

Elderly Japanese Prepare For Visit to Native Land

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Vancouver, B. C. — (U.P.) — Sixty-two elderly Japanese gathered here today and prepared to leave on a "sentimental journey" to their native land which most of them have not seen for 40 years.

They will leave by air for Tokyo Sunday and will spend three months in Japan before returning to Canada and their families.

A somewhat changed, democratic Japan will greet the oldsters, whose spokesmen said they were returning for one "last look" before they die.

A. Sato, of Lethbridge, Alta., said he expected to find a democratic Japan and western style clothing. "I remember the country as a semi-feudal dictatorship when everyone was garbed in Japanese robes."

Another member of the group, Kinichi Iwata, whose Canadian-born family lives here, said "the most noticeable change will be in the reconstruction of large cities, particularly those heavily bombed during the war."

For the first 10 days the group will tour landmarks of Tokyo, then they will separate to visit their birthplaces. Fred Takimodo, 65, said "I think we are perhaps a little frightened of what we are going to see. It will all have changed so much."

He married a girl from his hometown of Wakayama in 1915 and brought her to Canada. Mrs. Takimodo died two years ago after raising a family of five in Toronto.

Most of them recall the discomforts of the early emigrant Officer, Family Now in Panama

Lt. (jg) and Mrs. James H. O'Donel and daughters, Sharon and Kathleen, arrived last week at Coco Solo, Panama, where they will live while Lieutenant O'Donel is stationed there with the Navy. His assignment at Coco Solo is for four years and he will captain a patrol craft for the Navy.

The family visited here last summer with Mrs. O'Donel's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Watkins, 701 West Jackson street. She is the former Miss Evalyn Watkins. The family has been living in Rhode Island until the recent assignment. En route to Panama they made a cruise of the Caribbean.

ships that charged \$60 for their passage to Canada. The return trip will cost \$1600 for each couple. Children and grandparents of the old-timers contributed the funds for the journey, a spokesman for the group said.

Fifty-six members of the group arrived in Vancouver from Toronto where they all were members of the "Katobuku Kai," an organization of Japanese-Canadians over 61.

"We want to take one last look at our old country before we got up to heaven," club secretary Thomas Kadonaga, 62, explained. "There will be much to see. I can still remember quite clearly the place where I was born. It will be good to see that again."

New Wall Cover Called Pliweave Now on Market

Los Angeles — A new decorative wall overlay called pliweave recently has been developed. It is expected to find use as a wall covering and topping for tables, cabinet fronts, and particularly curved wall surfaces.

The new type overlay consists of two plies of veneer, woven together, cross-banded and bonded to cotton duck by a waterproof adhesive, producing a durable but flexible overlay.

At the Dallas Home Show it was awarded a blue ribbon for "over-all beauty and eye appeal."

It is predicted that pliweave will be a hit with "do-it-yourself" home-owners. A do-it-yourself kit for making a coffee table may become popular with amateur craftsmen who like to build furniture.

Manufacturer of the new wall overlay is S. L. McCauley, of Los Angeles. He has the veneers cut in strips two to three inches wide. Women workers weave these into diamond or parquet designs. For striking effects, veneers are mixed to blend several grain patterns.

Under the woven veneers goes a sheet of cotton duck. Final step is hot pressing by a hydraulic unit, which exerts up to 340 tons of pressure on the veneers. Out of the press come the panels in any desired size, ready for shipping.

Braille Benefit Well Supported, Chairman States

The Braille tournament, which took place February 5, was exceptionally well supported by the people of Jackson county. Mrs. T. J. Fuson, chairman of the tournament, stated yesterday. "We believe that we netted in the neighborhood of \$350.00 but as all the returns are not in yet, we are unable to give an exact figure," Mrs. Fuson said.

This annual tournament is sponsored by the three duplicate bridge clubs of Jackson county. "All of the western division of the American Contract Bridge league holds similar tournaments every year and we are extremely gratified to be able to say that Medford is always out in front, percentage-wise, and many times in actual financial returns, as compared with the larger cities," Mrs. Fuson added.

The prize committee, headed by Mrs. H. J. Boyd, awarded 35 prizes to winners in every division of the card party, which featured party bridge, canasta, pinochle, chess and checkers, and gin-rummy besides duplicate bridge. The group that played duplicated bridge at the tournament was the largest session ever to play in Southern Oregon.

Prizes were awarded to J. M. Ball, Earl Collins, H. J. Boyd, D. Plumley, F. A. Dodd, Ray Wise, Ed. W. Dietz, I. Stuart, C. Miksche, William Bartlett, H. D. Schoonmaker, M. di Vechio, Jack Vaughn, Bert Sims, H. Smith, Julia L. Marion, Mrs. A. Z. Dean, John Levine, Frances Bean, Clarence Bryan, G. H. Ryan, Earle Mulvey, Mrs. Grace Stuhr, Marion Mungrain, James Edwards, Earl Buchholz, Mrs. Belle Schenck, Margaret Black and Mesdames Ray Wright, Lloyd Johnson, Letitia Kunz, Bartlett and Frank Baker.

The money is turned over to the Red Cross Grey Ladies who administer the blind and visually handicapped program of Jackson county in conjunction with Mrs. Chris Zink, volunteer worker with the Oregon State Commission for the Blind and Prevention of Blindness. Due to this, there are no administrative expenses and all the money is distributed in Jackson county.

There are no expenses from the tournament, as all the prizes are donated by local merchants and the rest by the sponsoring bridge clubs. "Everyone who attended the tournament has the satisfaction of knowing that his help is going directly to alleviate the distress of one of the members of his own community," Mrs. Fuson stated. "We are grateful that we can help, even in a small way, in this fashion," she concluded.

Pythian Groups To Hold Sessions

Talisman temple, Pythian Sisters, will meet Tuesday at 8 p.m. at the Pythian building. The refreshment committee will be Mrs. Polly Offutt and Mrs. John Fugill.

Past Chief's club of Pythian Sisters will meet Wednesday at 1 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Harry Bryant, 1312 Reddy avenue. A covered dish luncheon will be served.

Pythian club met last Tuesday evening with 16 members present. After a business meeting, refreshments were served by the hostesses, Mrs. Margaret Davis and Mrs. Dollie Love. Cards were played, with prizes going to Mrs. Leroy Cline, Mrs. Carl Fitchner and Mrs. William Youngberg.

Hostesses for the next meeting, February 22, will be Mrs. John Russell and Mrs. Joe Fritsch.

Breakfast Club To Meet Monday

Credit Women's Breakfast club members and their guests are invited to attend a meeting Monday, February 21, at 7:30 p.m., at the Credit bureau in Medford.

The board members have scheduled a meeting for Wednesday, February 16, at 8 p.m., at the home of Mrs. Marie Pierce.

Quick sauce for vanilla ice cream—mix fresh or canned applesauce with crushed pineapple.



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Potpourri

There wasn't any restless shuffling of feet or squirming in chairs at Knife and Fork club Monday night. And the address by Dean Gordon Sabine of the University of Oregon's journalism school was another testimonial to the belief that Oregonians don't have to send east for speakers—some of those at home are even more stimulating and interesting than those from other regions.

The dean actually read his speech, but in a fashion so effective that it was like hearing a dramatic production. Potpourri's enjoyment of the talk was heightened by the fact that we had a copy tucked away by our typewriter at home and therefore didn't have to write like mad—we could just listen and savor the phrases and ideas.

Dean Sabine began his talk by quoting a bit of writing which made a lasting impression on many of his listeners, and because of several requests to have it copied in its entirety, Dean Sabine obligingly typed it off the next morning. The lines are "Just for Today," written for Alcoholics Anonymous:

"Just for today I will try to live through this day only, and not tackle my whole life problem at once. I can do something for 12 hours that would appall me if I felt that I had to keep it up for a lifetime."

"Just for today I will try to be happy. This assumes to be true what Abraham Lincoln said, that 'most folks are as happy as they make up their minds to be.'"

"Just for today I will try to strengthen my mind. I will study. I will learn something useful. I will not be a mental loafer. I will read something that requires effort, thought, and concentration."

"Just for today I will adjust myself to what is, and not try to adjust everything to fit my own desires. I will take my 'luck' as it comes, and fit myself to it."

"Just for today I will exercise my soul in three ways: I will do somebody a good turn, and not get found out. I will do at least two things I don't want to do—just for exercise. I will not show anyone that my feelings are hurt; they may be hurt, but today I will not show it."

"Just for today, I will be agreeable. I will look as well as I can, dress becomingly, talk low, act courteously, criticize not one bit, not find fault with anything, and not try to improve or regulate anyone except myself."

"Just for today I will have a program. I may not follow it exactly, but I will have it. I will save myself from two pests: hurry and indecision."

"Just for today I will have a quiet half hour all by myself, and relax. During this half hour, sometime, I will try to get a better perspective of my life."

"Just for today, I will be unafraid. Especially I will not be afraid to enjoy what is beautiful, and to believe that as I give to the world, so the world will give to me."

Dean Sabine talked about fear—about how so many Americans are afraid of communism, of free speech, of one another, of what is happening in the classrooms of our universities, and afraid even that democracy is not strong enough to lead and protect us. His powerful closing words were "The capacity for greatness and justice, under a democracy blessed by God, is the surging courage in our hearts, or coward's blood corrodes our brain and robs our backbone. And now, every American must take the choice. What will you have, fanaticism or freedom? Dictatorship or democracy? Will you surrender to this creeping paralysis of the brain and backbone? Will your fears make you traitors? Or could you, just for today, be unafraid. And believe that as you give to the world, so the world will give to you?"

Wednesday, with a brilliant sun in a cloudless sky outside and a succession of beautiful new clothes inside at Reames Social club's style show, it was easy to believe that spring is almost here. As usual, its littlest models that get the most attention. Little Tommie and Jackie Ward modeled clothes, along with Mama Joan Ward. Jackie climbed bravely up on the platform, getting down on all fours to manage the steps, and then turned around to show off her pretty coat and bonnet, but when her mother tried to remove the coat in order that the customers could see her pretty candy striped dress, wee Jackie clutched the garment tightly and absolutely refused to have it unbuttoned.

Thursday noon at Sojourners' annual birthday party we commented on the interesting valentine decorations. President Jean Lovenberg accepted our praise and said "we spent the princely sum of 35 cents on materials. That's what comes from being a Girl Scout leader—you learn to make things from practically nothing."

"Don't write much, please," begged Sister Mary Norbert when she ended an interview Friday morning at the hospital. This modest little Catholic nun, who has been in the nursing profession for 50 years, talked little about events of the past when Potpourri called on her Friday morning, but was hesitant to have them in print.

Sister Mary Norbert, who has scarcely been away from Sacred Heart's corridors and rooms in more than 30 years, has seen much of life and death while serving the people of southern Oregon. She recalled helping Dr. W. W. P. Holt to deliver triplets, of helping to house and feed people driven from their homes by a Bear Creek flood, and of watching the hospital's facilities and space expand with the years and need. She is now night supervisor.

Betty Hedberg, who works with the new Community hospital auxiliary, had a taste of Potpourri's routine when she helped to line up today's front page pictures. "I went to the phone so many times one morning that I peeled apples for a pie three different times," Mrs. H. reported. "As soon as I had a few slices ready, the phone would ring and while I was talking, the three children would eat up the apples!"

Guess who sits behind young Fletcher Fish, fifth-grader at Phoenix school. A girl named Caroline Freshwater.—O.S.

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The speaker said that trees should frame the home, and not hide it, and that the back yard should have storage, a play area and lawn area. She advised that in planting annuals two colors should be used, such as blue and yellow, or pink and white, and that perennials can be used for a variety of colors.

Mrs. J. F. Hibbert gave the horticulture talk for the afternoon on "Effect of Sprays."

Prizes were won by Mrs. Thomas Cordona and Mrs. Earl Bradfish.

Guests for the afternoon were Mrs. E. H. Loveness, Mrs. Jesse Wilson, Mrs. R. A. Skinner, Mrs. Kenneth Cook, Mrs. Estelle Logan, Mrs. O. T. Heyerman and Miss Claire Hanley, president of the Oregon Federation of Garden clubs.

Mrs. Thomas Cordona and Mrs. G. W. Newland were formally accepted into the club and were presented corsages.

Tea chairman was Mrs. E. F. Archer, assisted by Mrs. J. W. Ostrander, Mrs. Ruby Rusque, Mrs. H. F. Cope and Mrs. R. G. Beach.

Pouring at the tea table were Mrs. R. T. Nichol and Mrs. A. O. Floyd, Siskiyou district director.

Dessert, Court Whist Planned for Lady Elks

Lady Elks plan a dessert luncheon and an afternoon of court whist Tuesday, February 15, at 1:30 p.m. in the Elks club party lounge. The serving committee will be Mrs. R. A. Forbes, Mrs. Edna Miller and Mrs. George Gitzen. Wives of Elks club members are invited.

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