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BOYS GIVE GRAD TALKS IN FRESNO

Japanese Valedictorian, Salutatorian Shine Bright

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SELMA, June 16.—For the first time among the Japanese in this locality, the honor of having both the salutatory and valedictory addresses by Japanese at the same school has distinguished the commencement exercises of Selma Union high school last Thursday night June 12, at Selma. The two brilliant scholars were Harry Ichijo Hirotsu, salutatorian and Donald Hideo Toyoda, valedictorian.

In his speech on "American Ideas," Hirotsu stated that "in ideals, pure, lofty, divine, man finds his true being. These must be the soul of American civilization. Imperfect now they may be, but slowly they will develop and through them the nations will broaden and deepen, realizing a greatness more lofty, a grandeur more enduring... they are the groundwork of American civilization.... They will endure."

VALEDICTORY

The valedictory address, "Pacific Relations," ably delivered by Toyoda, stressed the fact that Japan, which until recent years was practically unknown, has emerged on the Pacific as one of the world powers. The relation between Japan and America has created certain problems, the solution of which depends on public enlightenment through education.

Those who heard these speakers commented favorably on the excellent speeches.

Seventy three students graduated this year.

Dr. F. W. Thomas, president of the Fresno State College was the main speaker of the evening.

RECEPTION

FRESNO, June 16.—Twenty five young people gathered together at an informal reception held in honor of the graduates at the Kawai home last Friday night, June 13, immediately following the high school commencement exercises. Refreshments were served, after which the guests spent the remainder of the evening in playing games or visiting each other.

Graduates Feted By Fresno Church

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FRESNO, June 16.—Mrs. R. J. Fukushima, representing the Fresno Congregational Fujin Kwei, spoke words of welcome and advice to the honored graduates of the high schools and college, at the banquet held last Saturday night, June 14, at Frank's place.

Mr. Mori, representing the church talked to the young guests about their responsibility. Rev. J. K. Fukushima, was the third speaker to offer felicitations and advice. Tatsuo Kawai who graduated from Fresno State College, represented the graduates and thanked the Fujin Kwei for the latter's interest in the young people.

After the delightful banquet the people adjourned to the church where everybody joined in a social given in honor of the graduates. Sadie Hori assisted by taking charge of the games. Later, refreshments were served.

The Fresno Buddhist Church, Fujin Kwei, Y.M.B.A. and Y.W.B.A. joined as hostesses to honor the recent graduates of high schools, grammar schools, and Japanese schools last Saturday night, June 14, at the Buddhist church.

An interesting program of games featured the evening's entertainment, and refreshments were served near the close of the evening's activities.

Showa Meeting

Showa Club will hold a general meeting tonight, Tuesday, at their clubhouse at 2142 Bush street beginning at eight o'clock.

Important business concerning the benefit entertainment last Saturday will be discussed.

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Second generation U. C. coeds diligently practising the art of eating gracefully at a Japanese banquet.

2ND GENERATION COEDS STUDY THINGS JAPANESE

Yoshiro Ohta, Japan,
Defeats Jan Kozeluh
In Net Semi-finals

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PRAGUE (Czechoslovakia), June 16.—Yoshiro Ohta of Japan defeated Jan Kozeluh of Czechoslovakia in the second singles match of a semi-final round Davis cup tennis today. Ohta won the match, postponed Saturday after three sets had been played, 6-4, 6-4, 7-5. The victory left the two countries tied at one triumph each. The doubles will be played Monday.

BODY PLANS CONVENTION

Seattle New Citizens
Hold Banquet to
Boost Meet

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SEATTLE, June 16.—Gathering around a banquet table in the Marine Room of the Olympic Hotel last Saturday evening, first and second generation friends and well-wishers of the Citizens League joined hands in giving an impressive boost to the success of the National Council convention scheduled here late this summer.

The kick-off dinner, opening the final intensive campaign to raise funds for the expenditures of the convention, was attended by many of the city's prominent businessmen as well as a crowd of the second generation, testifying to the eager enthusiasm with which the coming conference is being anticipated by the Seattle Japanese.

CONSUL AKAMOTO TALKS

Expressing the hope that the young people of the Pacific Coast will cooperate in making the convention a successful one, Consul Okamoto asked that the second generation make the most of the opportunity afforded them at this convention to accomplish worthwhile and lasting results as American citizens.

The businessmen of the city were represented by S. Yamamoto. He

spoke of the young people of the Pacific Coast.

HOLDEN CONGRATULATES

Ashley E. Holden, speaking for the

American people expressed his great

interest in the coming convention

and congratulated the league on the

WINE, WOMEN, AND MONEY—
NOT SONG, SAYS ADACHI

TOKYO, June 16.—Wine, women and money—not song—are the worst temptations besetting an official career in Japan, Kenzo Adachi, Minister of Home Affairs, told a batch of successful candidates for government jobs.

"Sooner or later," said the white-

Formal Conversation, Table Manners Discussed

What would you do if you were faced by a formidable looking crew at a Japanese banquet? Would you follow the popularity accepted the theory that the truly Japanese procedure is just the opposite of the American way? In other words would you drink the soup last, imbibe with great gusto, etc?

At the lovely home of Mrs. K. Akiba, last Sunday about a dozen U. C. coeds and graduates learned the mysteries of the Japanese ozen under the guidance of Mrs. Akiba.

How to set an ozen, the graceful and proper mode of procedure in eating, artistic ways of serving dishes, how tea is served, these were some of the subjects on which the girls were enlightened.

While the girls sipped tea in truly Japanese fashion, conversation was carried on in Japanese. Among many things, the coeds learned how to receive telephone calls, how to congratulate at various happy events, and the hardness of all things, even in English, how to offer cordiality.

After a very profitable and pleasant afternoon, the study group dispersed to meet again on June 29, Sunday afternoon at 3 p.m.

along nowadays? I am fine.

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* JUNIOR AND
* SENIOR CLUB
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Birthday greetings, George! Birthday greetings, Masafumi! June 16 is the birthday of George Mura, 1717 Post St., San Francisco, Calif., and June 17 is the birthday of Masafumi Seiki, 1627 Gough St., San Francisco, Calif.

Hello, everybody! How are you enjoying vacation? Everybody must be having a grand and glorious time.

Please write and tell us about how you are all spending your vacations. We would love to hear about it, won't we, members?

Alice Tomyle, Route 1, Box 448, Ceres, Calif., sends her love. Here is her letter.

"How are the members getting

truly American attitude it holds, as demonstrated at the kick-off dinner.

Clarence T. Araki, president of the Seattle Citizens League and of the National Council, presided over the banquet, introducing Masajiro Furuya, prominent Japanese businessman of the city, as an old friend of the League.

Following the banquet, dancing was enjoyed by both the young and old, with Carter's orchestra furnishing tuneful melodies.

Substitute numbers from 1-10 and you will have a 10 letter word.

Answer: PLAYGROUND.

Alice made them all up herself.

Isn't that wonderful? Did you ever read Edgar Allan Poe's "Gold Bug" everybody? Alice's cryptogram reminds us of Poe.

We are saving up all the letters

that come in giving the meaning of

Aunt Mia. Very soon when we have

given everybody a chance to write,

we will announce the winners.

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DECREASE TO BE EVIDENT

A careful study of population

trends has been made by Dr. Ro-

manzo Adams of the University of

Hawaii for the Governor's advisory

committee on education.

"From all factors considered, so

far as the eye visible at the present

time, it would appear to be probable

that public school enrollment will

continue to increase for six or seven

years, but at a diminishing rate of

increase—a very small increase for

the last year or two—and that,

thereafter, there will be a decrease,

small at first, then larger," Dr.

Adams says.

"By 1940 the enrollment may be

only 5000 or 10,000 larger than it is

now, and further decrease will be

in prospect.

"Probably the number of births

in 1930-1940 will be 15,000 to 20,000

below the number of the decade just

past. This may be expected to in-

fluence school attendance measure-

mentally during the decade of 1940-1950."

500 Applaud Hero
Tabata Sparkle In
Showa Club's Show

Showa Club's first annual benefit

entertainment was brilliantly pre-

pared last Saturday night at the

Cathedral Hall on Pine and Octavia

streets with more than 500 persons

in the audience.

The opening ceremony was pre-

sented in a novel form. It showed

one of the club members, Akira

Omoto, a radio operator, receiving

a message from Japan four years

ago proclaiming to the world the

name of the new era Showa.

The Athletic organization boasts

of its naming of a club the Showa

as the first in the United States.

Nobu Tabata as the hero in "The

Villain Still Pursued Her" received

big applause from the audience for

his fine acting. Thomas Matsuda

as Amos, the negro servant, in "At

the Stroke of Twelve" charmed the

spectators with his bringing about

of comical situations.

Many persons stayed after the

show to enjoy the dance, a group

of local musicians furnishing the

music. Oski Tanawaki was the mas-

ter of ceremonies.

Voltaire blasted at the foundations

of civilization itself, and

sought to put the crowd-mind in

2 AMERICAN BOYS SWEAR ZEN PLEDGE

Will Enter Monastery for 5-Year Study of Buddhism

Two American youths, first to be ordained in this country as celibate and homeless Buddhist monks, took their vows yesterday afternoon in the place of worship of the Zen-Buddhist organization at 1888 Bush street, Nogey Senzaki, Buddhist monk and teacher and for the last ten years leader of the Buddhist movement in San Francisco, administered the vows with the picturesqu