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# *Framblings*



# '43 RAMBLINGS

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OF  
THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF TOPAZ HIGH SCHOOL  
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# Foreword

The Topaz High School Student Body Association is composed of students from almost all of the big and small towns and cities of California, and includes some from the Hawaiian Islands. In one Year's time these children of truck gardeners, grocery men, merchants, clerks, domestic workers, carpenters, ministers, laundrymen, teachers, and others have amalgamated into a well organized functioning student body. Sports and activities have taken place in which every student has participated with an effervescent spirit although there was dire need for equipment. The first graduating class had one hundred and ninety-six seniors and twenty summer session students, many graduating with honors. The challenge of establishing a new school under unprecedented conditions was met and the hardships overcome, and this book is a record of the extent to which the students of Topaz High School have succeeded.





Superintendent of Schools, Mr. LeGrande Noble, was our principal until December, 1942. At that time Dr. John C. Carlisle, Superintendent, returned to his former position in Utah State at Logan. Mr. Noble faithfully served the students of Topaz High School, and is now doing a bigger job for the city's schools.

#### HAIL ALMA MATER

Lyrics—William Oshima

Music—David Iino

*All Hail Topaz High School,  
A torch that our paths will light,  
Our colors the Green and Gold  
Shall symbolize our might,  
From far and wide we've gathered,  
And made now into one,  
We'll cherish this our Alma Mater  
Which will not go unsung.*

*All Hail Topaz High School,  
We'll leave thee with spirits fine,  
And hope we will prove to be  
Ever worthy sons of thine,  
Our steps for long you've guided,  
And now without a fear,  
We're proud to leave as part of you,  
Our Alma Mater dear.*

#### THE RAMBLINGS' GREEN HAS GONE TO WAR.

The war has brought many hardships to this comfort loving land of America; Topaz High School, responding to the needs of the armed forces, has patriotically given up its green color that was formerly planned for the cover of the "43 Ramblings" and background of the drawings. The reason for this is that green is needed to camouflage and to paint guns, planes, ships, vehicles, and uniforms of men who are fighting to uphold the principles of democracy for which we, the Nisei, too, are fighting.

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## Dedication

This year finds us vastly different from our naive selves of previous years; therefore, we are dedicating our annual to a different and more inspiring aspect of life—Courageous Education. We would look on Education as a life philosophy, whose purpose is boldly to oppose things which are destructive of the American ideal. Through Education we would seek to attain the ultimate end, which is to eliminate from ourselves the patterns of life which led us into this war. We, as molders of a better tomorrow, should strive indelibly to impress upon all young people a desire for truth and the inevitable enlightenment which accompanies it. To this ideal, we dedicate our annual.





## Our Principal

I extend my congratulations to the students of the Topaz High School upon the completion of '43 RAMBLINGS. As a pictorial presentation of the students and their unforgettable experiences during the first year of the school's life it will have great value. Reflected in its pages is the ability to plan well and to carry the plan through to completion. '43 RAMBLINGS is the result of faith and determination to attain something of beauty and quality even though many difficulties intervened. I am sure that joy and satisfaction have come to those who have participated in the actual preparation of the book and to all those who have supported it through contributions and good will.

Let me ask you students to look upon the creation of '43 RAMBLINGS as just one sample of the values you have gained and may still gain this year. As you face the future with its unusual problems and hazards, may you extract, from whatever experiences you may have, those elements which will strengthen and develop you. May you keep sweet and courageous. May your discontent be "the kind that works" rather than "the discontent that wrings its hands." Gordon Graham has said, "the first gets what it wants, the second loses what it has. There's no cure for the first but success; and there's no cure at all for the second."

May the '43 RAMBLINGS bring pleasant memories to you and inspire you to work, to persevere and to achieve worthwhile objectives throughout your lives.

Signed,

G. L. WOOLF





MR. GOERTZEL  
Director of Placement and  
Guidance



MISS GERARD  
Vice-Principal



MR. TANI  
Administrative Assistant

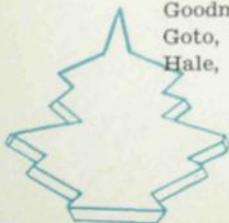
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CORE INSTRUCTORS: Left to right, standing—Mr. Simmons, Mrs. Henderson, Miss Nakaso, Miss Lamb, Mrs. Black, Mrs. Deffebach, Mrs. Lisle, Mr. Cummins. Seated: Mrs. Boardman, Miss Gerard, Miss Sundquist, Mr. Harris.

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HOME ECONOMICS INSTRUCTORS: left to right, standing: Miss Okawa, Mrs. Goto, Miss Kataoka. Seated: Miss Winters, Mr. Kusunoki.

MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE INSTRUCTORS: left to right, back row: Mr. Johnson, Miss Watanabe, Mr. Westover, Mr. Bando, Dr. Goodman. Front row: Mr. Shin-kai, Miss Hosoi, Miss Ishida, Mr. Muneno, Mr. Yoshida, Mr. Kawaguchi.

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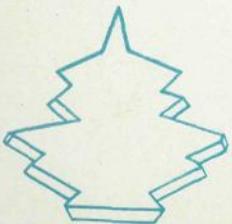
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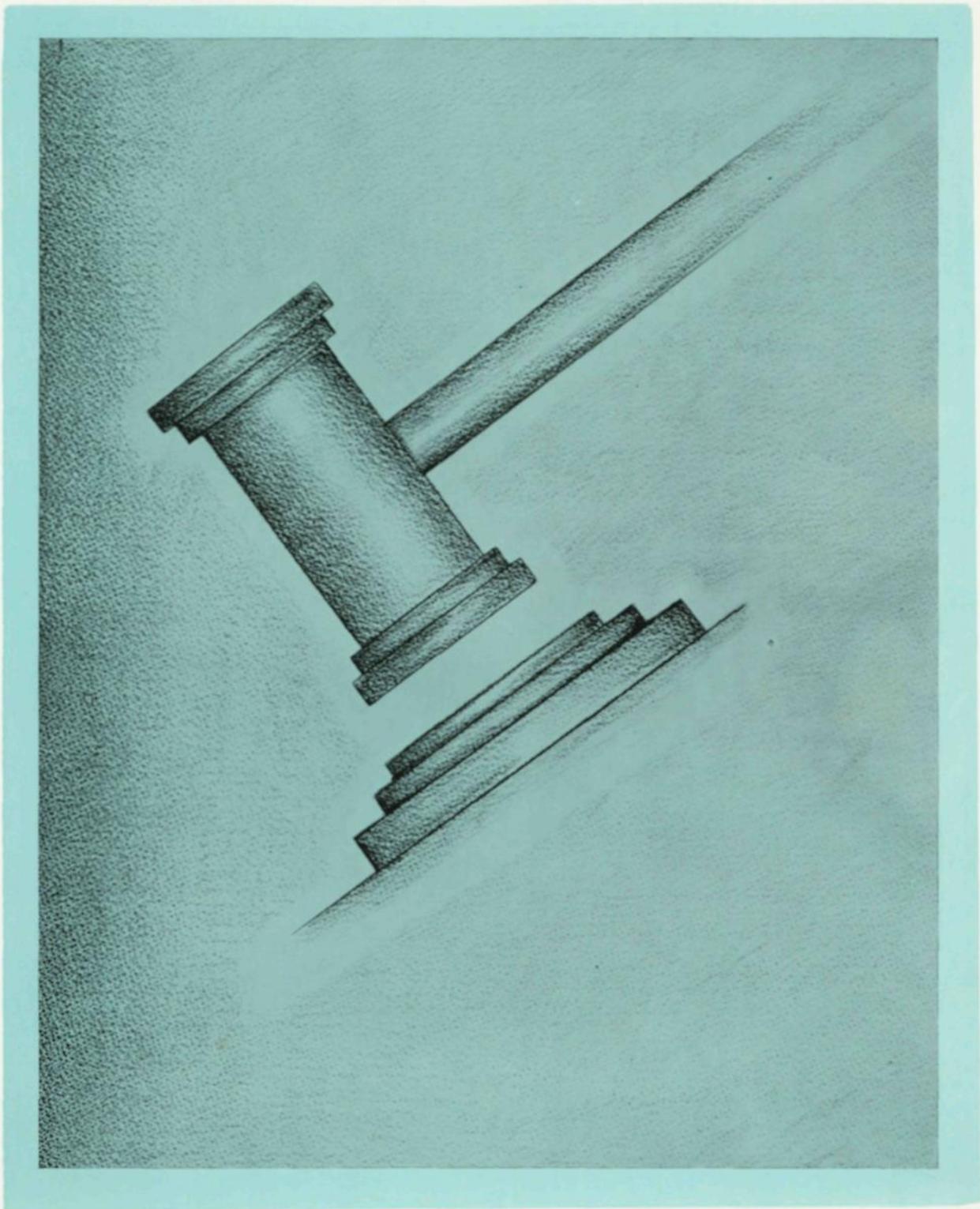


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# ADMINISTRATION

Despite many hindering factors a successful student government was established by the tireless efforts of all the students. In doing our share, with the stress on participation in activities, we have developed leadership with which we hope to face the challenge confronting us—the challenge which can be overcome through Courageous Education.





# A. S. T. H. S. Executive Committee

The Executive Committee of the Associated Students of Topaz High School was organized after the completion of the constitution, which was ratified by the students during the latter part of the fall term.



MOSS ASHIZAWA  
President

This committee was composed of President, Moss Ashizawa; Vice-President, Rhoda Nishimura; Secretary, Annabelle Uyeda; Treasurer, Juro Hayashida; Editor-in-chief, Shizu Nishino; Yell Leader, Sam Nakaso; President of the Girls' Association, Mary Matsumoto; President of the Associated Boy Students, Eichi Adachi; Senior President, George Yamamura; Junior President, Henry Hidekawa; and the Sophomore President, Peter Matsumoto.

Because they were the first Executive Committee, they had a very busy term in planning and setting standards and traditions for the school. They planned student body cards and determined the privileges entitled to their holders, and conducted an Executive

Committee meeting at an assembly to show the general procedure taken at the meetings.

The Executive Committee exercised all powers granted to the Associated Students of Topaz High School by the constitution.

The representative body of the association is the Student Representative Council. While the registry classes were in effect, the body was composed of two representatives from each registry class. The burden of the construction period of our student government was borne by this group. With the abolishment of the registry classes it was necessary to form a new representative group. This time the Core class was designated as the source. This council is an important part of the student activity clockwork.

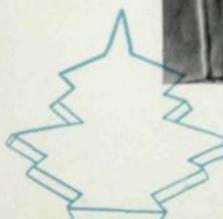
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YAMAMURA

SAM  
NAKASO  
HENRY  
HIDEKAWA

SHIZU  
NISHINO  
PETER  
MATSUMOTO





Left to right, standing: George Yamamura, Hank Hidekawa, Seiji Aizawa, Mitsuko Nakamizo, Machiko Nakamura, Mildred Starr, Yo Kishii, Kitty Yamauchi, Tick Matsuzaki, Moss Ashizawa, Koji Ozawa, Dwight Nishimura. Seated: Miye Shinoda, Michiko Nishikawa, Frances Kusumine, Sadame Hara, Sachi Kawahara, Mary Matsumoto, Rhoda Nishimura, Sumako Aihara. Kneeling: Hiroshi Nakano, Noboru Kobayashi, Harry Kitano, Ryozo Kumekawa, Frank Kami, Himeo Tsumori, and Sakae Yoshida.

## Student Representative Council

As a representative group the Student Representative Council ratified all executive appointments. They were responsible for the choice of a school mascot and colors. As a connecting link between the student and the executives, their responsibility is a heavy one.

The judiciary body of the Associated Students of Topaz High School is the Student Affairs Committee which is composed of five boys and five girls. It has jurisdiction over all measures ratified by the Executive Committee and the Student Representative Council.

All cases involving students are referred to this committee. Under the chairmanship of Mich Hayashida, the members were: Himeko Enomoto, Miye Shinoda, Agnes Mori, Chiyoko Matsuzaki, Sachi Kawahara, Ryozo Kumekawa, Hideo Yonenaka, James Hayashi, and Paul Tani.



## Student Affairs Committee

Left to right, standing: Paul Tani, Ryozo Kumekawa, Mich Hayashida, Hideo Yonenaka. Seated: Miye Shinoda, Hime Enomoto, Sachi Kawahara, and Agnes Mori.





Left to right, standing:—Rhoda Nishimura, Mildred Starr, Frances Kusumine, Lil Miyachi, Patti Iwanaga. Seated:—Harry Kitano, Tomio Sakurai, Tick Matsuzaki, and Ken Shimomura.

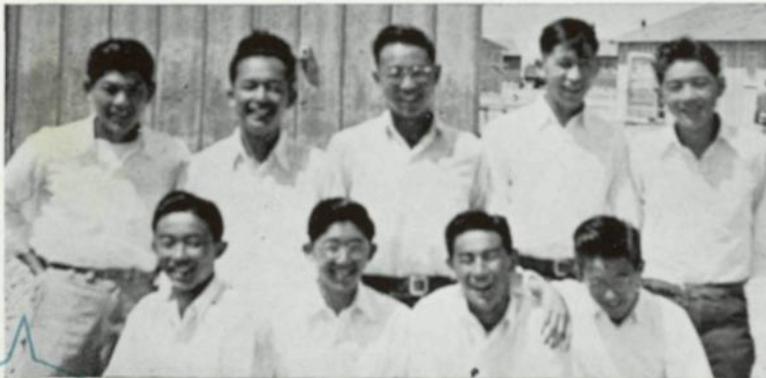
## Student Social Committee

With the formation of a student organization at Topaz High School, it was necessary to form a group which would act as a nucleus for all student activities. The Student Social Committee is an appointed group representing the three classes.

The Committee has been responsible for all assemblies, rallies, dances, and socials sponsored by the school. Some of the highlights of its program included the "Hello Day," the talent program that went to Fillmore, and also the "Play Day." The group has had to overcome handicaps because of the limited facilities but succeeded in providing many well enjoyed student activities.

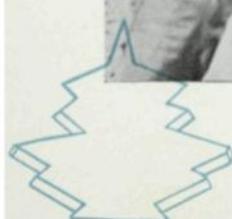
The Rally Committee does all the utility work. These stalwart young men moved benches high and low, before and after assemblies and other gatherings. They also chose the school songs and yells.

## Rally Committee



First Row: William Tomomi Sakai, Teruhisa Nakahiro, Sam Nakaso, and Andy Handa.

Second Row: John Oshima, Harry Kitano, Tomio Sakurai, George Yamashiro, and Joe Inatome.





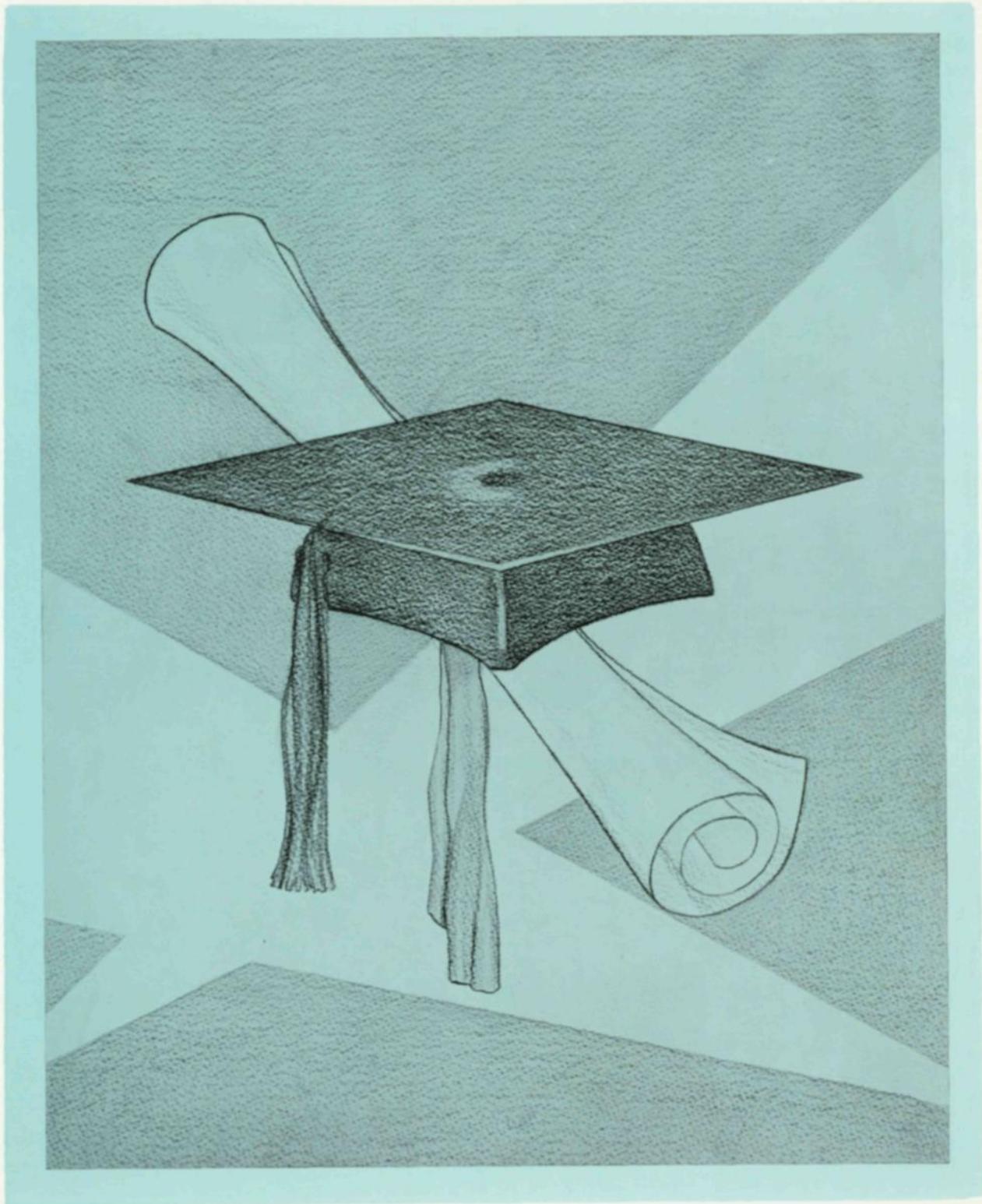
Prelude to a rally  
The Deltans entertained us  
Faces  
Just out of grammar school  
Hidekawa attracts 'em all  
We entertained the Deltans



# CLASSES

After consolidating into their respective classes—seniors, juniors, and sophomores—the students of Topaz High School had fun in getting together at socials, competing in various activities, working in the fields, studying, and picnicking, forgetting that we were living in these trying times.





The first graduating class of Topaz City High School completed a highly successful term, despite the difficulty of uniting a group of seniors who have come from different schools in California. The task of fusing together the divergent views and ideas which have accumulated in the minds of the students during their attendance in other schools has been accomplished through the efforts of the various senior class committees.



GEORGE YAMAMURA      TAKAO MATSUZAKI  
AYAKO OTA

## Seniors

Before plunging into the many senior activities, the class elected George Yamamura as president, Takao Matsuzaki as vice-president, and Ayako Ota as secretary.

The first event of the class of '43 was the Senior Assembly held in Dining Hall 32 on March 5th. The highlight of the program turned out to be the comical skit on school life, which brought a great many laughs from the students. Ideas compiled by Ayako Ota, Rhoda Nishimura, Masao Ashizawa, and Paul Tani were enacted by various members of the senior class.

The Senior Jinx, held on April 2nd in Dining Hall 32, proved to be a successful social. Over 100 seniors and faculty members were present at the gay affair. Much credit should be given to Bill T. Sakai and his committee for making this event so enjoyable.

Senior boys and girls piled themselves on a truck and headed for the onion fields on May 21st. With an abundance of energy and enthusiasm, they planted rows and rows of those tear-producing bulbs.

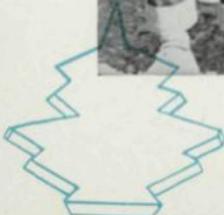


## Graduation Committee

Left to right: Seiji Aizawa, Takao Matsuzaki, Kyoko Tate, Mich Hayashida, chairman.

### DANCE COMMITTEE (Opposite Page)

Left to right: Annabelle Uyeda, Machiko Nakamura, George Yamamura, Joe Inatome, Takao Matsuzaki, Tomio Sakurai, Ayako Ota. Kneeling: Bill T. Sakai, chairman.



Aching muscles and sunburned faces were the results of their diligent work, but the seniors were well rewarded for their efforts because they had planted more onions than any other class.

May 31st was set aside as Senior Control Day. George Yamamura acted as the principal while the other seniors substituted for the teachers. Everyone agreed that it was the best day of the semester. Many thanks are due to George Hashimoto and Lebo Shiozawa who made this activity so successful.

The more important functions of the class took place during the last week of the term.

Seniors "sneaked" away to Suesi on June 20th and enjoyed a picnic, with Hiroshi Nakano in charge of transportation and entertainment, and Frances Kusumine in charge of the food.

During the second and third day of senior week, an athletic competition between the seniors and the faculty members was enjoyed by those who participated and by those who watched. Kyoko Tate and Frank Kami took care of this event.

Incidentally, Seniors were well represented on the athletic field throughout the year. Next semester, Topaz City High School's squad will be greatly weakened by the loss of such athletes as Pete Kashima, Himeo Tsumori, Tom Tomioka, Tom Nitta, Frank Kami, Vincent Momii, Tom Yoshitomi, Mas Kawaguchi, Tets Ochi, and George Yamamura.

The traditional Senior Prom is a long to be remembered social. It took place on Thursday, June 24, in Dining Hall 32.

A note of praise should be given to the Senior Social Committee which arranged the affair and designed the bids.

"We must build men to match our mountains," was the theme of the class of '43 graduation, which was held on the evening of June 25th at the high school plaza. The graduates, clad in caps and gowns, received their diplomas, signifying the completion of their high school years.

As the 1943 terms comes to an end, we, the first graduating seniors of Topaz City High School, hope that the succeeding classes have just as grand a senior year as we have had.

## Dance Committee





TERUKO ADACHI—"Terry," (Sequoia Union Hi) took part in the Home Econ. Club, was a "Big Sister," and hopes to become a beautician.

MICHIKO GRACE AIHARA—"Michi," (Washington Union Hi), likes to sew, play badminton, and intends to go to a business college.

SEIJI AIZAWA—"Aizawewee," (Lowell Hi), was a member of the S. R. C., Graduation Committee, Journal Staff, Science Club, and played on the "B" basketball team.



MINORU AKIYOSHI—"Minzo," (Berkeley Hi), now working part time as a surveyor, liked physics and wants to be an Aero-meteorologist.

DOROTHY ANN AOKI—"D. A.," (Roosevelt Hi), is interested in science, plays volleyball, and plans to be a dental nurse.

KIYOSHI AOYAGI—"Shy," (Burlingame Hi), participated in the Science Club, preferred physics, and hopes to be a mechanic.



STANLEY TADAO AOYAGI—"Blues," (Alameda Hi), a member of the Science Club, and Scholarship Committee, was interested in Biology, and wants to be an Entomologist.

MASAO ASHIZAWA—"Moss," (Polytechnic Hi), Student Body "Prexy," and Science Club member, will go into the field of physics.

MAY SUMIKO ASHIZAWA—"Twinkle-toes," (Girls Hi), likes to sew, was a member of the Choir and the Thespians, and intends to be a fashion designer.



FUMIKO TERESA AZUMA—"Shorty," (Commerce Hi), took part in the G. A., favored Shorthand, and wants to go to college.

ALMA GRACE BANDO—"Jitters," (San Mateo Hi), a member of the Language Club, Science Club, and a G. A. Rep., hopes to be a dentist.

NOBORU DOIOKA—"Earl," (Commerce Hi), enjoys math, plays baseball, and plans to be an agriculturist.



EDNA SHOKO DOWKE—"Edy," (Washington Union Hi), whose favorite subject is Senior Business, will enter the business field.

GRACE FUMIKO FUJIMOTO—(Commerce Hi), completed requirements in February and is working at the Student Relocation Office.

NOBUJI FUJIMOTO—"Wolf," (Commerce Hi), a member of the F. F. A., wants to be a salesman.



HISAKO FUJINAMI—"Hiss," (Roosevelt Hi), likes to sew, plays basketball, and hopes to be a stenographer.

SABURO FUJITA—"Sab," (Berkeley Hi), whose favorite subject is drafting, wants to go to college.

AIKO FUKADA—(Berkeley Hi), completed requirements in February and is working at the Administration Building.



PAUL FUKAMI—"Sardines," (Lowell Hi), a member of the "Our Town" cast, plans to become a doctor.

SACHIKO FUKAMI—"Gabby," (Galileo Hi), who worked as part-time timekeeper, plans to attend college.

HENRY FUKUI—"Hank," (Lowell Hi), a P. G., was chairman of the Science Club, a member of the forum, and will become a veterinarian.



MAE FURUSHO—"Fruity," (Washington Union Hi), was in the G. A., liked home economics, and wants to become a seamstress.  
 MITSUYO HANDA—"Tofu," (Girls Hi), was a part-time typist, liked tailoring, and wants to become a seamstress.  
 FUMI HANYU—(Commerce Hi), completed requirements in January, and worked as nurses' aide at the hospital.



MICHIKO HARA—"Mich," (Galileo High), was on the Ramblings Staff, vice-prexy of the G. A., was a member of the Choir, and wants to go to college.  
 CHICO HARAMAKI—"Chic," (Hayward Hi), liked physics, and wants to become a meteorologist.  
 KAZUKO HASE—(San Jose Hi), liked Spanish, and wants to be a dietician.



GEORGE KATSUMI HASHIMOTO—"Kats," (Galileo High), was a member of the S. R. C. and F. F. A., and wants to become an auto mechanic.  
 OKI HASHIMOTO—"Okee," (University Hi), was a member of the F. F. A., Choir, track team, and wants to go to college.  
 MARGARET HAYAMIZU—"Margie," (Pescadero Union Hi), was a Big Sister, and a member of the Home Economics Club, likes to sew, and is planning to be a secretary.



JAMES AKIRA HAYASHI—"Butch," (Alameda Hi), was a prominent member of the S. A. C., and prexy of the F. F. A. This chemistry fiend hopes to attend college.  
 MICHIHIKO HAYASHIDA—"Mich," (Berkeley Hi), was the chairman of the S. A. C., active in the Science Club and Graduation Committee, and is a future doctor.  
 TEIKO HIDESHIMA—(Commerce Hi), was a member of the Science Club, liked mathematics, and plans to go to college.



FUSAYE HIRONO—(Oakland Hi), completed her requirements in January, and worked as a nurses' aide at our city hospital.  
 MAY HONDA—"May Hon-chow," (Richmond Hi), was active in the G. A., and wants to become a laboratory technician.  
 SACHIKO HONDA—"Angel," (Richmond Hi), was active in the G. A., and Dramatics Club, liked sewing, and wants to become a nurse.



SUMI HONNAMI—"Monku," (Lowell Hi), was the treasurer of the G. A., liked German, and plans to go to college.  
 TAEKO HONNAMI—"Dumbo," (Commerce Hi), liked senior business and basketball, and wants to become a stenographer.  
 SHIGEKO HORITA—"Shiggie," (Girls' Hi), liked clothing, and wants to become a nurse.



SHIGEO HOTTA—"Shig," (University Hi), rose to dramatic heights in "Our Town," liked art, and hopes to enter the business field.  
 MICHAEL YOSHITAKA CHIMARU—"Mike," (Polytechnic Hi), was art editor of the Ramblings, member of the track team, and is planning to become a commercial artist.  
 JAMES IDA—"Ida," (Lowell Hi), was a member of the track team, liked science, and plans to enter college.





DAVID T. IINO—(University Hi), a Forum representative, president of the Choir, and a member of the Science Club, plans to be an engineer.

TOSH JOE INATOME—"Jose," (George Washington Hi), was an active member of the Dance and Rally Committees and hopes to become an engineer.

KAORU INOUE—"Kay," (Technical Hi), likes softball and music and wants to enter a music conservatory.



JIMMY ISHIDA—"Casanova," (Berkeley Hi), enjoys dramatics and softball and will work in the business field.

YOSHIKAZU ISHIDA—"Yosh," (Washington Union Hi), a member of the Rally Committee, the F. F. A., and a B. A. Rep., liked the subject, core.

LILY FUMI ISHIKAWA—"Ish," (Golden Gate Academy), whose favorite subject was algebra, has future plans for college.



MIYOKO ISHIYAMA—"Miyo," (Alameda Hi), was president of the G. A., Dramatics Club and is well remembered for her performance in "Our Town."

KAZUYUKI ITO—"Katie," (Berkeley Hi), played on the Senior Class A team and wants to be a carpenter.

KIYO ITO—(Alameda Hi), president of the Home Econ. Club, liked English and plans to become a teacher.



SELJI KAIBE—"Ceejay," (Berkeley Hi), a member of the Rally Committee and a B. A. Rep., has plans for an army career.

LILLIAN KAJIWARA—"Porky," (Commerce Hi), likes to play badminton, plans to become a secretary, and her favorite subject was shorthand.

FRANK TADAHIKO KAMI—"Archie," (Berkeley Hi), was an active member of the S. R. C., the Ramblings Staff, and the Block T Society, having been on the track team. He is planning to go to college.



TAKASHI KARIYA—"Tak," (Sequoia Union Hi), whose favorite subject was physics, has ambitions of becoming a horticulturist.

PETER KASHIMA—"Pedro," (Sequoia Union Hi), a member of the F. F. A., and the Block T. Society, liked physics and plans to become a farmer.

KAZUO KATO—"Kaz," (Fremont Hi), was on the track team, a member of the Block Society, and the F. F. A., has future plans of becoming a mechanic.



MASARU GEORGE KATO—"Mas," (San Leandro Hi), was the Sports Editor on the Topazette staff, liked journalism, and hopes to become a sports writer.

MOTOICHI KATO—"Amos," (San Mateo Hi), whose favorite subject was Ag. Science, was a member of the F. F. A., and is planning to become a farmer.

LILY YURIKO KATSU—(Berkeley Hi), completed her requirements and is working at the public library.



MARY KAWAGUCHI—"Guchi," (Commerce Hi), was active in the G. A., sports, and wants to enter the business field.

MASARU KAWAGUCHI—"Errol," (George Washington Hi), was on the basketball team, a member of the Block Society and hopes to be a Civil Engineer.

KAORU CAROLINE KAWAHATA—(Girls' Hi), was a member of Future Farmers and hopes to be a stenographer.



UMEKO KAWAKAMI—"Mae," (Castlemont Hi), liked cooking and hopes to be a housewife.

JOSEPH KAWAMORITA—"Joe," (Galileo Hi), liked physics and hopes to be an auto mechanic.

MOTOKO KAWASHIMA—"Moe," (Lowell Hi), took part in the G. A. A., was on the horseshoe team, Senior Week Committee, Choir, and Forum, and hopes to be an oculist.

FRANCES TOKI KIMURA—"Frenchy," (Commerce High), was on the dance committee, liked math, and wants to go to college.

MARTHA SETSUKO KIMURA—"Shorty," (Oakland Hi), was a G. A. representative, and hopes to be a seamstress.

GRACE SHIZUKO KIMURA—"Chezy," (San Mateo Hi), took active part in the Home Economics Club, and G. A. A., and she wants to be a dress designer.

JAMES KWANICHI KIRIHARA—"Hara-kiri," (Technical Hi), liked cabinet-making and hopes to be a meteorologist.

SHIGEO KITA—"Shig," (Washington Union Hi), liked drafting and baseball, and hopes to be a machinist.

PETER GORO KITAGAWA—"Peter," (George Washington Hi), worked part-time in the Commissary and wants to major in forestry.

YUKIKO KIYOMURA—"Yuk," (Washington Union Hi), was active in softball, and liked home economics.

MARGARET IKUKO KOIDE—(Berkeley Hi), completed requirements in mid-year, and left on an indefinite leave.

MASU KOMATSU—(University Hi), took active part in the G. A. A., and softball team, worked part-time in the Agriculture office, and wants to go to a business college.

YOSHIRO KONNO—(Fremont Hi), was in the F. F. A., on the baseball team, liked shop, and plans to be a carpenter.

ELJI KUBOKAWA—"Edgar," (Lowell Hi), was a F. F. A., helped on class write-ups, and plans to be a chemical engineer.

HIDEO KUBOTA—"Hid," (Berkeley Hi), liked drafting, and wants to be a photographer. He designed the cover of this journal.

YURIKO KUMAMOTO—"Lily," (Washington Union Hi), liked Spanish and plans to be a bookkeeper.

KIYOCHI KUMEKAWA—"Tyrone," (Lowell High), carried the lead in "Our Town," was active in the Forum and Science Club, and hopes to go to college.

FUSAYE KUNISAWA—"Fusee," (Girls' Hi), with a wonderful voice, hopes to go to a music conservatory. She was a member of the Choir and Science Club.

ASAKO KUSUMI—"Clara," (Commerce Hi), was active in drama, liked shorthand, and plans to go to business college.

FRANCES TAEKO KUSUMINE—"Frannie," (Lowell Hi), was a member of the S. R. C., S. S. C., G. A., and wants to become a commercial artist.

JAMES SUMIO MACHIDA—"Pancho," (Washington Union Hi), did part-time work in the Commissary.





EDITH SUMIYE MARUBAYASHI—"Edy," (San Mateo Hi), was in the Home Economics Club, likes sewing, and wants to be a beautician.

YEMIKO MARUYAMA—"Amy," (Technical Hi), took part in sports, liked physics, and wants to become a nurse.

MARY MARIKO MATSUI—"Mats," (Hayward Hi), was in the G. A., liked business training and wants to be a secretary.



AIKO MATSUMOTO—"Ike," (Berkeley Hi), liked clothing class, and wants to become an office clerk.

MARY MARIKO MATSUMOTO—"Bubbles," (George Washington Hi), was the G. A. President, member of the S. R. C., Senior Dance Committee, Choir, and wants to be a stenographer.

GRACE TOSHIYE MATSUNO—"Tosh," (University Hi), likes badminton, and wants to be a dress designer.



CHIYOKO MATSUZAKI—"Choker," (Lowell Hi), was a member of the S. A. C., S. S. C., and G. A. Clubs, and wants to be a chemist.

TAKAO MATSUZAKI—"Tick," (Commerce Hi), was Vice-President of the Senior Class, chairman of the Graduation Committee, and wishes to be a certified public accountant.

TORAICHI MATSUZAKI—"Tora," (Hayward Hi), was a member of the F. F. A., liked algebra, and wants to be a farmer.



ELSIE MAYEDA—"Bessie," (Richmond Hi), liked math, and wants to become a doctor.

YUKI MIKAMI—(Alameda Hi), liked clothing and shorthand, and wants to go to business college.

LILLIAN KIKUKO MIYATA—"Lil," (Girls' Hi), was a member of the choir and G. A., liked sewing, and wants to be a dress designer.



JACK MIZUHARA—(Commerce Hi), completed his requirements in January, and is working for the Agriculture Department.

VINCENT TONOMO MOMII—"Toa," (Lowell Hi), was a member of the Senior Dance Committee and "A" basketball. He wants to be a dietician.

SHINJI MOMONO—"Elmer," (Technical Hi), likes math and wants to be an engineer.



AGNES TAEKO MORI—"Tae," (Technical Hi), was a member of the G. A. Council, Graduation Committee, S. A. C., Forum, and wants to be a secretary.

MIDORI MORITA—"Mid," (Technical Hi), was a member of the Choir, liked shorthand, and wants to be a secretary.

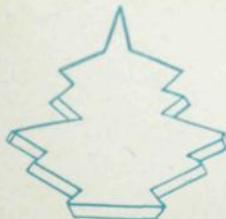
SHIZUE MORITOMO—"Shiz," (Hayward Hi), likes art and wants to be a nurses' aide.



FLORENCE KAZUYE MUNENO—"Chili," (Pescadero Union Hi), liked business training and hopes to be a nurse.

YOSHIKO NABETA—"Yo," (Richmond Hi), was a member of the G. A., liked science, and wants to go into social work.

SUSAN NAIL—(Pascal Hi in Texas), was a member of the Science and Language Clubs, and liked solid geometry.



NOBORI NAKAGAWA—"Buddy," (Technical Hi), liked cabinet-making, and hopes to be an auto mechanic.

MIDORI NAKAGAWA—(San Mateo Hi), was in the G. A., Language and Home Economics Clubs, liked sewing, and wants to become a secretary.

REY NAKAHARA—(Girls' Hi), was on the Topazette Staff, liked mathematics, and wants to become an artist.

SUMIKO NAKAHIRO—"Sumi," (Commerce Hi), was an active member of the G. A., liked algebra, and wants to become a sewing teacher.

TERUKO NAKAMIZO—"Terry," (Lowell Hi), was in the Choir, Home Economics Clubs, and on the Senior Week Committee, and is planning to become a teacher.

ICHIRO NAKAMURA—"Ich," (Washington Union Hi), liked chemistry, played basketball, and wants to be a chemical engineer.

MACHIKO NAKAMURA—"Mush," (Girls' Hi), was secretary of the Choir, chairman of Senior Week, in the S. R. C., and wants to be a laboratory technician.

PATSY NAKAMURA—(Konawaena Hi in Hawaii), worked part-time on the Topaz Times, and wants to continue education in the home economics field.

HIROSHI JAMES NAKANO—"Jim," (Sequoia Union Hi), was president of Science Club I, liked mathematics, and is planning to be a horticulturist.

MARJORIE HATSUKO NARIKAWA—"Marge," (Hilo Hi in Hawaii), liked sewing and wants to become a beautician.

WILLIAM NARUO—"Naru-hodo," (Hayward Hi), liked drafting, and his ambition is to become a mechanic.

ATSUJI NISHIKI—"Tuji," (San Mateo Hi), was in the Future Farmers of America, and wants to become a carpenter.

JANET SAKIYE NISHIKI—"Jeannie," (San Mateo Hi), liked biology, and wants to become a dietitian.

MARION YUKIE NISHIMURA—"Yuki," (Roosevelt Hi), was in the Choir, and the F. F. A., liked core, and chooses the business field.

RHODA AKIKO NISHIMURA—"Squirrel," (Berkeley Hi), a future doctor, vice-prexy of the Student Body, chairman of S. R. C. and S. S. C., and a member of the choir and science clubs.

SHIZU NISHINO—"Queenie," (Oakland Hi), was editor-in-chief of the Topazette, president of the Language Club, on the Forum Committee, and wants to go to college.

YUKI NISHIMURA—(Girls' Hi), worked part-time as timekeeper, was in the Home Economics Club, and is planning to be a secretary.

MARY YOSHIKO NISHIOKA—"Yosh," (McClymonds Hi), was in the Dramatics Club, was a Big Sister, liked shorthand, and plans to become a secretary.

THOMAS NITTA—"Tom," (Washington Union Hi), was vice-prexy of the B. A., earned a Block "T" for basketball, was on the track team, and wants to be a chemist.

KEN NOBE—(Berkeley Hi), liked mathematics, played softball like a pro., and is planning to attend college.

EMI OBATA—(Hayward Hi), was active in the G. A., and the Home Economics Club, and her ambition is to become a fashion designer.





HENRY OBAYASHI—"Obie," (George Washington Hi), was part-time movie technician, and liked science.

TETSUO OCHI—"Clown," (Lowell Hi), was on the "Topazette" and "Ramblings" Staffs, member of the basketball "A's," and Block T Society, besides being the track team manager. Plans to go to college.

MARY KIYOKO OGAWA—"Kix," (Commerce Hi), was an active member of the G. A., liked core and plans to become a stenographer.



MARYON TAMIKO OISHI—"Yum-Yum," (Roosevelt Hi), was the spark-plug in the Ramblings Staff, also active member of the G. A. and plans to become a secretary.

DOROTHY NOBUKO OKADA (Girls' Hi), worked in the Administration Building. Completed graduation requirements in January.

MICHIKO LILLIAN OKAMOTO—(Lowell Hi), was the chairman of the Forum, participated in "Our Town," and hopes to become a dermatologist.



GEORGE OKU—(Washington Union Hi), was a part-time worker in the Industrial Arts Department, liked bookkeeping, and plans to become an accountant.

TEIZO OKUDA—"Koodie," (Galileo Hi), was a member of the F. F. A., and liked Agriculture Science, and plans to enter forestry service.

FUJIKO OKUNO—"Fudge," (Sequoia Union Hi), hopes to become a public health nurse.



OKIKO ONISH—(Los Gatos Hi via Poston), is looking forward to the day when she will become Dr. Onishi.

HAYATO ORIKUCHI—"Otto," (Lowell Hi), was a member of the F. F. A., and liked his science class. He plans to travel.

MOSES OSHIMA—"Molasses," (Technical Hi), enjoyed his core classes the most, and plans to enter a trade school.



WILLIAM SUSUMU OSHIMA—"Bee-Ooo," (Technical Hi), was a member of the Choir, Forum, Write-ups editor, and hopes to become a commercial photographer.

AYAKO OTA—"Icky," (Berkeley Hi), was on the "Topazette" and "Ramblings" Staffs, also secretary-treasurer of the Senior Class, and on the Senior Dance Committee. Plans to enter college.

SACHIYE OTSUKA—(Technical Hi), liked her home economics class the most, and plans to become a dressmaker.



EOME OTSUKI—(Hayward Hi), was an active member of the G. A., Dramatic Club, and liked speech. She plans to attend a college.

KATSUMI OZAKI—"Kats," (Galileo Hi), was a part-time worker as electrician and plans to be a cinema photographer.

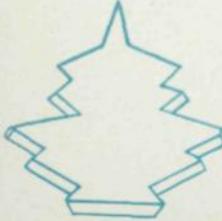
SHIZUO OZAKI—"Hank," (Galileo Hi), was part-time worker in warehouse, liked mathematics and plans to study "Diesel Engines."



WILLIAM TOMOMI SAKAI—"Bill-Tee," (Lowell Hi), was chairman of the Senior Dance Committee, member of the Science Club and Rally Committee. Plans to go to college.

YOSHIHARA SAKAUYE—(Washington Union Hi), his favorite subject was science, and he plans to be a machinist.

TOMIO SAKURAI—"Tee-Sak," (Lowell Hi), was a member of the Senior Dance and Student Social Committees, played for the Senior Basketball "Bees," and wants to become a landscape gardener.



MINORU SASAKI—"Minnow," (Roosevelt Hi), played softball, liked to loaf, and plans to be an actor.  
 TAKETOSHI SASAMOTO—"Tak," (Technical Hi), liked mathematics, played basketball, and plans to be a radio-electrician.  
 YORK SATO—(Galileo Hi), was a Forum representative, and worked part-time in the Carrier Service.



RAYKO SEKIGUCHI—"Rae," (Emeryville Hi), liked baseball and shorthand, and will work in the business field.  
 YAEKO SEKIMACHI—"Yae," (Polytechnic Hi), worked on the "Topazette," liked music, and plans to be a fashion designer.  
 VINCENT SHIGENORI SHIJO—"Vince," (Commerce Hi), was a Forum Representative, and is planning to go into the business field.



KENICHI SHIMOMURA—"Jake," (Lowell Hi), was the editor-in-chief of the "Ramblings," a Forum Representative, in the S. S. C., liked physics, and is planning to be an engineer.  
 MASAKO SHIMOTORI—"Mas," (Technical Hi), like home economics, and plans to be a Public Health Nurse.  
 HENRY KATSUAKI SHIN "Hank," (San Mateo Hi), liked art, and plans to be a commercial artist. He was on the art staff for the "Ramblings."



MIYE SHINODA—(Berkeley Hi), served on the S. R. C. and S. A. C., liked algebra, and plans to further her education.  
 LEO RITSUYE SHIOZAWA—(McClymonds Hi), was a member of the S. R. C., F. F. A., and Science Club, Chairman of the Senior Control Day, and hopes to be an ag. chemist.  
 KUNIKO SUMI—"Kuni," (George Washington Hi), was active in the G. A., was on the tennis team, liked business training, and plans to go into the business field.



TSUTOMU SUMIMOTO—"Tut," (Technical Hi), was active on the Senior Basketball "Bees," liked cabinet-making, and wants to go to trade school.  
 MARY SUTOW—"Tina," (Pescadero Union Hi), was a G. A. representative and in the Dramatic Club, and hopes to become a fashion designer.  
 MASA SUYEMOTO—(Berkeley Hi), was in the Language Club, liked chemistry, and sets college as her goal.



KIYOKO SUYEYASU—"Kiyo," (San Leandro Hi), liked shorthand, which she applied well as a part-time secretary, and her desire is to become a stenographer.  
 MIYOKO SUZAWA—"Miyo," (Alameda Hi), liked art, worked part-time as a typist, and hopes to become a secretary.  
 CHIYOKO SUZUKI—"Sue," (Star of the Sea Academy in S. F.), liked shorthand, and plans to go to business college.



FLORENCE YOKO SUZUKI—"Flo," (Lowell Hi), liked math, was an active member of the G. A., and plans college as her goal.  
 TOSHIKO SUZUKI—"Toshi," (Girls' Hi), was secretary of the F. F. A., took part in "Our Town," liked math, and hopes to become a "housewife."  
 KAZUO TAKAHASHI—"Kaz," (Commerce Hi), worked part-time as a movie technician, and plans to attend college.





MIDORI TAKAHASHI—(Hayward Hi), participated in badminton, liked biology, and plans to become a cook.

KENICHI TAKAKI—"Kenchan," (Commerce Hi), played baseball, liked math and would like to attain the title of certified public accountant.

YONEKO TAKATA—"Yone," (Technical Hi), was in the Dramatics Club, liked sewing and badminton, and is planning to become a beautician.



KIYOSHI FRANK TAKEUCHI—"Kibo," (Technical Hi), was a B. A. representative, and will enter college after graduation.

MIYEKO TAKITA—(Commerce Hi), was a member of the Choir and Home Economics Club, liked music, and wants to become a librarian.

MASAMICHI TAN—"Maggie," (Galileo Hi), likes to play baseball, and plans to become an auto mechanic.



HISAKO TANAKA—"Hisa," (Berkeley Hi), was a member of the G. A., liked art, and her ambition is to become an illustrator.

MIYOKO TANAKA—"Miyo," (Sequoia Union Hi), was a baseball fan, liked business training, and would like to become a secretary.

PAUL Y. TANI—(Lowell Hi), was an active member of the Choir, S. A. C., track team and was Technical Editor of the Ramblings Staff, and plans to attend college.



KYOKO TATE—"Kiydtate," (Washington Union Hi), was a G. A. representative and a member of the Graduation Committee, and wants to attend college.

KAY TATSUGUCHI—(San Mateo Hi), completed her graduation requirements in January and is working as a nurse's aide at the hospital.

HAGIKO TERAMOTO—"Haggie," (Lowell Hi), liked science and plans to attend college.



ERNESTINA TERANISHI—"Ernie," (Lowell Hi), was a member of the Choir and Big Sisters' Club, liked chemistry and was known for her talent on the violin.

TSUTAKO TOBA—"Tuba," (Lowell Hi), was in the Choir and Science Club, liked music, and wants to attend college.

IKUKO TODA—"Coo-Coo," (Washington Union Hi), was a baseball enthusiast, liked sewing, and plans to become a beautician.



JAMES YUKIO TODA—"Jimmy," (Washington Union Hi), was a member of the F. F. A., liked mechanical drawing, and plans to go to college.

NANCY TOJI—(Technical Hi), liked core, and has an ambition of becoming a costume designer.

TOM TOMIOKA—(George Washington Hi), was a B. A. representative, a member of the Block T Society, won his letter in basketball-A's, and was track manager.



GEORGE H. TSUDA—"Tut," (Lowell Hi), liked mathematics and plans to become a civil engineer.

HIMEO TSUMORI—"Himo," (Polytechnic Hi), was a member of the Block T Society, S. R. C., fastest man on the track team, and is preparing to become an architect.

YAEKO TSUMURA—"Yae," (Technical Hi), liked music, but plans to become a beautician.



CHIYEKO TSUNO—(Washington Union Hi), likes sewing and wants to become a beautician.

ANNABELLE MITSUYE UYEDA—"Annie," (Technical Hi), was secretary of the Student Body, member of the Dance Committee and G. A., and wants to enter the professional field.

TETSURO UYEHARA—"Tets," (University Hi), was art editor of the Topazette, liked core, and wants to be an engineer.



HISASHI WATANABE—"Wat," (Berkeley Hi), was a B. A. representative, liked basketball, and wants to be a first class chef.

MICHIKO YAMADA—"Mickey," (San Mateo Hi), was a member of the G. A., liked home economics and wants to be a fashion designer.

ETSUKO YAMAMOTO—"Ets," (Technical Hi), liked sewing, basketball, and wants to attend business college.



GEORGE K. YAMAMURA—"Yami," (Commerce Hi), was Senior Class President, a member of the Block T Society and "A" basketball, and wants to be a photographer.

MARIKO YAMASAKI—"Mari," (Lowell Hi), was a member of the G. A., liked German, and wants to be a pharmacist.

GEORGE TOMOMASA YAMASHIRO—"Yam," (Berkeley Hi), liked cabinet-making, and wants to attend college.



MIYEKO YANAGI—"Mike," (Hayward Union Hi), likes industrial arts and wants to become a librarian.

MOTOICHI YANAGI—"Mutt," (Roosevelt Hi), was president of the Science Club, liked math and science, and wants to be an engineer.

SATOSHI YONEKURA—"Sat," (Hayward Hi), likes to play softball and wants to be a master mechanic.



SADAKO FLORENCE YOSHIDA—"Sadie," (Girls' Hi), liked dramatics and art, and wants to be an artist.

HIDEO YOSHIDA—"Killer," (Castlemont Hi), liked cabinet-making and wants to become a mechanic.

MAKO YOSHIDA—(Alameda Hi), liked drafting and wants to become a draftsman.



TAMA YOSHIMURA—"Tamago," (Richmond Hi), was a member of the Ramblings and Topazette Staffs, G. A. A. track team, liked French and wants to attend college.

GEORGE YOSHIOKA—(Commerce Hi), was on the Topazette Staff and has volunteered in the U. S. Army.

TOMMIE YOSHITOMI—"Yosh," (Commerce Hi), was a member of the Dance and Rally Committee, the Block T. Society, and hopes to become the ideal husband.



MISAO YOSHIURA—"Minnie," (Oakland Hi), likes Industrial Arts and is planning to become a stenographer.

HARUYE YOSHIWARA—"Harriet," (Fremont Hi), plays basketball, likes German, and wants to attend college.



Seniors graduating, but without pictures:—SATA HIDESHIMA, TAKESHI IMACHI, RUTH AKIKO ISEYAMA, KENNETH IYEKI, YUTAKA KAGAMI, WALTON MASASHI MORITA, TAKETOSHI SHIMAMURA, KIMIKO MARIAN TAKEUCHI, AND GEORGE YANO.





MARY  
FRANK

MOSS  
HIMEO

RHODA  
AYAKO

MICH  
GEORGE

ANNABELLE  
YAE

## So Proudly We Hail!

- Most popular boy . . . George Yamamura  
 Most popular girl . . . Annabelle Uyeda  
 Most all-around boy . . . Frank Kami  
 Most all-around girl . . . Mary Matsumoto  
 The outstanding athlete . . . Himeo Tsumori  
 Sweetest of the sweeter girls . . . Ayako Ota  
 Most likely to succeed . . . Michihiko Hayashida  
 Cutest of the cuter girls . . . Yaeko Sekimachi  
 Brainiest of the brainier boys . . . Moss Ashizawa  
 Brainiest of the brainier girls . . . Rhoda Nishimura.





Sophomores.  
Give 'em the axe.  
Adachi seems mad—Tsumori seems sad.  
No brakes?  
Want a rubdown?  
Everybody talks, nobody listens.





BETTY NAKSO . . . HENRY HIDEKAWA . . . LIL MIYACHI

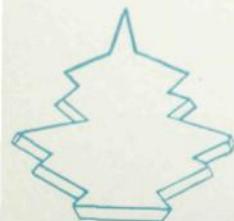
## Juniors

From October to June, a period which sometimes seems very short in normal years, how much has happened to us Juniors—and how much we have been able to do within the mile-square of our city. Neither the shortness of time spent in Topaz nor the limitations of our environment have prevented us from achievement and enjoyment. If in doubt, read on!

The assemblies, held weekly on Friday mornings, were some of the high-lights of school. Gifted students displayed their talents freely, entertaining the whole school. One of the assemblies sponsored exclusively by the Juniors was fairly successful in the hands of Henry Hidekawa, president of the junior class as master of ceremonies, ably assisted by Lillian Miyachi, vice-president, and Betty Nakaso, secretary.

It was a bleak, blustry morning when we were honored to have Miss Margaret Bondfield, formerly of the British House of Commons, speak to our class. We can still hear her words of encouragement as she inspired us to become finer persons and greater Americans in spite of the abnormal conditions under which we live. When we were informed of the hardships being endured in England, it made us feel very small to think of our petty complaints.

At last the much anticipated Play Day arrived. At first we were a "sad case," for we actually lost the tug-of-war against the sophomores.



But were we discouraged? No! We juniors are never discouraged. Therefore with our heart and soul all united in one, we faced the oncoming events. Slowly but surely we began to win a few contests, improving each time until we walked away with the Play Day contest.

Plans, ideas, dreams, hard work, requisitions, shopping trips to Delta, disappointments—what did we not put into making our Junior Prom a success under the capable leadership of Lillian Miyachi! Finally deciding on "Hawaii" as our theme, we commenced to use all our leisure time to making colorful leis and simple but smart looking bids. We were proud of our decorations; we really felt as if we were in the magic land of Hawaii—Oh, how beautiful it was! At last the evening of our prom arrived—a beautiful night with a full moon. Everyone that attended the prom agreed that it was one of the best socials ever held in Topaz. My, but we were happy over its success, for the success or failure of it meant so much to us.

To celebrate the success of Junior Prom we had a party which we appropriately called the Junior Jubilee. The boys were in charge of this affair and they planned to surprise the girls but rumors leaked out. The girls heard that it was going to

## Junior Prom Committee



Left to right, standing: Koji Ozawa, Hideo Yonenaka, Yoshio Takakuwa, Noboru Kobayashi, Eichi Adachi. Seated: Rose Adachi, Lil Miyachi, chairman, Aki Yamauchi.

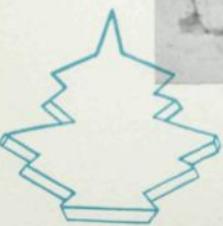




be a swell affair with lots and lots of food—yum, yum! Well, the boys did not disappoint them.

A day at the Project Farm, instead of a day in our regular classes—what an experience that was! Maybe some of us thought it would be just a lark and were thrilled not to have algebra and history and such, but tired muscles and sun-burned faces, for days afterward, made us appreciate the labor of those who grow food for us.

What a joy it was to discover, when we received the “Topazette” one windy afternoon, that our class had the most students represented on the honor roll.





As we look back at our last months of school days we recall a few of our fellow classmates who have already relocated themselves with their families and we also know of several who will be leaving before our fall semester commences. But most of us will be back for our senior year before relocating ourselves.

## Juniors





PETER MATSUMOTO

MILDRED STARR

JUNJI DOAMI

## Sophomores

This sophomore class of the Topaz High School has made itself distinctive by a constant show of enthusiasm and activity.

During the election at the beginning of the year, the sophomore class selected as their class officers Peter Matsumoto, President; Mildred Starr, Vice-President; Junji Doami, Secretary. As we look back upon our successful school term, we find that our leaders have not only fulfilled our expectations, but exceeded them.

We first aroused interest by vigorously opposing the constitution on the grounds of unequal representation. After a great deal of question and deliberation, the sophomores emerged victorious.

In most high schools the Executive Committee is composed of upper classmen, but the sophomore class proudly claims as members of the Executive Council, Juro Hayashida, Treasurer, Sam Nakaso, Yell Leader, and Peter Matsumoto, the Sophomore Class President.

Under the untiring efforts of our president, Peter Matsumoto, the sophomore class held a class social on March 5th, which was a tremendous success. Much credit goes to the members of the Dance Committee, whose earnest cooperation largely contributed to the success of the affair.

Then, to welcome the arrival of spring, the sophomore class sponsored a school-wide "Spring Session" which was enjoyed by all.

In addition to being socially active, the members of the sophomore class also shone brilliantly on the athletic field. Fresh from a victory over the Hinckley sophs, our A's went on to humble the faculty and the mighty seniors, only to be defeated by the juniors which meant the loss of the intra-mural basketball league championship.



Although our B's did not fare as well, they displayed fine sportsmanship and fighting spirit at all times. Dwight Nishimura, Kiyoshi Kusunoki, Thomas Masuda, Junji Doami, Mas Nagamoto, Kiyoshi Ogo, Yoshikazu Koizumi, Sam Nakaso, Peter Matsumoto, and Juro Hayashida showed much promise as the future backbone of our teams.

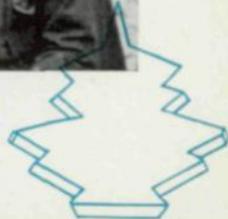
A sophomore is certainly a paragon of well-roundedness, for he is also strongly scholastically inclined, and has ascended lofty heights through diligent study.

Upon welcoming the month of April, sophomores donned jeans and pajama shirts, and eliminated stockings from their wearing apparel. Throughout the day, girls were tossing back pinless hair, while boys tugged at their uncontrollable hair because of the absence of pomade. While the sophomores cooperated wholeheartedly upon this day at the request of the Executive Council, apathetic juniors and seniors refused to comply with the wishes of their respective presidents.

The sophomore Forum Committee, under the leadership of Ryozo Kumekawa, staged one of the most interesting sessions of the year. Using sophomores, specifically Sachi Kawahara and Dwight Nishimura, the speaking quintet was well rounded by very capable guest speakers.

When the sophomores were called upon to contribute their share of work toward the vast onion-planting program, they responded willingly and enthusiastically. In the amount of work done the sophomores were surpassed only by the seniors.

Left to right standing:  
Mari Shinoda, Mary  
Iwaki, Sachi Kawahara,  
Hiroko Yoshimine,  
Mildred Starr, Sadame  
Hara. Seated: Dwight  
Nishimura, Ryozo Kumekawa,  
Mas Sumimoto.

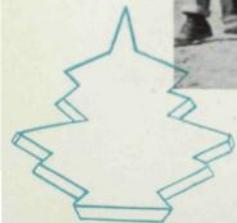




Although for the next few days, the sophomores remembered painfully in their joints the planting of the onion bulbs which were very irritant to the olfactory organs, they enjoyed the work immensely.

Finally, the "wise fools" (Greek: sophos moros), participated gamely in the Play Day and contributed to the success of the event.

## Sophomores





A class with such an inexhaustible supply of unequalled spirit will certainly go far during the remainder of the two years of high school ahead of them. As in the past, they will continue to give freely of their service, and because of invaluable experiences gained here, shall be better Americans of tomorrow.

## Sophomores



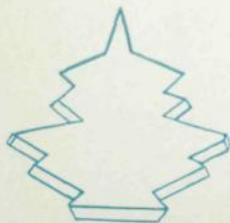
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# JUNIOR HIGH

At last we have come to the end of our first eventful term in the Topaz Junior High School.

From the mere basic facilities which confronted us early in November, 1942, the students of Topaz have built a creditable school. Here the democratic principles and ideals for which we are fighting have been founded and cannot be obliterated.

Our student government has given us a laudable administration with the guidance of our ever patient and understanding teachers. Within Topaz is the school spirit which is so necessary for its success. We must feel it our responsibility to maintain the high standards which we have developed in this school.





## Junior High Executive Council



SHIN TANAKA  
President

As the first year of our Student Government comes to a successful close under the very able direction of President Shin Tanaka, we wish to extend our appreciation on behalf of the Topaz Junior High School.

Junior high socials are accredited to the vice-president, Grace Manabe. Due to her capable direction, we have had profitable socials.

Keeping the minutes of the Executive Board in order was the efficient Keiko Kato.

Takeshi Eshima has ably carried the office of Historian, keeping a record of all the happenings of our junior high.

Under the active leadership of Girls' Association President Keiko Yoshiura and Boys' Association President Masaru Minemoto, we had a very full season of outdoor sports.

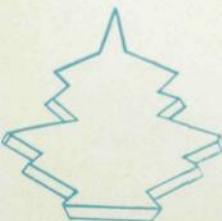
Yell Leader George Kobayashi is given credit for the yells that raised the school's spirit.

Asaye Ashizawa, one of our most versatile students, has done a wonderful job as Junior High Editor-In-Chief.

We wish to thank all the members of the Executive Board who gave their time and efforts for the betterment of our school.



GRACE MANABE      KEIKO KATO      TAKESHI ESHIMA      KEIKO YOSHIURA  
MASARU MINEMOTO      GEORGE KOBAYASHI      ASAYE ASHIZAWA



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The Junior High Student Representative Council has represented the students in the Executive Board meetings, reporting back to their core classes necessary information concerning the function and activities of our student government. We thank them for keeping us in touch with current affairs pertaining to all the students of the Topaz Junior High School.

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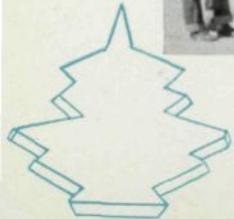




## Ninth Grade

A few weeks after the beginning of the term we were confronted with a big question—whether the ninth graders would be a part of the Topaz Senior High or included in the junior high. After many conferences, the student representatives finally decided. The ninth graders were to be in the Topaz Junior High School.

So, as the highest grade in the junior high, it was up to the ninth grade to lead the lower grades, and during the past months they have shown their ability by the wonderful work they have accomplished. In spite of many disadvantages and handicaps, they have come through successfully to the end of their term. They can honestly be called the backbone of the junior high.





## Eighth Grade

The eighth graders have had a very successful term under the fine leadership of their officers, Ken Yamanaka, Etsuko Doiguchi, and Yayoi Sakaguchi, who have done excellent jobs in leading the grade for the first term of the Topaz Junior High.

In the past semester the eighth graders have had many successful parties in which all groups participated.

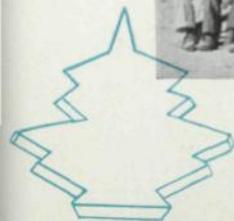
For the sports of the eighth graders, baseball games were played between the various eighth grade classes, the winning class being Mrs. Lisle's core class.





## Seventh Grade

The enthusiastic seventh grade started off the year by electing officers and planning schedules for our term activities. We proceeded with our plans. As members of the Topaz Junior High School, we have learned to speak for ourselves. This has given us assurance of our ability and advancement toward a better future. In our activities we had several hikes and parties. These good times will always linger with us in *memory of our stay in Topaz Junior High.*





Left to right, standing: Sakae Horita, Herbert Nagata, Toshio Nakahiro, Zensuke Matsuzaki, Tatsuo Sano, George Gyotoku, Shigeru Morita. Seated: Sumiko Ozawa, Helen Yamanashi, Kiyoko Aoki, Etsuko Doiguchi, Hana Abe, Grace Manabe, Alice Fukui, Amy Tamaki, Florence Miho, Mary Hidekawa, Chiyo Date.

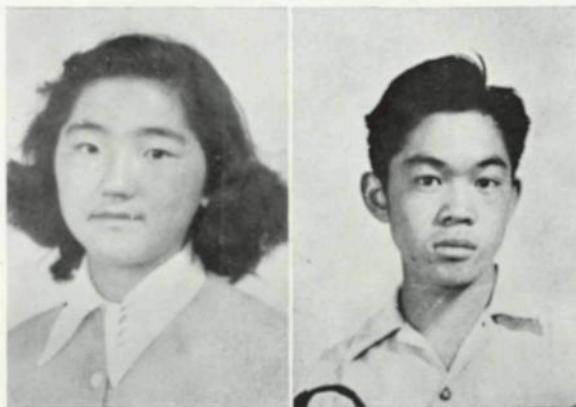
## Social and Graduation Committees

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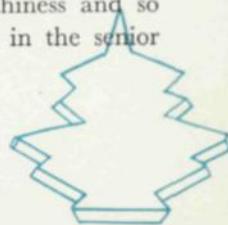


Left to right, standing: Sakae Horita, Bill Mizono, Chuck Yamasaki, Joe Morita, Chester Kaku. Seated: Ayako Miyasaki, Asaye Ashizawa, Hana Abe, Shizuko Yokomizo, Sekiko Harada.

## Those Whom We Honor



Each year the executive board will choose two students from the graduating class whose services have been an indispensable factor in the upholding of the school spirit. This term the honor is given to Asaye Ashizawa and Chester Kaku for trying their very best to make the Topaz Junior High School a better one. By graduating from Topaz Junior High School with this honor, they have proved their worthiness and so now they are ready to take their places in the senior high school.





Left to right: Rose Uyeda, Margaret Kawaguchi, Alice Nomura, Shizuko Yokomizo, Martha Oshima.

## Junior High Girls' Association

The Topaz Junior High School Girls' Association was organized to promote closer friendship among the girls of the junior high, and to have regular activities for the organization and a more enjoyable and beneficial time for all the members.

Throughout the term we have all entered into the various games and sports; teams were appointed to play on certain days on which they were entitled to points toward the final scoring.

Many girls have had sport activities in their schools prior to evacuation, and we have tried to see to it that they enjoy the same opportunity here in Topaz. When we have graduated from Topaz Junior High into the high school, we can be proud of the fact that we will be able to challenge the older senior girls in games, and to enjoy all these activities.



Left to right, standing: Chiyo Date, Ayako Miyazaki, Alice Fukui, Norma Kansaki, Margaret Kawaguchi, Miye Yoshimori. Seated: Rose Uyeda, Setsuko Asano, Hana Abe, Asaye Ashizawa, Etsuko Kayumi, Keiko Yoshiura, Shizuko Yokomizo.





Left to right, standing: Tatsuo Sano, Masaru Minemoto, William Hamada, Ichiro Yamasaki, Togo Oshima. Seated: Kay Araki, George Shimada, Bob Koga, Kazuo Kobayashi, Frank Ura. Kneeling: Jiro Nakamura, Hideo Kashima, Toshio Nakahiro, Bobby Motozaki.

## Junior High Boys' Association

The Topaz Junior High School Boys' Association was organized with the purpose of making school not only a place of study, but also a place where the members can take advantage of any recreational activities.

The program for the last term was highly successful, due to the unselfish and tireless effort of the officers and the willing cooperation of the boys.

The Boys' Association program included athletic competition, rallies and socials.

President Masaru Minemoto and Vice-President Thomas Hirano led the program. The board was composed of representatives from each junior high score class.

These students overcame the handicaps they were faced with at the beginning, and made it a memorable term for the Boys' Association.

## Scorpion Staff

Some of the hardest workers of all in Topaz Junior High School are, presumably, to be found in the Scorpion Staff.

Theirs is quite a journalistic career! Every other Monday, after their portion of the labor has gone through, with a sigh of relief they say that they have practically drudged themselves to death, under the overwhelming pressure of work.

We, the students, should certainly appreciate the efforts of the Scorpion Staff—if the word appreciation shows enough gratitude.

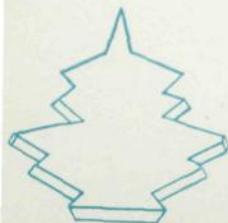
Certainly a huge bunch of orchids, or a brand new rubber tire ought to go to them as a gift.



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# ACTIVITIES + ORGANIZATIONS

In the extra-curricular activities, future musicians, chemists, linguists, physicists, actors, mathematicians, farmers, photographers, and orators were occupied after school in the Choir, Science Club, Language Club, Thespian Club, and the Future Farmers of America.







KEN SHIMOMURA  
Editor-in-chief

## '43 Ramblings Staff

To put out a yearbook was the challenge extended to the Journal Staff. Editor Ken Shimomura, who set an excellent example for the rest of the staff by his tireless efforts, and his associates, accepted that challenge, and between the covers of the '43 Ramblings you see the results of careful compilation of information into presentable form.

Because the staff was handicapped by not having had the experience of working on a publication, much research work had to be done in order to produce a journal. Through much effort and determination, the staff worked late hours arranging and rearranging the material on hand and writing and rewriting the bits of information.

Obtaining film necessary for a pictorial journal was a hardship that nearly overcame the Ramblings' Staff, but Doctor Goodman, one of the advisers, saved the day by inquiring everywhere about the chances of obtaining film and finally persuaded the Co-op to furnish the precious stuff which, when chemically treated, reproduced figures in black and white.

With Paul Tani's artistic visual mind, the pages were decoratively set up.

The Ramblings' expenses were recorded efficiently by Business Manager Albert Nabeshima, ably assisted by Ayako Ota, Assistant Manager, and Etsuko Honnami and Ryozo Kumekawa, Associate Managers.

The masterpieces of art were creations of the ingenious minds of the Art Staff, headed by Mike Ichimaru, with Hideo Kubota, who designed the cover, and Henry Shin comprising the remainder of the staff.

The class histories were written up by Tama

Yoshimura and Frank Kami for the seniors; Fumi Nakabayashi and Mary Eijima for the juniors; and Sachi Kawahara and Dwight Nishimura for the sophomores.

The Sports' Section was written by Tets Ochi, with the assistance of Hideo Yonenaka, and with Kitty Yamauchi covering the Girls' Athletics.

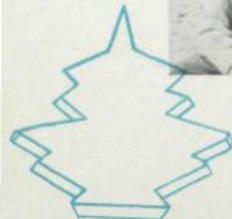
Competent Seiji Aizawa handled the Activities and Organizations Section.

Reliable Michiko Hara was the Literary Editor.

Compiling the senior individual write-ups was Bill Oshima with his committee, consisting of Mary Kawaguchi, Eiji Kubokawa, Teru Nakamizo, Kiyochi Kumekawa, and Marian Nishimura.

A bouquet of roses, rationed meat, a half a dozen rubber tires, and a hundred cases of canned foods go to the Ramblings' advisers, Elizabeth H. Boardman and Joseph Goodman, Ph. D., for their inestimable assistance and advice.

Left to right, standing:—Albert Nabeshima, Michiko Hara, Maryon Oishi, Etsuko Honnami, Kitty Yamauchi, Tama Yoshimura, Ayako Ota, Ryozo Kumekawa, Dwight Nishimura. Seated:—Henry Shin, Mike Ichimaru, Frank Kami, Ken Shimomura, Seiji Aizawa, Tetsuo Ochi, Paul Tani.



# Topazette Staff

On enrolling for the course in Journalism early in September, 1942—then taught by Miss Bills, later by Mrs. Boardman—each student realized that on his shoulders was to rest the responsibility of publishing the high school newspaper. The task was made doubly difficult as there was no definite plan or procedure to follow, for the simple reason that the school and the newspaper were entirely new, and set in unfamiliar surroundings.



SHIZU NISHINO  
Editor-in-chief

Two weeks before the first issue of the school newspaper was to come out on December 23, 1942, the Journalism students could be seen rushing around the school on the "lookout" for news. Among the very first things done was the sponsoring of a name contest for the newspaper, then temporarily called the Topaz Times, Jr. In time for the third issue, "Topazette," submitted by Kiyoko Suyeyasu, was selected as the permanent name for the Topaz High School newspaper.

Although handicapped by an insufficient supply of equipment, the Journalism Staff has managed to publish the "Topazette" bi-monthly.

The fame of the "Topazette" has spread far and near. The Staff had the privilege of sending an article about the "Topazette" to the nationally known Student Life Magazine, plus several action pictures to supplement the article.

Left to right, standing:—Masaru Kato, Sat Yonekura, Albert Tsugawa, Albert Nabeshima, Yaeko Sekimachi, George Yoshioka, Miye Yanagi, Nobuo Kono, Tets Ochi, Tom Tomioka. Seated:—May Hayashida, Tama Yoshimura, Ayako Ota, Miyo Ishiyama, Kay Sekimachi, Rey Nakahara, Shizu Nishino, Joan Ihara.





SUMI ASHIZAWA  
President

# Thespian Club

Under the guidance of Mr. George L. Lewis, speech and drama instructor, an extensive program of plays—one-act and three-act—was presented by the Thespians during the year.

The Thespians made their debut on December 23, 1942, when they presented "D298," a one-act comedy. This play was ably directed by Student Director Irene Misumi. A repeat performance was given on January 5, 1943.

Another one-act comedy, "Don't Feed the Animal," was presented to the public on January 1, 1943. Under the direction of Student Director Sumi Kato, repeat performances were presented on January 8 and 9.

Next on the list were the three one-act plays, which were presented on the night of February 19, 1943. The first on the program was a comedy, "Youth Adds a Dash of Pepper," under the student direction of Patti Iwanaga. As a repeat performance, this play was presented in Hinckley.

The second play was "Lo! The Gaunt Wolf," a tragedy, under the direction of Student Director Florence Sasajima.

The night ended as Elsie Itashiki's interpretation of "Little Darling," was presented. This play also had a repeat performance in Hinckley.

The big event of the year was the presentation of Thornton Wilder's "Our Town," with an all-star cast. Under the student direction of Ruth Naruo, this three-act play was presented for a period of six nights.

To bring the year to a close, "Little Women" was presented for three nights. This three-act comedy of the Civil War days was directed by Student Director Sumi Ashizawa.

Left to right, standing: Shigeru Omori, Sumi Ashizawa, Akio Takai, Kenzo Ishimaru, Miyoko Ishiyama, Koji Ozawa, Vincent Shijo, Chieko Fukuoka, Kiyochi Kumekawa, Jack Kawakami, Motoko Ishyama, Mary Eijima, Aileen Yamate, Mr. Lewis. Seated:—Sachi Honda, Florence Yoshida, Ruth Naruo, John Katsu, Daisy Uyeda, Kay Sakaguchi, Hirofumi Mifune, Fumi Ebihara, Shigeo Hotta, Michiko Okamoto, Katsumi Ozaki.





We sang . . .  
wasted time . . .  
worked in the fields . . .  
and slept . . .  
some published, and some swished 'em . . .  
some edited the Ramblings . . .  
and some found time to study . . .





DAVID IINO  
President

## Choir

As the final notes of the "Hallelujah Chorus" died away, the Topaz High School Choir concluded its initial performance at the Christmas Pageant. Under the able direction of Mr. Edwin Iino, a program of well rendered selections was sung at each of the three performances.

The choir entered into the festivity of the Christmas season with two truckloads of its members singing the age-old Christmas Carols on Christmas Eve. As the trucks went rolling along, voices blending in harmony could be heard, as visits to the hospital, faculty and the M. P.'s quarters were duly enjoyed by everyone. Hoarse and parched throats were quenched by the serving of wassail and other delicacies at a party held for the choir members at the conclusion of their caroling.

This was only the beginning for the choir. As the existence of a choir became known to the community, requests for singing at various events became frequent. Among these, the performance for the parents during the afternoon of the High School Open House should not be forgotten, nor should the special occasion demanding the services of the choir for Governor Maw's welcome be omitted.

One of the more recent events was the inauguration of officers for the Parent-Teachers' Association at which time old favorites such as "Steal Away" and "The Glory Train" were well received by the appreciative audience.

These were the events leading to the climax of the choir's season. On April 16, 1943, the Topaz High School Choir gave their first concert. Not only were they scheduled to sing for their own high school, but they were invited to perform for the high school audience at Delta.

The group which had originally begun as a caroling chorus, has now become established as a four-part mixed choir. Topaz can well be proud of claiming its high school choir, for it has been through the hard work of its members that they have been able to furnish us with a few more moments of added enjoyment of camp-life.



# A. A. S.

The Association for the Advancement of Science is another Dr. Goodman product. He introduced his ideas to his science classes.

The business of the first meeting included the appointment of a constitutional committee and the formation of sectional clubs.



HENRY FUKUI  
President

The first club, advised by Mr. Johnson, was composed of members interested in Physiology, Zoology, Botany and Bacteriology. Chemistry, Photography, and Geology fiends were advised by Mr. Westover. They composed the second club. Students interested in Psychology and Philosophy formed the third club, which was advised by Miss Gerard. The fourth club attracted interested members to the fields of Physics, Radio, Mathematics, Astronomy, and Meteorology. This club was advised by Dr. Goodman.

At the second meeting, the constitution was presented to the members and ratified. The officers of the Association for the Advancement of Science were elected at this meeting: President—Hank Fukui; Secretary—Toshiko Katsumoto; Treasurer—Norman Hirose.

The purpose of this association is to secure more knowledge on various branches of science and to make experimental apparatus for physics and chemistry students.

Left to right, top row:—Motoichi Yanagi, Stanley Aoyagi, Henry Fukui, Yosh Takakuwa, Koji Ozawa, Kiyochi Kumekawa, Mr. Bando. Middle Row:—Mr. Johnson, Hiro Nakano, Mr. Westover, Susan Nail, Sumi Honnami, Mary Eijima, Moss Ashizawa, Norman Hirose, Dr. Goodman. Bottom Row:—Tsutako Toba, Fusaye Kunisawa, Lillian Miyata, May Hikido, Toshiko Katsumoto, Kaoru Morita, Helen Fukui, Alma Bando.





Left to right, standing:—Setsuko Takeshita, Fumiko Saiki, Kiyo Ito, Marian Akiyama, Tama Yoshimura, Setsuko Yamane, Kumiko Kariya, Ayako Miyasaki, Ann Sutow, Shizu Nishino. Seated:—Asaye Ashizawa, Rose Uyeda, Shizuko Yokomizo, Miye Yoshimori, Alice Fukui, Midori Nakagawa, Shizu Kimura.

## Language Club

Headed by President Shizu Nishino, the fifteen members of the Language Club elected as its other officers, Susan Nail as Vice-President; Almo Bando as Secretary, May Honda as Treasurer; and Tama Yoshimura as Publicity Manager.

With the help of its faculty advisers, Mrs. Nail, Mrs. Deffebach and Miss Sugihara, this club announced that its chief aims and functions are:

To promote closer relationships among the Foreign Language students;

To get an idea what the other languages are like; To aid the beginning language students on the hazy points causing difficulties.

Meets were scheduled for every other Friday. With the collection of a nominal fee for dues the linguists planned a spring program of activities ranging from picnic outings for the sunny days on week-ends to parties in the evenings for entertainments conducted in foreign languages.

## Junior Red Cross

With Mrs. M. Hudson as the active faculty adviser and sponsor, the project of the Junior Red Cross for the term was:

- a. making three scrap books of cut-out magazine pictures suitable for children of the local hospital;
- b. making night gowns for the occupants of the children's ward;
- c. making service stars for three hundred families.

The Junior Red Cross of the high school attained the goal to be proud of, one hundred percent membership.





Left to right, standing:—Kenzo Ishimaru, Dwight Nishimura, Richard Yamashiro, Harry Kitano, Henry Fukui, Ryozo Kumekawa, David Iino, Tommie Yoshitomi, Ken Shimomura. Seated:—Kuni Sumi, Motoko Kawashima, Kiyo Ito, Michiko Okamoto, Patti Iwanaga, Mary Eijima, Shizu Nishino.

## Forum

Our Forum is entirely different from the rest of our school activities because it takes the important responsibility of coping with the problems which face us today. By discussion meetings, questions which concern us are analyzed and discussed so that we may find some solution for them.

The members of the Forum Committee who plan for these discussions are representatives elected from each of the senior high Core classes. With the guidance of its adviser, Mr. Tani, the committee meets regularly to plan, criticize and make comments in regard to the topics for the Forum.

Left to right, standing:—Juji Hada, Himeo Tsumori, chairman, Hiroshi Nakano. Seated:—Yo Kishi, Michiko Nishikawa, Sadame Hara.





JAMES HAYASHI  
President

## Future Farmers of America

The Topaz Chapter of the Future Farmers of America, under the direction of Mr. Adams and Mr. Nelson, consisted of one hundred and fifty members.

The officers for the Future Farmers of America were: President, James Hayashi; Vice-President, Tom Masuda; Secretary, Toshi Suzuki. Activities of the organization included a wiener roast, a Father and Son Banquet, and field trips to the Cattle Ranch, the Hog Ranch, the Poultry Ranch, Oak City and Fillmore.

Boys of the Future Farmers of America drove tractors, cleared out fields, erected fences, helped with irrigation, and participated in various other vigorous activities. The girls helped in the truck gardens and a small group of boys assisted in assembling farm equipment.

The onion-planting excursions of all of the classes in our high school were supervised by members of this organization. These expeditions were acclaimed tremendous successes and credit is due to those members of the Future Farmers of America who led us.

Two other group projects consisted of caring for beef steers and swine, which the students fitted and prepared for the stock show which was held at Delta. The well-deserved reward for their work was the winning of a blue ribbon and several ribbons of red and white, which culminated a successful year for the Future Farmers of America.



# A. B. S.

The birth of the Associated Boy Students, an organization founded for health, morale, unity and for encouragement of greater participation in sports, became a reality with the election of Eichi Adachi, our talented fellow, as President.



EICHI ADACHI  
President

The organization started its infancy stage, mothered by President Adachi and Adviser Coach Crowton, in the form of an "Intramural Basketball Tournament."

The second step of maturity became evident in the creation of the Associated Boys' Council, pictured below, a representative council consisting of one boy from each core class. Consequently the by-laws and constitution were designed by the council and ratified by the members of the Associated Boy Students.

The rapid growth of the organization through numerous meetings, and the formation of the Basket-

ball and the Track teams, stimulated the boys into the feeling of competition. The track turn-out was heartening, with more than sixty boys signed to participate.

To twenty-five participants, both in basketball and track, Block "T" awards were presented. Our main goal this term was to create a feeling of goodwill in the Deltans, and others toward us, and to make a reputation for clean sportsmanship, so that in the near future our school may be invited to enter in the State High School League.

Left to right, standing:— Yosh Fujita, Hiro Shimizu, George Matsuura, Frank Takeuchi, Hisashi Watanabe, Seiji Kaibe, Tom Tomioka. Seated:—Mas Sumimoto, Akio Nakata, Tom Nitta, Eichi Adachi, Himeo Tsumori, and George Murakami.





MARY MATSUMOTO  
President

## Girls' Association

The Girls' Association was slated for a successful term from the beginning when two capable girls ran for the presidency. Mary Matsumoto emerged the victor and from then on, she has led it through its crucial period and onto smooth waters. Assisting her were Vice-President: Michiko Hara, Secretary: Sumiko Honnami, and Yell Leader: Elsie Itashiki. They drew up the Girls' Association's Constitution. There were three additional clubs besides those pertaining to sports. These were the Drama Club, Home Economics Club and the Big Sister Club.

The Drama Club, with its motto: "The show must go on," has played a very important role in the interest and appreciation of various plays of which "Little Women," "Utter Relaxation," and "Right About Face" are a few. They have also made studies on the different phases of motion pictures, in addition to biographical studies of stage and screen celebrities.

Climaxing the successful production of the term play, "Our Town," followed a gala celebration.

The motto of the Home Economics Club is "United We Serve For A Better And Bigger Topaz High."

The purpose of this organization is to serve the Girl's Association and the school in every way possible and the aim of its members is to widen their knowledge of home economics, to make new acquaintances, to share new ideas, and to have fun.

With "True Friendship Is Unequaled" as their motto, an active group of girls had an enjoyable term in the Big Sisters Club. Fumi Manabe was elected President, Mae Furuzawa, Secretary and Amy Nomura, Publicity-Manager.

## Club Managers and Secretaries



Left to right, standing:—Mildred Starr, Lillian Hirose, Machiko Nakamura, Kay Murota, Kaoru Morita. Seated:—Yuki Tsuchihashi, Mitsuko Nakamizo, Sachie Fujii, Helen Mori.



## Big Sisters Club

Left to right, standing:—Ernestina Teranishi, Teruko Adachi, Aiko Takita, Yoshi Har- amaki, May Hayashida, Yoshi Kishi, Ruth Naruo, Haruye Yamamoto, Kumiko Kari- ya, Aileen Yamate, Teruko Tamura, Michiko Takaki, Lillian Miyachi, Mary Matsu- moto. Left to right, seated:—Hisako Aoki, Helen Fukui, Aki Yamauchi, Fumi Man- abe, Mae Furuzawa, Satomi Koga, Mary Eijima.

## Dramatics Club



Left to right, standing: Ruth Naruo, Sumi Ashizawa, Aki- ko Ochi, Midori Hashimoto, Fumi Ebihara, Chiyeko Fu- kuoka, Miyo Ishiyama. Left to right, seated:—Sadako Yoshida, Kay Sakaguchi, Aileen Yamate, Motoko Ish- iyama.

## Home Economics Club



Left to right, standing: Shi- zu Kimura, Fumiko Saiki, Midori Nakagawa, Edith Ma- rubayashi, Michiko Yamada, Margaret Hayamizu, Ruth Nakagawa, Teruko Adachi. Left to right, seated:—Aiko Takita, Toshie Hamasaki, Kiyoko Ito, Emi Obata.





Come on, let's get some gravel.  
Mrs. B. worked, too.  
San Quentin? No, our gravel pit.  
We seniors worked the hardest.  
We Junior High men helped.





Farmers!  
 Ipana for the smile of health.  
 Good Issue, No Doubt.  
 Mirage!  
 Adachi with plenty of interference around  
 right end.  
 Up!



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# SPORTS

When our school opened its doors in November of 1942, little did we realize that perhaps some day we would have a team to represent our school.

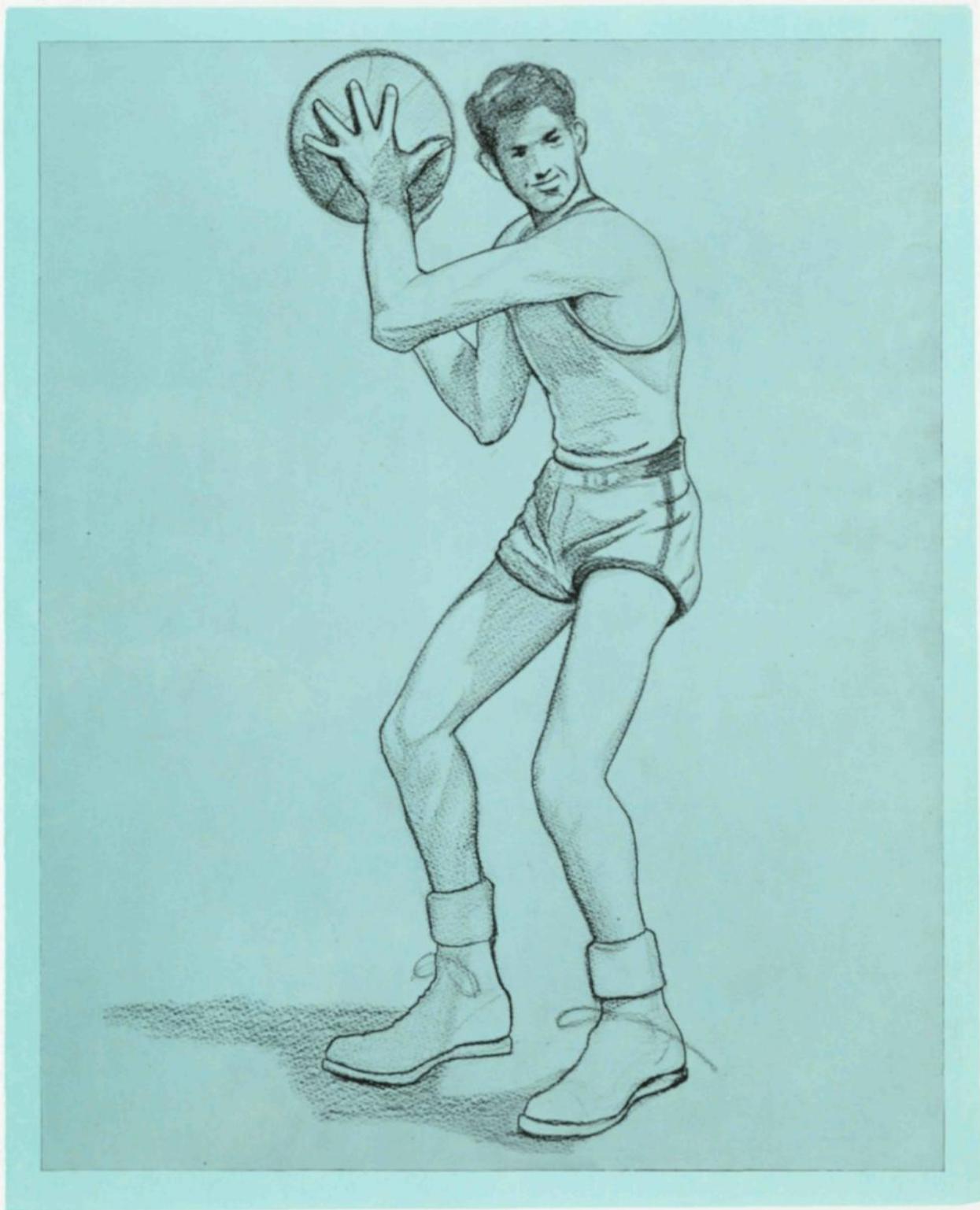
Eager to set up such a program, our directors worked hard and did a magnificent job, although handicapped by lack of transportation and equipment. They arranged competitive games with neighboring schools and secured what little equipment was available.

The first step toward our dream became a reality in early January, when tryouts were held for the first Topaz High basketball team. Some sixty potential casaba tossers turned out; practices and tryouts were held daily on dirt-ground courts.

Track was next in line and here again tremendous interest was shown. Despite lack of space and equipment a track team that will not be equalled in Topaz for a long time, was developed.

So ended our first sport year for Topaz. Although we did not win any championships, to all of the courageous participants who brought honor to our school, we can say that their efforts have not been in vain. Instead, they have started on its way a glorious history that will bring more honor to the name of Topaz.





# Intramurals



COACH DAVE CROWTON  
a superb leader and the pride and  
joy of Topaz High School.

FRANK SAKURAI  
Assistant Coach.

The years 1942 and 1943 saw America and her Allies in an all out effort for victory against the Axis.

America saw and heard of the courageous marines on Guadalcanal, of the daring Commandos at Dieppe and of the victorious army at Tunisia.

These boys were tough—physically and mentally; they hit hard and took equally much without a whimper. America needs more men like these.

With these thoughts, here at Topaz High an intramural program was created that enabled every boy to play. However, this program had many difficulties, the main problems being lack of equipment and space.

Despite these handicaps, the program featured the inter-class basketball tournament. For one whole week four classes represented by "A's" and "B's" battled for top honors.

Other sports that showed great interest by the students were baseball, volleyball and track. Equally important was the "physical fitness" program offered to all students under the guidance of Dave Crowton, Mas Isobe, and Frank Sakurai.



A swing and a miss.





What's exciting, "Tut?"  
 "Doc" shows lots of energy.  
 Golly, wonder if I'll hit it?  
 Good for a hit.  
 Get that ball!  
 The Soph's. and the Jr's. clash.  
 Kawaguchi out-jumps foe.  
 Tomioka scores for the Sr's.  
 Adachi, pride and joy of the Jr.'s





Top left to right: Tom Nitta, George Yamamura, Tom Yoshitomi, George Hamada, Mas Oishi, Himeo Tsumori. Bottom, left to right:—Tom Tomioka, Henry Hidekawa, Eichi Adachi, Vincent Momii, Hiro Shimizu, Mas Kawaguchi.

## Basketball

Flawlessly and in a business-like manner, the Topaz High Rams auspiciously made their debut by defeating the Hinckley Mustangs 38-13.

Surprisingly, the Rams were in mid-season form, working intricate plays and controlling the ball with superb finesse. The Mustangs simply didn't have a ghost of a chance. The defense was so tight that the Mustangs could only nail home five field goals in the whole game.

The decision was never in doubt after Yoshitomi, Tomioka, and Adachi had fired Topaz into a 10-2 advantage at the half-way mark. In the second frame, the Rams took up where they left off and continued on with their amazing skill. Shooting in collegiate form, Yamamura, Kawaguchi, Tsumori, Ochi, Hide-

kawa and Nitta all contributed field goals to raise the count to 38 points and limit the Mustangs to a mere 13 points.

Eichi Adachi, playing up to his reputation, was the big offensive bulkhead of the team. Hidekawa, who manned the guard position, handled the ball like a veteran, and lanky Yoshitomi wheeled inside and outside the Mustang defense for beautiful shots.

Tsumori and Nitta, two of the smallest players, played great ball.

Led by Sumimoto and Matsuura, who nailed home 8 points apiece, the Topaz B squad made it a double victory for Topaz by defeating the Mustang Reserves, 27-24.



Topaz's diminutive men of the hardwood dealt a 31-23 death-blow to the bewildered quintet from Hinckley in their final meeting of the season.

The game that started out to be another thriller turned into a complete rout.

The Mustangs drew first blood as they took advantage of the slow defense set up by the Rams. Driving in for close shots, the Mustangs left the floor at the end of the first period with a 9-5 lead.

The second stanza found a different Topaz quintet looking more agile, smoother and more precise than ever before.

The whole offensive drive was sparked by the sensational markmanship of Tom Tomioka, who personally accounted for 20 digits.

Hiro Shimizu and Mas Kawaguchi mastered in the defensive game, limiting the Mustangs to only a few well-placed shots.



"THE THREE ACES," left to right:—Tomioka, Adachi, and Hidekawa.

## First Varsity



The backbone of the Rams. Left to right:—Nitta, Oishi, Yoshitomi, Kawaguchi, and Tsumori.

The Rams continued merrily on with their winning streak by defeating the Hinckley Mustangs for the second consecutive time, 33-7.

Sensational Eichi Adachi started the ball rolling by accounting for the first five points. Meanwhile his teammates did a brilliant job, controlling the backboard with comparative ease. It was all Adachi in the half and the Rams left the floor with a commanding 12-7 margin.

In the second period the Rams really opened up. The new combination of Yamamura, Hidekawa, Tsumori, Nitta, and Momii flared up and scored incredible shots from all angles.

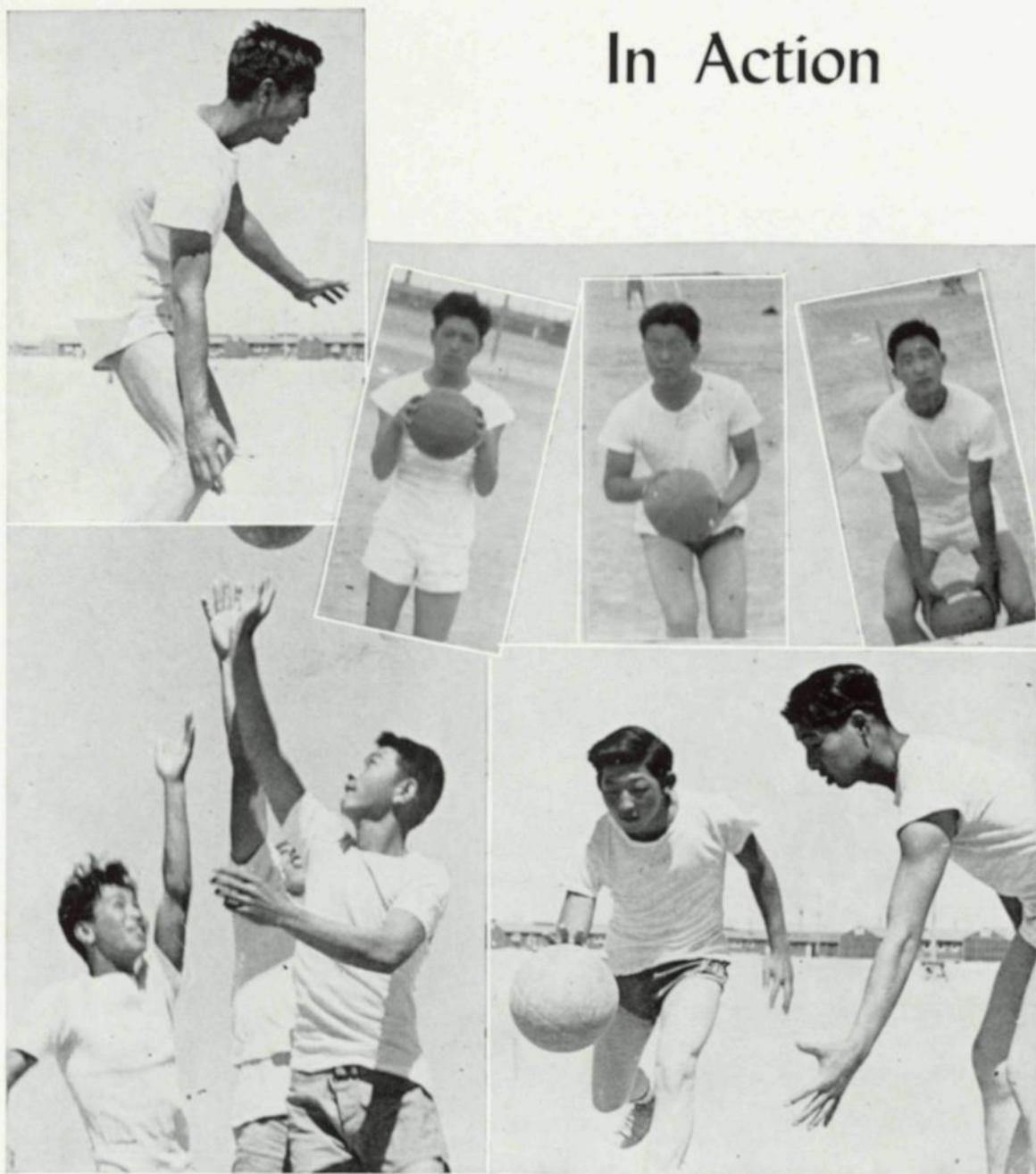
The Rams also displayed one of their best defensive games. They held the Mustangs to exactly zero in the second half.

The Rams did not stop their purge until they coasted on to an easy 33-7 victory.

The Topaz B's defeated the Mustang B's 27-16 in the preliminary event.



# In Action



Sane Guarding.

Right: Star Forward, Momii.

Left: Versatile Shimizu. Ex. Rt.: Sensational  
Yamamura gets set.

Takata, Nakamura and Tanamachi jump high  
for the casaba.

Ochi tries stopping Tamaki.



High atop the scoreboard the final score read: Delta, 24; Topaz, 23. So ended one of the bitterest-contested games, which snapped the winning streak of the Rams.

At the half, the Rams held a slim 8-7 advantage.

The turning point of the game came in the second period, when Adachi and Hidekawa matched basket for basket.

With six minutes remaining, the Deltans gained a six-point lead. Adachi and Tomioka quickly scored twice to come within one point of Delta.

In the last ten seconds, Tomioka lofted a beautiful 40-footer to tie it up; but it was quickly nullified by the referees, erasing all hopes for victory.

Adachi was high scorer with 10 points, followed by Hidekawa with 6 points.

In the preliminary tilt the undefeated Topaz B's trounced the Delta B's, 46-12.



Kobayashi attempts to dribble around Matsuura.

## Fighting Rams



Nakagawa shoots but is blocked by Sumimoto.

Scoring 125 points in four games, it is interesting to note that the Rams have scored 39 points in the first half. Averaging only  $9\frac{3}{4}$  points in the first half, the Rams swished the twine for a total of 86 points in the second half, better than an average of 21 points a half.

The opponents have been able to penetrate the defense for 21 points a half; but in the second stanza, they could not score more than 46 points, an average of 14 points a half.

The high scorer was Tommy Tomioka, who nailed home 35 markers, averaging  $8\frac{3}{4}$  points a game.

The Rams scored 54 field goals and made good on 17 charity shots. Averaging 31 points a game, they have been able to hold the opponents to 16 points.





Front row:—Jiro Nakamura, Tut Hirano, Mo Minemoto. Second row:—Bob Utusmi, Tats Sano, George Gyotoku, Hid Kashima. Third row:—Willy Hamada, Zane Matsuzaki.

## Junior High Basketball

Ending its first semester, the Topaz Junior High School basketball team emerged victorious over the Millard County schools.

The first triumph over Delta on February 25 resulted in the final breath-taking score of 17-16, with our players giving a vigilant performance against the towering Deltans. The Topaz players were led by Minemoto, Hirano, Gyotoku, Kashima, Sano, and Utsumi, and supported by the expert teamwork of Hamada, Fukami, Yamasaki, Nahahiro, Oshima and Iwasa.

The second glorious victory resulted with the defeat of Hinckley. The game was dubiously handed from one team to another until the Topaz "A" team scored a 25-15 victory. Meanwhile the Topaz "B" team scored 31 points, as against that of 13 earned by the opponents, due to the accurate shooting of its players.



As the final din of the starting gun echoed away into the crisp spring air, so ended the Ram's last track meet, and after a close struggle, they had defeated their better rivals from Delta, 66-61.

The fighting Rams inaugurated the meet by sending Himeo Tsumori and Hideo Yonenaka into the tape to capture the century dash.

Yosh Yamada, chased very closely by a Deltan, won the 440-yd. dash at a 56.6 time.

At this point the Deltans captured all three places in the discus and took the shot put and the javelin event. But in the next event diminutive Takeshita brought the Rams in the running again by turning in a surprise upset to win the mile.

Inspired by this event the Rams uncorked all their power and piled up points. Kami won the 200 low hurdles, and Kato annexed the high jump with 5 feet, 4 inches.

The Rams cinched the meet by taking both the 880 and the medley relays. Topaz was also conceded the broad-jumps event.



Yosh Yamada in a neck and neck finish.

## Varsity Track



Yonenaka, leaps 20 feet, 2 inches.

With only a week of short workout, the "Green and Gold Scanty-clads" from Topaz High made their debut on April 16 at the Delta Invitational Meet.

Competing against Delta, Hinckley and Fillmore, all in good form, it appeared to be a very disastrous day for the Rams.

The fighting Rams in their "never-say-die" spirit captured third spot with ease and almost nosed out Delta for second place.

The meet featured the 880 relays. Tsumori, Yonenaka, Yamada and Shimizu, representing the Rams, brought the fans to their feet, as they came down the home stretch with yards to spare.

The Rams also showed superiority in the broad jump event by taking first, second, third and fourth. Fupimoto and Yonenaka leaped 20 feet, 3 inches and 20 feet, 2 inches, respectively.

Adachi, Kami, Nishimura, Kashima and Harano were other point winners for the Rams.





Adachi and Harano talk things over.

"Hey Adachi! Are you going to the tryout today?" Yes, these were the words that echoed around the campus early in March of 1943. The first tryouts for the first Topaz High Cinder squad were in full swing.

Down at the dusty and grimy field, shouts like these rang out: "Hey you, take it easy, get to work, you—you dumb —."

Then in early April the squad was finally picked, twenty anxious spikesters. The list for the traveling squad for the first meet was posted on the bulletin board and anxious boys crowded around the list, eager eyes searching for their names. Some faces showed disappointment, others beamed with delight as they found their names on the list.

## Off the Track

Boarding a "carrier truck" made one realize how sardines feel in tin cans.

The crowded truck jerked forward and the wild jabber of excited boys started. Some talked of their previous experiences and some made uncomplimentary remarks about the carbon monoxide gas and choking dust that filled the truck.

Finally reaching their goal, everyone piled out of the truck and made a mad dash for the gym, dressed in a hurry and was ready to go.

The dressing room after the meet was one wild mad-house of jabbering boys.

The way back on the truck was entirely different. Everyone was tired and quiet and there were boys dozing off to sleep as the truck made its way back to camp carrying a tired but happy load.



Shimizu and Yamada on their way to a win.





Determined to win.  
 Kami stretches home.  
 Ida clears the cross bar.  
 Oop, another hurdle.  
 Takeshita gains on a Mustang.  
 Ogo, Tani, Yamada, and Katsu, starting the 440.

Murakami puffs in.  
 Takakuwa takes second, Doc also ran.  
 Kashima ready to go up.  
 Up and over for Sano.  
 Shijo drives in for a second.





Come on, Tani!  
 Kashima clears 10 feet.  
 Flies with ease.  
 Hey! Doc, is he going to make it?  
 Kashima and Nishimura add more points  
 for the Rams.  
 "Flash" Tsumori wins again.



Girls' P. E. instructors. Left to right:—Miyuki Kusumine, Tane Amemiya, and Kimi Fujii.



## Senior High Girls' Sports



Up, up and over.

Today physical health plays an important part in the lives of American youth, like girls all over America, the girls of Topaz High consider sports an important phase in high school life.

The cooperation, enthusiasm and spirit of the girls made the first sports program under the Girls' Association a success. Dust storms and other disturbances of weather did not prevent the girls from coming out. But most of the credit for the success of the term goes to the leaders, who unselfishly spent their time making out a program in which all girls could participate.

Some of the sports which were enjoyed by girls were: volleyball, basketball, baseball and badminton.





Gosh, I wonder where the ball is?  
Oops! There goes the ball!  
Gimmie that ball!  
It's going to be a close play.  
Out of the way!  
She eats her "Wheaties"  
What's so interesting?





Our girls enjoy the violet rays.  
What's so funny?  
Come on, girls, let's get together  
Just watching.  
Mary must have won.  
Here it comes!  
The crucial play.  
An easy out.





Lots of arm movement

## Junior High Girls' Sports

The ninth-grade girls have had an enjoyable and successful term of sports under the able presidency of Kay Yoshiura.

Regardless of the weather, the girls came out every day after school to practice and play various games, such as volley-ball, basketball, badminton, and baseball. Full of spirit, cooperation, and sportsmanship, they finished the season victoriously in their games against the Senior-High girls. To add variety, a game was played between the girls and the boys of the ninth grade.

Those who acquired the required amount of points were awarded blocks.



"Come on—hit the ball over."



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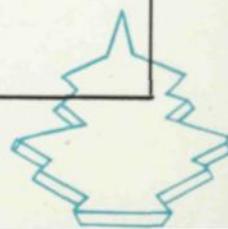
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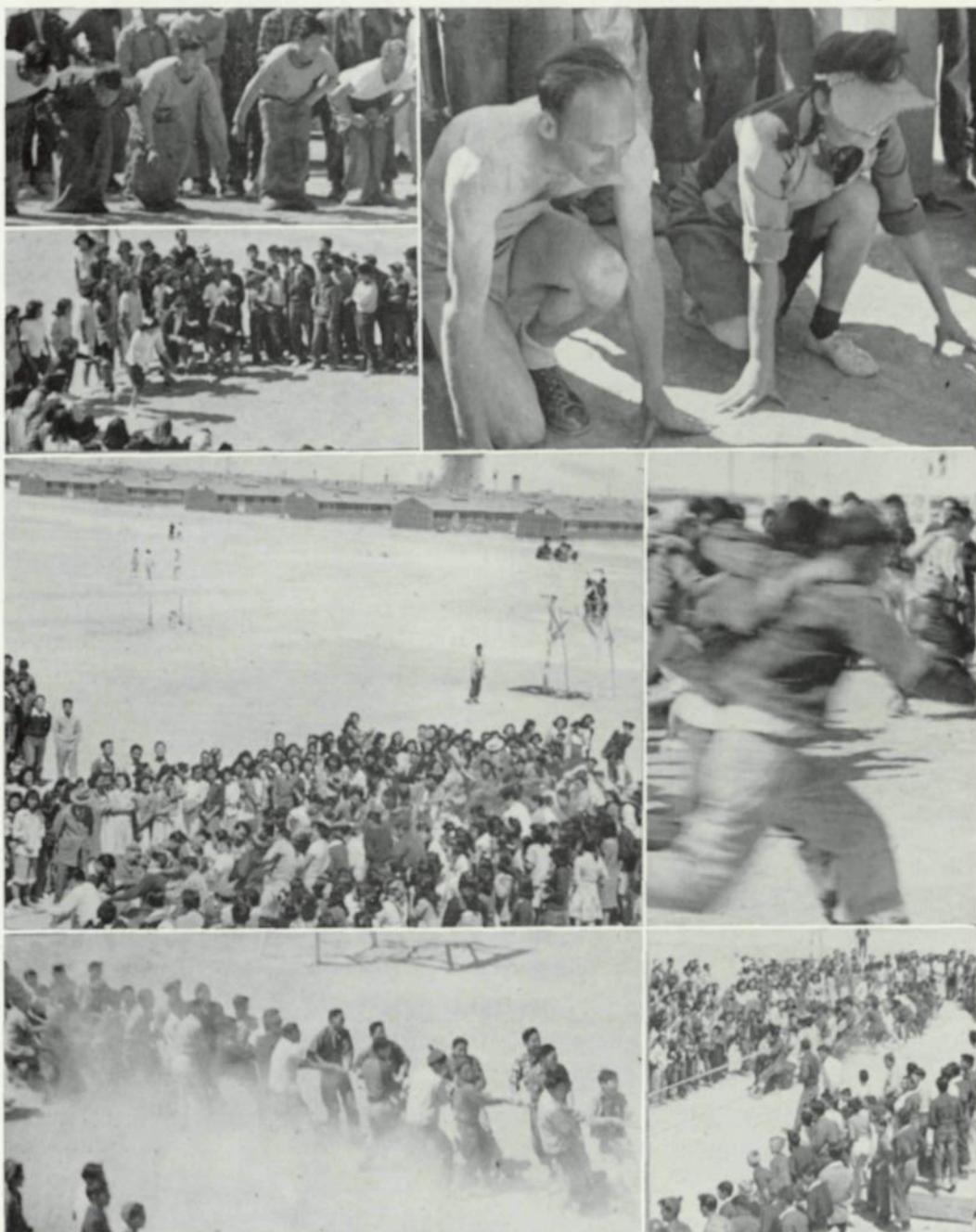
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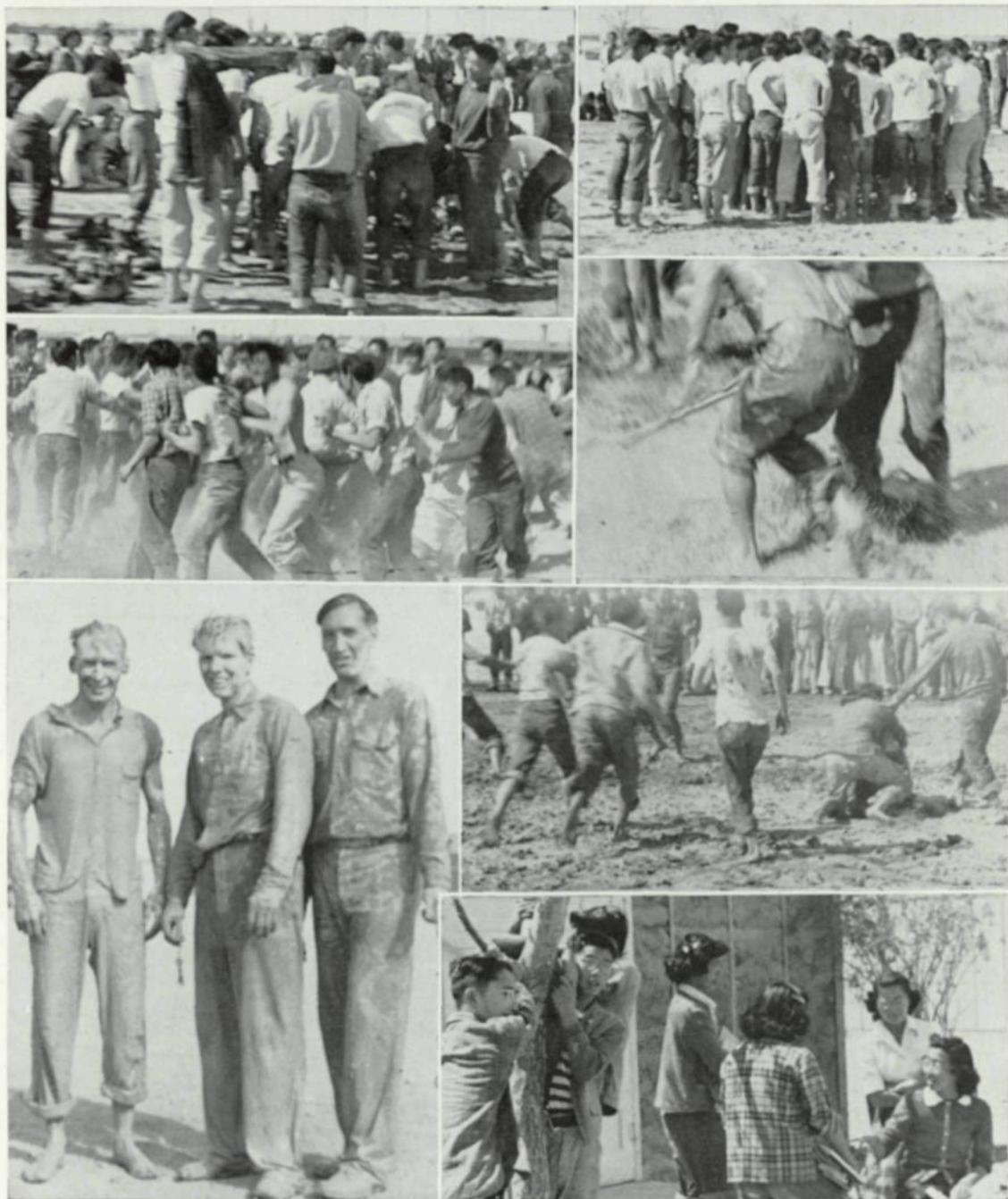
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The sack race.  
The lemon race.  
Milers?  
The seniors won twice.  
The three-legged race.  
The sohpomores won once.  
The juniors also tugged.





Let's strip!  
 Let's get together!  
 Let's go!  
 Who got it?  
 Here it is!  
 Who's that?  
 The Ramblings goes to press, thus  
 the staff recuperates.



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