MESSAGE

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When we consider that Christmas signifies the Creator's great gift to the whole world, we then have the proper universal concept of the Christmas season.

But Christmas is not a thing that comes upon us, no matter how or whether it develops to its true proportions as each one of us makes our contribution to the season.

There is very little of the sense of the material in the life of Christ in whose honor the Christmas season is observed. It is, however, full of incidents of genuine giving of self through day by day consideration for welfare and happiness of others—all of us.

Many of us may not be able to express our friendship through material gifts, but all of us surely can give substantially each day our friendship and kindness.

Experience shows that such giving gains accumulated strength—the more friendship, the more kindness we give, the more we seem to have.

In this spirit let us all wish for each other and for the whole world the lasting gift of Christmas—the hope of universal Eternal Peace.

EDITORIAL

On this day a world depressed by the trials of suffering humanity turns to seek the light of hope first symbolized two thousand years ago by the Star of Bethlehem. In those times when the shepherds kept lonely nocturnal vigils over their flocks, the First Noel, heralded throughout the universe by the gleaming ges of the skies, summoned the wiseman of Israel to Bethlehem to absorb the permeating radiance of the Holy Infant.

In those crystal moments of the past, new hopes for an enlightened world were found, and these through the ages have not faded into oblivion. Rather, in their survival, the spirit of Christ's Nativity has attained greater meaning as we on this Christmas Day seek to dispel from our minds discouragement, greed, and the work of hate. Indeed forgotten and still sought by us the creatures of modern civilization, are the wisdom of His teachings and the warmth of His tender love for humanity.

The troop of armed men whose marching shadows darken the path of the time, this thundering juggernaut of war whose paths of destruction scar the face of the earth, or the blackness of souls possess a tragedy not only to persons directly affected but to the whole community.

Several members of the Fire Protection Division will be present at all of the Christmas programs to direct fire-prevention measures.
**Events**

**Hospital Entertainment:** The spirit of Christmas will invade the sanctum of the City Hospital. With Goro Suzuki and Teiko Sato as co-chairmen, a program of entertainment was made possible for the hospital patients on Christmas Day from 2 to 4 PM. Headline acts feature Cecilia Miyamoto, violinist; Tom Mikata, alto saxophone; and Goro Suzuki, ence and vocalist.

On Dec. 27 from 8 PM, the hospital staff, numbering almost 250, will celebrate and recognize the untiring sacrifices of all the nurses. Goro Suzuki will emcee the program which will embrace the following entertainers: Cossack, Ernestine Ternishc, violinist; Tazuko Toba, pianist; Tosio Suzuki, harmonica; and Ichiro Sasaki, ventriloquist and dancer.

Dr. W. W. Ramsey and Miss Hannah Kringson will assist in the entertainment. Mrs. K. Obata will voluntarily head the refreshment committee.

**City-wide Bridge Tournament:** Under the direction of Ken Yohna, bridge constructor of CAS, a city-wide bridge tournament will be held on Sunday, Dec. 27, from 2:30 to 5:30 PM at Rec 20. Everyone regardless of ability or ranking is invited to participate in the tournament. No preliminary sign-up will be required.

**Dance—Dec. 26:** On the night of Dec. 28 from 8:30 to 11 PM, a large crowd will be expected to jam DH-1 to dance to the strains of all the nome area personnel. Beautfully decorated and carrying the Christmas motif, the "Swing and Smooth Dances" will put the accent on "sweet Swing." Goro Suzuki will emcee the program.

Over 250 new records have been obtained by the CAS for all future dances. Singles and couples are invited.

**Jitterbug Hop—Dec. 28:** The Jitterbug King and Queen will be officially recognized on the night of Dec. 28 at 8 PM when the Jitter-hop contest and dances will be held under the chairmanship of Goro Suzuki. The dancing time will be 8:45 PM. Everyone is invited to attend.

**Boy Scout Open House:** On Sun., Dec. 27, from 2:30 to 5 PM and from 7 to 9 PM the newly organized Boy Scouts of Topaz, under the leadership of Goro Suzuki, will have an Open House at Rec 42 for the public. Toyshop handicraft and various displays will mark their formal opening.

**Basketball—Topaz Hi All-Stars vs. Delta High School:** Two all-star Quinlan teams will tangle with the visiting Delta High this Saturday afternoon from 2:30 PM at Rec 34.

In order to present an all-star representation, all the interested participants turned out at block on Dec. 22, after school hours to try out for one of the positions in either the A or B team. The coaching staff, comprised of Isamu Yamakawa, Nita Saito, and Ken Obata, selected the players for their all-around ability.

**Model Airplane Flying:** Perch on a field, local competitions, bridge tournament, jodo tournament, softball championship for older men, and church activities, a glider exhibition and model airplane flying will be on of the important activities on Sunday, Dec. 27.

In charge of the glider exhibition are Kenneth Otsawa and Henry Fujita Jr. Different types of gliders constructed of balsa wood will be flown. A gasoline propelled motor model airplane will also be flown at that time. M. Yamashita is in charge of the model plane. Starting time will be 2:30 PM at the High School Plaza.

**Topaz Fairs:** The affair will be held at Rec 20 from Dec. 30 through Jan. 1. It will be a combination hobby show and entertainment. All the objects constructed at Tanforan and Santa Anita, plus handicrafts objects made at Topaz will be on display.

**Industrial Football League:** The second round of the Industrial League on Sun. Dec. 27, will bring together outstanding teams which will vie for the final consideration.

At 6 PM the Fire Department will try to another the unquenchable maintenance while the Commissioner, fresh from a 10-0 victory over the Timo-Keepers, will collide with the strong Hospital squad at 3 PM. Scenes of the contest will be the High School field.

The final round will be played on Jan. 1 pending the outcome of the two fars. Tick Akiyoshi is the co-ordinator of athletics.

**All-Star High School Football League:** Ward 2 and Ward 4 will determine the contender for the championship on Sat. Dec. 27, from 2 PM at the High School field. Composed partly of former Command members, Ward 2 will be favored over Ward 4. The winner will play Ward 1 on Jan. 1.

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**Weather**

**FRIDAY, DEC. 26, 1942**

**BREAKFAST** (9:30-10:50)

- Grapefruit; Dry Cereal; Ham and eggs; Hot Biscuit; Oatmeal or Jell; Coffee, and Milk.

**DINNER** (4:30 - 5:30)

- Soup; Cheese Stalk Celery; Pickles; Head Lattuce Salad with Dressing; Roast Turkey with Onion Dressing and Brown Gravy; Candied Sweet Potato; Green Peas; Rice; Bread; Orange Marmalade; Fresh Apple Pie; Apple Cider, and Tea.

**LUNCHEON:** Films by Paramount Pictures, 20th Century Fox, and United Artists are now available. Two Paramount films will be shown next week: "Caught in the Draft" and "Dazell Allen Murder Case.

20th Century Fox's "Rage and Shilling" and "Wild Goose Cussing" will have matinees from 2:30 PM on Thurs., Fri., and Sat.
PTA MEETING A SUCCESS

Sponsored by the Topaz PTA, a success was the initial effort to promote parent-teacher associations, the open house held on Thursday night from 7:30 to 9 PM was pronounced a success, according to the education department.

With individual open house held in each classroom, an attendance of 65% of the parents was reported by some of the teachers. Each classroom presented a display of the work of each child as well as group projects.

The rooms were decorated on the Christmas theme with window trimmings and streamers.

BOOKKEEPING ADDED TO EVENING CLASS PROGRAM

The adult education division initiated the following classes into its program of evening classes: Elementary bookkeeping on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 8-5-2 with Robert Maglione, high school instructor advanced bookkeeping on Tuesdays and Thursdays with George Reid, chief accountant.

Registration is being accepted at the adult education offices at 8-7.

The student body constitution drawn up by the student delegates has been completed, after 3 weeks, and the faculty board has sealed its approval. Members of the Constitutional Committee included: Moses Ashizawa, chairman, Norman Hirata, Sachiko Kawasaki, Mana Kitagawa, Ryozo Kaminawa and Paul Tani.

"I feel that the students have done an outstanding piece of work in respect to student government. Everyone on the committee should be personally commended," said Principal LeGrand Noble.

As a result of a high school census report through the cooperation of the administration, an investigation will be made by the faculty through home visits to determine why certain children between the ages of 6 to 18 are not attending school, which is contrary to the state laws of education.

The first Topaz high school newspaper, a 4 page edition, was published by the journalism class under the guidance of Miss Ora Bills, instructor.

Temporary editorial staff consists of Kay Sakazaki, Albert Nakashima, George Yoshiko, and Masaru Kato.

Though the country's outstanding universities long known for their superior departments in scientific or technical fields are either in defense zones, doing war research, or have completed the quota of nisei enrollment, there are other schools with good general and specialized departments open to nisei, according to the Student Counseling Bureau. Information is available at Apr 23.

COMMUNITY WELFARE

A new vital approach towards social welfare—contrary to the common belief that it is relegated exclusively to the relief of the financially or emotionally distressed, but with stress on the prevention of social ills in terms of the interdependency of each individual in a community—will be attempted in practice by the Community Welfare Division.

It is their hope to assign one social worker to each block, responsible for the welfare of every family in that block. Residents may soon expect an initial introductory visit from their worker—periodical, perhaps monthly, visits will follow thereafter, and if there are any questions or services desired, he should be consulted. Reversely, the worker will make every attempt to "feel the pulse" of the people and hopes to receive full cooperation in this matter from the residents themselves.

At the first visit a mimeographed statement in English and Japanese, indicating the purpose of the Division and the services available, will be left with each family.

"For the community to function normally with the minimum of friction," it reads, "the individuals who make up such communities must live together in a normal and happy frame of mind. It is only natural that problems of all kinds arise from time to time. And the well-being of the community depends on how quickly and how smoothly a satisfactory solution can be found for them."

"The Community Welfare Section of the Division of Community Services of the City of Topaz has been established and is now practicing to help the residents in every way possible to work out their problems."

A full explanation of the assistance and advice handled by the Division is listed, and the statement ends with: "No problem is too small to call to our attention, and no problem is so big that we will not do our utmost to facilitate its solution."
Christmastime Reflections

By Rev. Joseph Taovaiso

Christmas will soon be here, that season of festivity and joy, when the warmth of hearts and homes mocks the cold of snow and wind outside. Rushed anticipations of luxurious cakes, turkeys roasting in the oven, and gifts around the brilliantly-lit tree, keep the young ones spellbound. Even the older people are enveloped in the dreamy, magic charm of the day.

Such a Christmas will not be our happy lot this year. With the world ablaze with hatred, and men gone mad with dreams of lust and power, and still others striving to stem the flood gates of a hell unleashed by counter pressure of men, guns, planes, and ships, we cannot dwell on the thoughts of gifts, feasts, and festivities. We cannot lift happy hearts when we think of our separated loved ones who shared the joys of the season in times past.

To turn soberly once more to that first Christmas of poverty and anguish, to the side of the manger, where the Christ-child lay quietly in the protecting bosom of His mother. In the unpleasant sight and smell of a common barn in Bethlehem, we return again to find the true spirit of the Yuletide season. Not in gifts and gaudy Christmas cards, but in the all-embracing beauty of holy prayer and worship, the classicism of love and service, in the glory of a righteous self-sacrifice, we find God's greatest gifts to man.

Yuletide Prophecy

In triumphal release throughout the gallant years,
The Christmas spirit breathes, undaunted by dark settings,
And the valiant living pursues the Light of Judah's yale
Not with frankincense and myrrh, but gifts of valor.
For in each star, the glow of rampant faith,
And hearts bent out defiance to the modern Herods,
That shattered minds will taste of freedom's lure,
To pass not'er more through the valley of suffring,
In vacant awe at wanton flow of blood, of tears.

The stars are silent now; and ere morning's calm retreat,
The Yuletide echoes resound from destiny's chambers,
Of peace on earth, good will to men.

— Harumi Kawahara