the response.

Eden At The Inaugural

SAN LEANDRO, Calif.—Eden Township JACL was well represented at the inaugural ball at San Francisco. Invitations were extended to Mayor Earl Derry, City Manager W.H. Billings, and Judge Jacob Harder of Hayward to accompany the delegation.

Eden Township officers are: President, Mitsuteru Nakashima; vice pres., Min Nakagawa; rec. sec., Kaz Okada; corr. sec., Rose Shinoda; historian, Mary Nario; board of governors, G. Yoshioka and Yoshito Shibata.

San Mateo To Install

SAN MATEO, Calif.—Plans have been completed by the local JACL chapter for the inaugural banquet March 13, at Menlo Park. New officers are: President, Joseph Yamada; first vice pres., Hideo Kariya; second vice pres., Elizabeth Kusaka; corr. sec., Sie Kashiwagi; rec. sec., Haruko Yoshika; treas., Hirotsuke Inouye.

A membership contest is under way, and the winner will be sent to the national convention, with expenses paid.

Tulare County Installs

VISALIA, Calif.—The inaugural banquet of the Tulare County JACL chapter was held here this month at Motley's, with Harvey Iwata of Dinuba as toastmaster. The new president, John Kubota, made a plea for unity and cooperation. Ex-president Yebuno spoke briefly. About 100 guests were present.

Reedley Folk Install

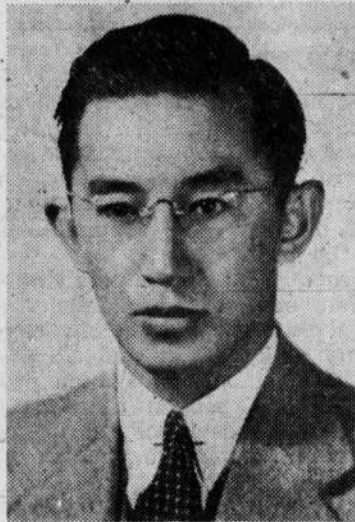
REEDLEY, Calif.—At a banquet the night of January 30, the local JACL chapter installed new officers. They are: President, Charles Iwasaki; first vice pres., Masaru Abe; second vice pres., May Wake; rec. sec., Miyoko Kitahara; corr. sec., Thelma Sakamoto; literary chairman, Shigeyuki Nakamura.

Watsonville Inaugural

WATSONVILLE, Calif.—New officers of the local chapter of the JACL were installed the past month with a largely-attended dinner dance. Dr. Harry Kita, chairman of the district council, was the installing officer. Frank Uyeda was toastmaster. Buddy Uno spoke.

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DISTRICT CHAIRMAN



HENRY TSURUTANI is chairman of the South California District Council, and presided at the February meeting of the board which was held February 20 at Santa Monica.

DISTRICT COUNCIL PUSHES DRIVE FOR SOUTH CALIFORNIA

Program Of Expansion Starts To Strengthen League And Organize New Chapters For Carrying Out Plans There

NATIONAL CHIEFS VISIT

LOS ANGELES—With a good list of delegates present, an important program set, and much work accomplished, the Southern California District Council held a session at Santa Monica February 20.

The spirit of the program mapped out by the Council is one of expansion.

Henry J. Tsurutani, chairman of the Council presided. Several national officers were present and took part in the proceedings. The members of the Bay District chapter served as host to the visitors.

Among the events was the presentation of charters to the chapters by James Y. Sakamoto, national president. The inter-relationship of the chapters to the District Council, and the Council, in turn, to the national organization, was stressed by the presence of the national officers.

The delegates reported there was prospect for adding from five to nine chapters to the League in Southern California. Neighboring communities are promoting drives in their vicinities.

Among communities in which chapter work is being pushed are San Bernadino, Lompoc and Oxnard.

In an address, President Sakamoto urged that the League chapters should work as a group, and not individually.

Delegates To Council

Delegates to the Council meeting were:

Bay District—George Inagaki and Frances Wakamatsu.

Brawley—Ernest Fujimoto, Viola Honda, and Miss Kubo, alternate.

Orange County—Clarence Nishizu and Joe Ishii, and Hatsumi Yamada, alternate.

San Pedro District—Dr. Y. Nakaji and Hisashi Hanamura, and Mrs. Ned Uyematsu, alternate.

San Luis Obispo—Sam Oda, and Masaji Eto, and Bill Kuroda, alternate.

San Diego—Sam Fujita and Akira Date.

Santa Maria—Ken Utsunomiya and Saburo Toyama.

San Gabriel Valley—James Katayama and George Morimoto, and George Iwai, alternate.

Los Angeles—Ken Matsumoto and George H. Nakamoto, and Masao Igasaki as alternate.

National Council—James Y. Sakamoto, Seattle, president; Walter T. Tsukamoto, Sacramento, executive secretary; Masao Satow, Los Angeles, assistant executive secretary; Dr. Harry Kita, Salinas, chairman Northern California District Council; Henry J. Tsurutani, Los Angeles, chairman Southern California District Council.

SALEM, Or.—Dates for the Sixth Oregon sectional conference have been fixed for April 2 and 3. Tats Yada is general chairman.

EXECUTIVE BOARD SETS SESSION DATE

September 1 To Be Opening Of National Convention; Other Plans Made For Gathering

LOS ANGELES—Gathering here to make plans for the national convention of the Japanese American Citizens League, national officers in an executive session on February 19 set the date for the convention to open September 1 and continue through September 5.

National officers present included James Y. Sakamoto, Seattle, president; Walter T. Tsukamoto, Sacramento, executive secretary, and Masao Satow, Los Angeles, assistant secretary.

Meet Local Leaders

Conferring with the national chiefs were John Ando, chairman of the general arrangements committee for the convention; Ken Matsumoto, Los Angeles chapter president, and others.

The opening day of the convention will see a meeting of the national officers. The following day, Friday, the general convention will open, with appropriate ceremonies. The evening of September 1, there will be a pre-convention rally and dance.

Nisei Week will again be staged by the League, and a colorful and interesting program is being arranged for the visitors. There will be a contest for national convention queen, and chapters are invited to send candidates.

Plan For Convention

The local committee for the national gathering is:

John Ando, chairman; Kay Sugahara, vice chairman; Kiyoshi Okura, Masao Igasaki, Herb Wada, John Maeno, Henry Tsurutani, Ken Matsumoto, Clarence Arima, Masao Satow and Eiichi Tanabe.

The committee reports that plans for the convention, and now being approved by the national leaders, will be pushed along to welcome the crowds expected.

YOUNG COLLEGE GRADUATES GIVEN WORK PROMPTLY; DEMAND TO GAIN

TOKIO—Good news was given to young students in Japan with the issuance of a report embodying the results of a survey made in December by the Welfare Ministry, showing heavy demand for graduates of Universities and schools.

The report said that 60.4 percent of graduates from the higher schools last year had obtained employment shortly after leaving school, and the indications are there would again be a big demand for them this year. The number employed last year was higher than for any year the past decade.

The investigation covered 53 universities, 143 technical schools, and 555 business schools. Of the

34,643 graduates, 20,902 obtained employment; the report said.

The peak year for employment in recent times was 1923, when the percentage was 79.9. This declined to 30 percent in 1931. There was a gradual gain from then, due to the rising wave of prosperity.

The present rise in demand for graduates began about the middle of 1937, due to the need for help in the munitions industry, and the fact that many older workers had been called to the colors. The rise in demand for intellectual work was not so heavy as in labor, but still was enough to give work to thousands of white collar people.

AMERICANS ARE IDEALISTS, STATES TAKAISHI; PRAISES LEAGUE WORK

SAN FRANCISCO—Appealing to the second generation to be loyal American citizens, and praising the work and the program of the Japanese American Citizens League, Shingoro Takaishi, noted Japanese editor, sailed for home February 17.

The visitor has been on a goodwill tour of the United States, and goes back to report to his government. He came here from Seattle, where he spoke many times.

"The people of Japan," the editor said, "do not expect the young in this country to pledge allegiance to Japan, but since they are of our race we hope they will endeavor to exceed in all lines of endeavor, that we may be proud of them. The League is doing a good work in

promoting better relations between our peoples."

The good-will ambassador said he found sentiment in this country pro-Chinese. He said the American people seemed to be a satisfied nation, due to the fact of plenty in this city. But the people here he found to be open-minded.

"The sense of national security in the United States, due to geographical isolation, has made the people idealists", continued the editor. "In Japan we are realists, due to our surroundings."

Most Americans are rugged individualists, the visitor said, because they have not forgotten the thrills of pioneer days in building up a new world. In this sense the Americans are realists.

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LEAGUE STRIKES STRIDE

Marked by an executive session of the national officers, and meetings of all three District Councils, this month is of unusual importance to members of the Japanese American Citizens League. From all quarters comes the news that enthusiasm runs strong, that a program of expansion is under way, and that the League stands higher in the estimation of the public than at any time in the past.

Apparently the League has struck its stride the past twelve months. It has been a trying time in more ways than one, but the way in which League members have met the challenge has brought high praise from many civic workers and citizens. We find that in all the large gatherings there have been prominent persons present representing the general community, who are coming to learn what the League stands for in the way of developing citizenship, and advancing the welfare of the second generation.

A general reading of the list of 1938 officers of the chapters, as reported in *The Pacific Citizen*, reveals that many of the organizations either have retained presidents, or have seated men who have demonstrated their capacity for leadership. This is in view of the national convention this year, and its bearing on the League.

The national convention should be the most important in the history of the League, with the background that has been developed in recent months. The groundwork was done at the three district conventions last year, at San Diego, Watsonville and Yakima. These conventions made specific suggestions, all looking toward the promotion of the Second Generation Development Project.

The chapters, and the district councils, have been shaping all their meetings with a view of carrying out the development project, and the plans are rapidly taking form. After the Council sessions this month the great work will be given added strength and importance.

THE FOUR PILLARS

Speaking to a group of second generation at Portland on Lincoln's Birthday, an American Legion official named the four pillars of democracy, which he commended to the attention of the young. His summary is so complete and clear that *The Citizen* is publishing it in this issue.

The speaker was Mr. Dorsey E. Dent, adjutant of Gresham Post No. 30 of the American Legion. The occasion was a gathering of the Japanese American Fellowship League, composed of high school pupils in Gresham and Corbett. It follows the lines of the JACL.

The four pillars of democracy, Mr. Dent said, are American citizenship, free government, civic responsibility, and duty.

The speaker declared the present stability and future progress of the nation depends on its citizens, "Such citizens as you and I." That is trite, perhaps, but it will bear repeating, particularly for the young. Let them realize that they are a very vital part of our democracy, each and every one of them. Free government evolves naturally from citizenship. A citizen of a country is a free man of that country. The proud boast of the old Romans was: "I am a Roman citizen." The Apostle Paul once escaped a scourging when he declared his Roman citizenship.

The pillar of civic responsibility is one we all can, and must, rally around. Those who are to benefit should bear responsibility.

The final step is duty. One may appreciate and recognize the need for citizenship, but if one is laggard in duty, then it all goes for nothing. That is one reason why the Japanese American Citizens League stresses the need for the young to do their duty as citizens. It often is said that the evil element appreciates the value of exercising the right of the ballot more than does the moral element of the community. This is likely to lead to the triumph of evil. Therefore, let the young consider these four pillars of democracy, to the end that they may better do their duty to themselves and to their country. "Faith, without works, is dead."

LEAGUE-CONSCIOUS

In one of the reports of a chapter gathering in California, the correspondent in commenting on the interest shown, spoke of the members becoming "League-conscious." This is a very apt and expressive term, if you know what it means.

Perhaps the term is a little difficult to define, but underneath it all we believe most folk sense the meaning. About the best we can say here is that, as we understand it, the term means "realization." In other words, it means that the second generation are coming more and more to realize what the League means to them in their economic, civic and spiritual lives.

There have been two reasons advanced for the lack of interest and support in some chapters. One reason given is that outside affairs attract the young more than chapter meetings. One observer has said that in his belief the officers could overcome this difficulty by providing more social entertainment, such as refreshments, and dancing. The young folk seem willing to attend such programs.

Another argument advanced is that some of the young believe membership in such an organization as the League tends to detract from their status as Americans. A ready answer to this objection may be found in the fact that other racial groups have their organizations, particularly the Scandinavian and Germanic peoples. The fact that the young are becoming League-conscious seems to answer both points raised. The League policy is that the young need not forget the cultural background of their parents in order to be good Americans.

BAY REGION FOLKS
INSTALL LEADERS

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San Diego Ceremonies

SAN DIEGO, Calif.—New officers of the San Diego chapter of the JACL were seated at a colorful ceremony here February 12, the meeting being at the House of Hospitality in Balboa Park. Sam Fujita, president, and his cabinet, were sworn in. The retiring president was George Ohashi.

Orange County Ceremony

SANTA ANA, Calif.—Newly elected officers of the Orange County chapter of the JACL were installed at a dinner dance February 19. Kosaku Tamura was toastmaster. The gathering was at the Anaheim Old Fellows Hall. Clarence Nishizu was the installing officer. State Assemblyman Harry C. Westover was the principal speaker.

In The Bay District

SANTA MONICA, Calif.—The new officers of the Bay District chapter of the JACL were inducted into office February 5, the installing officer being Henry Tsurutani, chairman of the Southern California District Council. George Inagaki is president. Kay Sugahara made the principal address. Present also was Ken Matsumoto, of Los Angeles.

Parlier Chapter List

PARLIER, Calif.—Jimmy Kozuki was installed as president of the local chapter of the JACL recently at an inaugural ceremony. Byrd Kumataka, retiring president, was the installing officer. He is the new first vice president. Other officers are: Second vice pres., Sam Matsumoto; rec. sec., Mary Katsura; corr. sec., Eleanor Doi; treas., Akira Chiamori; literary chairman, Tsuya Yamashiro; social chairman Sam Ogami.

Down Main Street

ALAMEDA, Calif.—The local chapter of the JACL is giving support to the baby contest sponsored by the community news daily by entering little Carol Samiko Towata, sixteen-month-old daughter of Richard and Lee Towata.

PARLIER, Calif.—Miss Nobuye Asamoto, popular member of the local Japanese American Citizens League, recently left for Sacramento where she will be employed by the state Motor Vehicle Department.

SEATTLE—The young people of the Japanese Presbyterian Church have organized for general cultural and religious work, and have elected Yoichi Matsuda president.

ALAMEDA, Calif.—At the first cabinet meeting of the year, held February 4, 1938, the following officers were appointed:

Official delegates, Tim Yamasaki, Mas Narahara; alternates, Kay Tsuchiya, Dorothy Towata; social chairmen, Yoshiko Nakata, Beatrice Ozeki; intellectual chairman, Mas Nakano.

CORVALLIS, Or.—Mikie Dageyama, junior in education, who has worked on the Oregon State Daily Barometer since 1936 was advanced to day editor of the paper because of her outstanding work as assistant day editor.

WAPATO, Wash.—Home from a honeymoon trip to Spokane, Mr. and Mrs. Kiyoshi Matsumura were hosts to a group of friends at an informal buffet luncheon at their home.

Guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Ichiro Yama, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hirata, Mr. and Mrs. George Honda, Mr. Mamoru Matsumura, Miss Suzue Matsumura, Mr. Shigemi Umemoto, and Miss Haru Yasuda.

SPOKANE, Wash.—Mr. and Mrs. Kimura, accompanied by their son-in-law and daughter Mr. and Mrs. Morita, were visitors in this city. Their home is in Los Angeles.

They were guests at a dinner given in their honor by a large group of old friends at the Dessert Hotel.

WAPATO, Wash.—Messrs. George Hironaka and Keichi Yasuda were hosts at a gay party for the younger set at the latter's home.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hirata entertained friends at a delightful dinner at their home.

ALAMEDA, Calif.—Messrs. James Y. Sakamoto, president of the National JACL; Walter T. Tsukamoto, national executive secretary; and Saburo Kido, president of the San Francisco JACL, were dinner guests at the home of Mr. Susumu Toga-saki, national treasurer.

OAKLAND, Calif.—Mr. and Mrs. Isao Mizusaki became the proud parents of a baby son this month.

BERKELEY, Calif.—With toastmaster Masao Takeshita in charge, members of the Fellowship gathered for a Valentine dinner at the Berkeley United Church.

GARDENA, Calif.—In honor of her engagement to Mr. Henry Kiyomura, of Mt. View, Miss Mary Eto was guest at a linen shower given by Miss Mari Yamauchi.

Approximately 15 guests were present with games and refreshments climaxing the evening.

SEATTLE, Wash.—Mesdames Yone Ota and Norio Wakamatsu were hostesses at a party honoring Miss Ruth Ite who left for California on February 27.

THE FOUR BASES OF OUR DEMOCRACY

Following is the text of a patriotic address delivered by Dorsey E. Dent, adjutant of Gresham Post No. 30, American Legion, at a banquet of the Japanese-American Fellowship League, of Gresham, Or., at Portland, February 12:

It so happens that our inaugural banquet and party tonight, the first in the history of the Japanese American Fellowship League, falls on the birthday of that great leader of America, Abraham Lincoln. We could not commemorate the day in a more worthy way.

It was Abraham Lincoln, who on the battlefield of Gettysburg, some seventy-five years ago, and whose birthday we recognize tonight, who struck the keynote of the strength and success of the greatness of our wonderful republic and nation when he said: "Our government is of the people, by the people, and for the people."

Depends on Citizens

The present stability and future progress of our nation depends upon its citizens, such citizens as you and I. Without an intelligent and progressive citizenry, such as that for which your Japanese American Fellowship League stands, no nation can hope, or ever expect, to ascend to heights of greatness. Let us all fall in line and behind the "Spirit of '76" tonight in honoring Abraham Lincoln, and two weeks hence in honoring George Washington.

Let us reread the chapters of early American History, rethink of the struggles of the colonists, the Revolutionary War, the Declaration of Independence, the Articles of Confederacy, and the Constitution of the United States as signed by George Washington as president of the Constitutional Convention, Sept. 17, 1787.

The Famous Address

Then, let us read that short, but most brilliant epic: Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, and his first Inaugural Address. Tonight, seventy-five years after Lincoln, we hear again arguments similar to those answered by him seventy-five years ago, seventy-five years after the Constitution was adopted. Lincoln's logic is so plain, and true, that we can quote him today in refuting all charges that the Constitution is outmoded. "Continue to execute

all the express provisions of our National Constitution and the Union will endure forever."

Let us, therefore, as members and co-workers of the Japanese American Fellowship League, continue to follow with renewed confidence and faith the principles pledged by your membership in your own Constitution which is patterned after the Constitution of the Japanese American Citizens League, and which contains principles identical to, and the same as, those embodied in that great Magna Charta, the Federal Constitution of the United States and its Preamble.

Four Great Pillars

As you members live, as you work, and as you strive to be better citizens each day may you always protect, cherish, and defend the four great pillars of American democracy, your democracy and my democracy. You are doing a great work. You are rendering an outstanding service. You are completing a great task, a task yet far unfinished by our modern citizens. May you continue to build and improve our citizenship. May you always hold up and protect those four great, yet very vital and fundamental pillars, of democracy.

The first pillar of democracy which you must remember is that of American citizenship itself. May you always recognize and defend the United States and its Constitution as the supreme law of your life, your home, your state, your family, and your nation. This is your big aim and purpose in the Japanese American Fellowship League.

The second pillar of American democracy is free government. Every member of the Japanese American Fellowship League enjoys a free government. Therefore, help to assume the obligations of such a government. Vote as American citizens when you become of age.

All Are Responsibility

The third pillar of American Democracy is civic responsibility. As good citizens may you assimilate with the other nationalities in the United States. Some one has said that American is the great melting pot of the world. If that is true, may you help this great melting pot of democracy to always percolate into a good, true, faithful democracy worthy of its name.

As you fulfill your duty, may you protect and defend the Stars and Stripes. Do not forget that missing link, but rather help to link together the United States and Japan in a closer harmony, a greater bond of national unity, a more acceptable diplomacy, and a stronger, truer, and firmer friendship. May the fusion of Japanese culture and the solving of great, grave, stupendous problems continue to be your great work.

The fourth pillar of democracy that needs your thought and deliberation is duty. Duty calls you to service. The challenge of duty rings out to you. As Lincoln was a man of profound faith, as he was a good and great man, as Lincoln was a man of devotion and prayer, as he was a model of a citizen in every way, as he was fair and just to everyone, may we continue to exemplify these great characteristics in our lives of citizenship.

Watch Your Ballot

May you turn your thoughts to this job of citizenship-building and nation-building with all the thought, influence and strength that you can muster. Study the problems of our great nation; create a vigorous public sentiment; vote, and vote intelligently; help to see that the laws are enforced; continue your great work which you have already begun so wholeheartedly; stop when the traffic light is against you; cast aside all of our doubts and give yourselves a chance to be real 100 percent American citizens.

For, what shall it profit that leaders have planned and patriots have sacrificed unless you and I accept this great challenge to create and build upon the citizenship and character that have been created the America that is to be?

A century ago our pioneers made their contribution; their creative work is finished. But if the same spirit that drove those men to the task of nation-building shall drive us to face the dangers of creative thinking and doing, the nation is whose name they dared to create will live, and grow, and serve, not as the master, but as the servant of mankind, "and that government of the people, by the people, and for the people shall not perish from the earth."

LOS ANGELES SETS MIGHTY DRIVE FOR CHAPTER MEMBERS

Committees Swarm Over Large District, And Good Result Is Reported; President Of Body Points Urgent Needs

PRODUCE HOUSES ASSIST

LOS ANGELES—A three-week membership drive as the first of a series of constructive programs was started this month by the Los Angeles Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League.

Ken Matsumoto, local president, called upon the second generation to unite for their own welfare. He said that the young have never before "faced so many factors that are seeking to undermine the basis for American citizenship."

League Is Big Factor

He also brought out that the JAACL will be the key factor in bringing about good will and amity, based on real undertaking between America and Japan.

The JAACL is calling upon the young to join, as only by increasing its membership to form a united front can its objectives of maintaining the highest level of Americanism and serving as mediator and conveyor of amicable feelings between the Japanese and the American people, be obtained.

Chamber Backing

S. Okuno, executive secretary, assured the League the full support of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce in the membership drive. He also stated that the Chamber is solidly for any measures which are not detrimental to the program of Americanism.

S. Kawamoto, head of this largest Japanese Association on the Coast, suggested that by strengthening the League the young can disprove to the elders their oft-mistaken impression that the young lack a general sense of community responsibility.

Produce Houses Help

Representatives of 19 major wholesale houses, which are members of the Co-operative Farm Industry of Southern California, gave assurance of intense support in the membership drive. Mr. Ohta, spokesman for the produce houses, gave his word that they would urge their employees to join the League.

Only a week after the campaign was launched Matsumoto and George Nakamoto received word that a good proportion of the employed young had already become members.

Looking toward the national convention, the chapter has appointed Eiji Tanabe chairman of a public relations committee, with Fumi Kuwahara in charge of publicity, and Kay Sugahara on the legal committee.

San Gabriel People Select New Cabinet

SAN GABRIEL, Calif.—At the general meeting of the local JAACL chapter held at the Civic Center of El Monte, one of the largest crowds in its history was in attendance.

The new cabinet members eager to push this organization into more successful activities were presented. The members are: President, Masaru Kawashima; 1st vice pres., George Morimoto; second vice pres., Mary Makino; third vice pres., James Katayama; rec. sec., Marie Kawamura; corr. sec., Setsuko Nishimura; treas., Dave Niitake; auditor, Ken Uyeda; sergeant-at-arms, Mas Watanabe.

One of the highlights of the meeting was an address by the new president, Masaru Kawashima, on the needs and the duties of the JAACL.

Santa Clara County Has Named Officers

SAN JOSE, Calif.—The San Jose unit of the United Citizens League of Santa Clara County has chosen Phillip Matsumura president for this year, with the following cabinet: James Ikegami, vice president; Yoshiye Kawanami, secretary; Dr. Nakahara, treasurer; Shig Masunaga, reporter. Dr. Nakahara was the official delegate to the Sacramento Council convention.

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Nisei Week Starts August 30; Guests Are League People

LOS ANGELES—Another Nisei Festival Week will be held this year, in conjunction with the national convention of the Japanese American Citizens League; it was announced, and the dates are set for August 30 to September 5.

The Los Angeles chapter will sponsor the gala event, it is stated by John Ando, who is general chairman of the convention program—committee. The local cabinet will start at once on the program for the week.

Always a colorful occasion, the festival this year is expected to assume unusual proportions, in view of the large number of visitors who are due to be here. Chapters are making preparations to send large booster delegations.

CALIFORNIA STORM HITS NIPPON CROP

Heavy Damage Done By Wind And Rain; Entire Losses In State 2 Million Dollars

SAN FRANCISCO—Unprecedented rain and wind storms caused tremendous damage throughout California during the middle part of the month. Crop losses are estimated at \$2,000,000.

Marysville, in the Sacramento Valley, suffered heavy losses when the storm uprooted 75 percent of the orchards, as CCC crews flung dikes to protect Princeton from floods. Hamilton and Buete City were virtually isolated from Sacramento, with the river almost reaching its flood mark.

Lettuce and Peas Cut

Farming areas around San Juan were flooded, causing enormous losses in lettuce and pea crops. Several barns and trees were blown down by the terrific winds.

Many Japanese homes in Sacramento suffered from the damage, caused by falling trees as the Capital city weathered a severe gale. In Florin, where about 1,000 Japanese reside, the storm left a \$10,000 bill its wake.

Damage In South

Southern California suffered a deluge while Northern neighbors were battling both wind and rain. The heavy rain storms swept the Japanese vegetable gardens throughout Southern California and cut the volume of crops flowing into the Seventh, Eighth, and Ninth Markets to about half the normal amount and sent market prices soaring.

Japanese farmers in the lowland stretches south of Los Angeles, notably in Compton, Norwalk, Keystone and parts of Gardena Valley, were hit by the storm which prevented them from harvesting their crops.

Sardine Industry Is Down In California

SAN FRANCISCO—The California sardine industry is nearing the close of its most disastrous season, it is announced by Norman B. Schofield, chairman of the state fish and game commission's bureau of marine fisheries. He said the 1937-1938 catch probably would not exceed 400,000 ton, a drop of 327,000 tons from last year.

Monterey, the center of the industry, shows an alarming shortage, and San Francisco and San Pedro reported fishermen were not earning wages. Fishermen talk of going to Astoria and Grays Harbor this spring.

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BRAWLEY CHAPTER PEOPLE TO GATHER AT ANNUAL DINNER

Southern California League Has Been Active During The Recent Weeks; Other Events Are Planned To Follow

TO SWELL MEMBERSHIP

BRAWLEY, Calif.—The Brawley chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League has been active in recent weeks. There were two meetings, one a general meeting February 4, and an executive meeting January 27.

The annual chapter dinner was set for February 27, with President Harvey Suzuki master of ceremonies. Principal speaker will be Rudolph Miller, educator from El Centro; Mayor Si Carey, and others, were invited.

At the general meeting the treasurer's report showed cash on hand was \$60. Miss V. Honda reported the finance committee had decided on a talent revue and movie to be held in March. The secretary was instructed to inform the treasurer of the Southern District Council that the chapter fee of \$20 to the legislative fund would be forwarded.

To Send Delegates

The secretary was instructed to inform the Southern District Council that two official delegates would be present at the Council meeting, February 20, at Santa Monica.

For the dinner meeting February 27, the following committee was appointed: Chairman, Ernest Fujimoto; Frank Miyata, Don Osako, Nabuko Tamaki, Hachi Izumi and Henry Kubow.

Calendar Is Arranged

A membership committee was appointed as follows: Frank Miyata, chairman; Hideko Morikawa, Mary Honda, Nabuko Tamaki and Roy Miyata.

At the executive meeting a calendar of events was arranged. For February a dinner meeting was set February 27; in March there will be an outing the week of March 20; in April there is to be a pre-graduation dance the week of April 23, and in May a wienie bake is planned at a date to be set later.

Nippon Grocers Aid League At Oakland

OAKLAND, Calif.—The Nippon Grocery Association, which was a co-operative purchasing department of the Japanese retail grocery stores of Alameda County, donated \$200 to the sinking fund of the Oakland chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League.

A certain sum had been set aside from the annual profits to be used to start worthy second generation in the grocery business. But, as the members joined the East Bay Food Dealers Association, the Nippon Grocery Association decided to dissolve.

Placer County Folk Movie Party Guests

LOOMIS, Calif.—Members of the Placer County Japanese American Citizens League were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Ricky of Roseville, after their business meeting, with a motion picture taken in color of their travels through Holland, Germany, and Italy. Chapter President H.M. Yego presided.

Haruyo Takuma, chairman of social activities, and Frank Hironaka, district vice president, arranged the serving of refreshments following the entertainment.

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Second Generation Poetess Has Place In Coming Volume

SAN FRANCISCO—A well-known second generation poetess of Northern California is represented in Crown Anthology of Verse by "Improvement", a sonnet. It will be out shortly.

Toyo Suyemoto is the author. She has contributed to newspapers and magazines, both in poetry and news articles. Much of her work has appeared in The Sacramento Union.

Miss Suyemoto is a native of Oroville. She attended the Sacramento schools from kindergarten through Junior College, and then transferred to the University of California, graduating last May. She is vice president of the Philographers, editor of a club anthology, and member of a national poetry society.

OFFICERS ELECTED FOR CONTRA COSTA

Hideo Ajari Is President Of Chapter This Year; Activity Is Reported At Gatherings

CONCORD, Calif.—The Contra Costa County chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League has elected the following officers: President, Hideo Ajari; first vice pres., Yoshio Tamura; second vice pres., Henry Terazawa; rec. sec., Masa Matsutani; corr. sec., Haruko Nakatani; Japanese corr. sec., Sadahiko Mukuno; treas., George Mukuno; soc. chairman, Akiko Yamamoto; board of governors, George Toriyama, Tom Morodomi, William Furuta, Kiyoshi Tahira, Kenzo Nakagaki, Hiroshi Kanagaki, Shoji Tamori.

The first meeting of the year was called to order by President Ajari. The financial report for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 1938 was given by Treasurer Mukuno, showing a total of \$451.55, with \$351.55 in the commercial account and \$100 in the endowment fund.

Under the sponsorship of the Japanese Association, the night school will be open every Friday night, starting February 4.

Delegates to the Sacramento District Council meeting were President Ajari and Treasurer Mukuno.

Cantaloupe Crop In Valley To Be Heavy

CALEXICO, Calif.—The monthly report issued by the Imperial County Agricultural Commissioner's office indicated an exceptionally early season for cantaloupes in the Imperial Valley this year. According to the report, the cantaloupe plant is far in advance of last year. The total acreage planted in the valley this year is 13,987, an increase of 1808 acres over 1937. This acreage is the largest since 1933.

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LEAGUE AND SCOUT ASSISTANCE GIVEN FOR CONSERVATION

Dr. Horii Is Appointed Chief Of Poster Contest; He Asks Artists To Submit Suggestions; Forester In Praise

YOUNG OF MUCH SERVICE

LOS ANGELES—Having successfully celebrated Boy Scout Week, the local community is preparing to assist in observing Conservation Week from March 7 to 14.

The Los Angeles chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League will take an active part in the program. Dr. M. M. Horii has been appointed chairman, by President Ken Matsumoto. The chapter will sponsor a poster contest, in which the young are invited to enter. Smoot Katow will assist.

Topics Are Outlined

Dr. Horii, in his appeal to the community, said:

"The wild life, including game, birds and fish, have been declared the property of the state. Therefore, everyone has an interest in their protection, as all have an equal share.

"The posters may depict any phase of conservation that appeals to the artist. Topics suggested are conservation of beaches, fire prevention, forest protection, native flora, soil and water, wild life in general, wilderness areas and roadside improvements.

Forester Gives Praise

"The central idea should be the wise use of natural resources, together with plans for perpetuation so that posterity may benefit."

Spence Turner, Los Angeles County forester and fire warden, hailed the assistance of the League and the Boy Scouts.

"We are indeed glad," he said, "to have the co-operation of the League and the young.

"The scouts in this area have been of much service in being careful of fires, reporting infraction of rules, and helping to educate the public along these lines."

Tulare Kibei Division

TULARE, Calif.—The Tulare County JAACL has formed a Kibei Nikkei division of the League. The official opening of the division was held during the month.

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LARGE CROWD SEES SEATTLE CHAPTER SEAT ITS OFFICERS

Saburo Nishimura and Others Are Inducted at Dinner by Sakamoto; Legion Official Delivers Patriotic Speech

DANCE WELL ATTENDED

SEATTLE—Bringing together a large and enthusiastic crowd of second generation, the installation dinner dance of the Seattle chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League was held here the evening of February 11.

The oath was administered to the new officers by James Y. Sakamoto, national president. The address of the evening was delivered by Col. Fred Fueker, the adjutant of the American Legion, Department of Washington. His address was a stirring appeal to Americanism, and felicitation to the League on its constructive program. He assured the League of the co-operation of his organization, and asked the same on the part of the League.

Officers For 1938

Officers installed were: President, Saburo Nishimura; first vice pres., Kenko Nogaki; second vice pres., George Hara; rec. sec., Mary Mori; corr. sec., Cora Uno; treas., Dr. Robert Higashida; Northwest Council delegates, Takeo Nogaki.

The banquet toastmaster was Toshio Hoshide. Members of the Boy Scouts gave the flag ceremony.

The musical number of the program was given by Mrs. Fumiko Morita Hattori, violinist, with Miss Michiko Morita at the piano.

Clarence Arai Honored

Among the special features was the presentation of a gavel to Clarence T. Arai, retiring president, in recognition of his long service to the chapter and the League. He made a happy address, expressing appreciation of support, and bespoke the same for President Nishimura.

Idaho League Folks Plan Work For Year

CALDWELL, Idaho—Henry Suyehira has been elected president of the Idaho Committee of the Japanese American Citizens League. The reports made at the last meeting showed that the committee has been active, and plans a broad program for this year.

Raymond Hashitani is first vice pres., with Mae Matsumoto as secretary, Kay Onouye treasurer, and Yasuko Koyama historian. Advisers are Mr. Hamada, Caldwell, Idaho; Mr. Saito, Ontario, Or.; Mr. Wada, Vale, Or.; Mr. Hashitani, Nyssa, Or.; and Mr. Suyehira, of Emmett, Idaho.

Boy Scout Week Has Support At Seattle

SEATTLE—The Japanese Community and the Seattle chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League joined in supporting Boy Scout Week here. At a banquet of officials and friends the local chapter was represented by Saburo Nishimura, president. The scouts will stage an annual circus April 1 and 2 to raise funds.

There are four scout troops of second generation in Seattle. This area consists of King, Kitsap, Clallam and Jefferson counties, and Alaska.

Kaju Nakamura Pays Short Seattle Visit

SEATTLE—On a tour of the United States in the interest of the Oriental Summer Culture College, of Tokio, of which he is the founder, Kaju Nakamura and a group of educators were scheduled to arrive here February 27, after visiting in California. They will go east from Seattle.

VALENTINE DANCE HELD

SPOKANE, Wash.—A pre-Valentine Dance was held here this month at the Community Hall, with a large number of young folks in attendance. George Hayashi was in charge of arrangements.

AUBURN, Wash.—The Auburn Christian Fellowship at a recent meeting elected Tsugo Murakami president. Shugi Kimura is adviser.

Japanese Respects Paid Panay Victim By Flower Wreath

SEATTLE—Expressing the sympathy of the entire Japanese community, Acting Consul Midzuho Ishide, and Kunizo Mayeno, president of the Japanese Association, visited the liner President Jefferson when it arrived here February 18, and laid a wreath on the casket of Edgar W.C. Hulsebus, coxswain of the U.S.S. Panay, who was killed in the bombing of the ship last December.

The seaman's body was taken to the Navy Yard at Bremerton, and later sent to Canton, Mo., his home.

The Seattle Post-Intelligencer and the Seattle Times both ran three-column cuts showing the Japanese placing the wreath on the casket.

SEATTLE ELECTION TOPIC OF MEETING

Growing Importance of Young Vote Manifest In Interest Of City Candidates There

SEATTLE—Indicating the interest manifest by local members of the Japanese American Citizens League in civic affairs was a well-attended gathering the evening of February 18 at the Japanese Chamber of Commerce to discuss the city election.

The city campaign this spring created considerable stir. Perhaps never before have candidates shown so much interest in the second generation, which is an indication of the rising tide of importance of the young in the community. It is estimated there are about 1,000 voters among the second generation in Seattle.

Vote Is Non-Partisan

The present occasion was a city primary, and it was nonpartisan. For this reason the League leaders felt free to enter on the discussions, as it was purely a civic affair. The primary was held February 21, and the general election is March 8.

The meeting was called by President Saburo Nishimura of the local chapter. Clarence T. Arai, prominent second generation, and past president, took the chair.

Candidates Are There

Seattle nominated two candidates for mayor, and six for the Council, one for treasurer and one for comptroller.

Attending the gathering were Joseph R. Sweeney, candidate for mayor, and Henry Damski, John Carroll and Gus Hall, who seek Council seats. Mayor John F. Deere was represented, as was Mrs. F.F. Powell, seeking re-election to the Council, and Basil Gray, also a Council candidate.

Mrs. Powell has been a strong friend of the second generation.

Seven Seattle Boys Winners For Essays

SEATTLE—Seven second generation won signal honors recently in an essay contest sponsored by the Seattle Traffic and Safety Council.

Kazus Kimura topped the list, and took home a portable typewriter for his efforts. Other winners were Shigeo Fugita, Shigeru Kushi, Yukio Ozaki, Miyuki Tsuji, Kazuko Umino and Yae Yasuda.

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PATRIOTIC SOCIETY PRESENTS FLAG TO PORTLAND CHAPTER

Officials of D.A.R. Join With Rose City Leaguers To Aid In Installation Ceremony; American Legion Helps, Too

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE SET

PORTLAND, Or.—Installation of the new cabinet and the presentation of a flag by the Daughters of the American Revolution was to feature the meeting of the Portland Citizens' League February 25 at the Portland Chamber of Commerce building.

The Wahkena chapter of the D. A.R. was to present an American flag to the Rose City chapter, the presentation to be made by the regent, Mrs. Roy D. Armstrong, and Miss Florence Richardson, chairman of the flag committee of the D.A.R., was to make a short address on the proper care and use of the flag.

The efforts of Mrs. William B. Powell were instrumental in securing for the JAACL the flag.

National President James Y. Sakamoto was scheduled to install the newly-elected cabinet, headed by President Mamoru Wakasugi, Harry Dorman, chairman of the Americanization committee of the American Legion, Post No. 1, was listed for the main speaker of the evening.

With Natsuko Wakasugi and Frances Maeda named to lead the girls' team, and Smith Morimoto and George Somekawa to head the opposing force, a two-month membership drive will be opened at this February meeting.

Yuuki Sato Chosen Consul For Seattle

SEATTLE—Yuuki Sato, newly-appointed Japanese consul at Seattle, was scheduled to arrive here February 26, to succeed Issaku Okamoto, who is now consul-general at Singapore. The consul was to be accompanied by Madame Sato and their three children.

Consul Sato was stationed at Vancouver, B.C., for ten years some time ago, so he is familiar with conditions here. He has been at New Orleans the past seven years, recently as acting consul. He visited Ambassador Saito in Washington, and Consul General Wakasugi in New York on his way here.

Eastern Washington Young Folks Gather

YAKIMA, Wash.—With a large crowd in attendance, the annual Eastern Washington sectional conference of the young people of the Congregational Church was held here February 19 and 20. The first day was taken up with the business meeting, and discussions.

In the evening there was a Washington's birthday banquet, with Harry Honda toastmaster. At the evening service the Rev. J. Edgar Purdy spoke. Sunday a group luncheon was enjoyed. At 1:30 p.m. the closing session was held, with the Rev. Taro Goto, of Spokane as the speaker. At the installation of new officers, the Rev. I. Tanaka was in charge.

Second Generations Are Seattle Orators

SEATTLE—A highly-interesting and spirited oratorical contest among the second generation was held here this month. The topic in general was the Far East conflict. The meeting was sponsored by the Japanese Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Takashi Matsui won first honors. Margaret Yaeko Nakagawa was second, and Sachiko Teshirogi was third. Other speakers were George Shigeo Abe, and George Shigeo Fujita.

LOTUS PLANS PROGRAM

SEATTLE—Five groups of the Lotus Young Peoples Club are planning a two-night entertainment March 19 and 20. Yoshito Harada is general chairman.

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Second Generation Girl Given Honors In Home Economics

YAKIMA, Wash.—For the best work done in the home economics the past year, Miss Setsuko Kawauchi has been awarded a prize of \$10. She is the daughter of Mrs. T. Kawauchi, of this city.

The prize was awarded the young second generation girl on the occasion of the mid-year commencement exercises of the school. Miss Ruth Kimura, a member of the Honorary Society of the School, also was graduated.

Miss Katsu Oikawa, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Oikawa, was the only graduate at the Washington Junior High School to receive a gold "W" pin, which is awarded for excellence in scholarship and service to the school.

YOUNG FOLK START LEAGUE IN OREGON

Inaugural Banquet Held, With Distinguished Guests; Dent Makes Lincoln Day Address

PORTLAND, Or.—One of the outstanding events in the Pacific Northwest this month was the inaugural banquet of the Japanese American Fellowship League, of Gresham, held here on Lincoln's birthday. It was a sukiyaki dinner at the Nikko restaurant.

The fellowship league is composed of young Japanese in the Gresham and Corbett schools. It follows the pattern of the JAACL.

Legion Man Speaks

James Sasaki, president of the organization, was toastmaster. The principal speaker was Dorsay E. Dent, adjutant of Gresham Post No. 30, of the American Legion. His topic was Abraham Lincoln. Mamoru Wakasugi, president of the Portland JAACL, addressed the gathering. James Y. Sakamoto, national president of the JAACL, spoke, as did Principal Charles Saverude of the Gresham schools, and Hito Okada.

Mr. Dent's address was a highly-inspirational one, extolling the virtues of the martyred president. Mr. Sakamoto outlined the aims and principles of his organization.

Teachers Are Guests

Several teachers in the Gresham and Corbett schools were guests. Sunday night a dinner was given at Gresham for visitors, and Mr. Sakamoto was the guest speaker.

Besides the president, the officers of the league are: First vice pres., Masayuki Fujimoto; second vice pres., Joe Naemura; sec.-treas., Arie Shiiki; corr. sec., Johnny Doi.

BISHOP ON TOUR

SEATTLE—On a tour of inspection, Bishop James Edgar Walsh Maryknoll, N.Y., superior general of the Maryknoll Society, visited Seattle the week of February 20. While here he called on Bishop Gerald Shaughnessy, bishop of the diocese of Seattle.

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WHITE RIVER FOLK INSTALL OFFICERS; BOARD IS PRESENT

Washington Chapter Starts On Work Of Year, With Minoru Okura As President; Dinner And Dance Highly Enjoyed

NATIONAL CHIEF THERE

AUBURN, Wash.—The White River Valley chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League installed the officers for 1938 at a dinner-dance here the evening of February 26, with a large crowd present.

The new officers are: President, Minoru Okura; first vice pres., Charles Toshi; second vice pres., George Yasumura; third vice pres., Mike Iseri; rec. sec., Ethel Maebori; corr. sec., Mrs. Taeko Yasumura; treas., Tomio Itabashi; N.W. Delegate, Tom Iseri.

Scouts In Ceremony

Boy Scouts gave the flag ceremony and trooped the colors. This was followed by the flag salute and singing of the anthem.

The officers were installed by James Y. Sakamoto, national president, who has been on a tour of California. Present also was Mamoru Wakasugi, president of the Portland chapter.

Addresses were made by George Yasumura, outgoing president, and by the new president.

Members of the Northwest District Council and honor guests, were introduced.

Other Entertainment

A vocal solo by Tom Mayeda was on the program, and a picture talk by Tomio Itabashi. Miss Helen Handa, local songbird, was to sing, with Mrs. Lucile Goodman, her teacher, at the piano.

At 9 o'clock the dance was slated to begin, with Shepp's Swingsters furnishing the music, and an entertainment feature was a solo by Jiro Kanetomi, with Miss Helen Kanetomi, at the piano.

Fife Judoists Have Fine Dojo Building

FIFE, Wash.—The Fife Judoists now have a new Dojo, which was opened recently with appropriate ceremonies. It was financed by the parent generation supporting body. Members of the Tacoma Dojo attended.

This community has long used a small building that was lacking in accommodations, but it served the purpose until two years ago when it was damaged by fire. The new building is well lighted and equipped, and the rubber-cushioned mat makes it about all a judoist could ask. Renewed interest in the sport is promised.

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