

Maugham Seen In Tokyo



Three seniors, Russell Roberts, Paul Huber, and Terry Milne, from Dr. Florence Hag's fifth period English IV class, visited the W. Somerset Maugham exhibition in downtown Tokyo on the 17th of November. The famed English author was opening the exhibition: a collection of photographs, his works, and a manuscript.

The three students were introduced to the aging person-

age by his personal secretary. At the same time they met the British ambassador to Japan. Inadvertently the seniors were ushered into a private party for the author, but they were not at a loss and made the best of the opportunity.

Mr. Maugham is in Japan for a visit, but on this day nearly 1000 people were crowded into the small exhibition room to see him.

NIPPONOTES

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Years ago many people in Japan did not celebrate Christmas. Instead, they looked forward to New Year's Day.

On the night of December 31st, the entire family stays at home to help one another prepare for the next day. It is a custom in Japan not to do any work on New Year's Day.

The family works together in the late hours of the night and at twelve o'clock it is customary to eat o-soba (Japanese noodles in hot soup.) They then retire with the food and the house fully prepared for the next day.

On New Year's Day the young children receive presents from their parents and the older ones receive spending money.

The day really begins with breakfast when everyone drinks azumi (hot soup with rice cake.) After the morning meal the family then begins visiting all their friends.

At every house they receive food and o-sake (Japanese wine.) Visiting their friends expresses the wish to continue their friendship in the new year.

Edo-ko's Tokyo

The title may have stunned you for a second. Let us explain. "Edo-ko" is a nickname for and proudly accepted by the Japanese born in Tokyo. To be called an Edo-ko lends a conspicuous pride which gives him something to boast about.

An Edo-ko's Tokyo is a man's city of good, busy living. "Fires and fights are the flowers of Edo" is a popular expression. "Edo" is the old name for Tokyo when it was the capital of a powerful Oriental empire.

Tokyo still possesses the old shadows of the capital and empire; the old tales tell stories of these Edo-ko's.

Now these expressions and lives seem to have been succeeded by a faster life, yes, but also by a more reasonable type of life.

An Edo-ko's memory of Tokyo may be one of a middle-aged man in gray long Johns singing a Japanese lullaby to the baby on his back, with a rattle in his hand. Above, the red sun blazes down the still sky as it sinks toward the horizon.

Runners-Up Named

Five Seniors at Hartman High School have been cited for outstanding performance on the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test last spring. Each has received a formal letter of commendation from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

Principal R. H. Marshall announced December 4 that the Seniors so honored are: Thomas A. Emmons, Henry P. Gilbert, Brent Goodrich, Patricia A. Huber, and Margaret R. Kurashita.

Letters of commendation are being awarded to some 27,000 students from all over the United States in recognition of high performance on the test. While these pupils did not achieve the status of semi-finalists in the 1958-59 Merit Program, they are outstanding and deserving of special attention. The letters provide tangible recognition of superior ability, and it is hoped that the recipients will continue their education, and thus benefit not only themselves but the entire country.

Club Hub-bub

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The girls are continuing to work for their letters. They are planning a sports day when any girl who wishes may participate.

Chess Club

The Chess Club has a tournament planned for after Christmas.

Science Club

Members are now discussing a planned trip to the planetarium in Tokyo and a visit to the hydroponic farm at Chofu.

Hiking Club

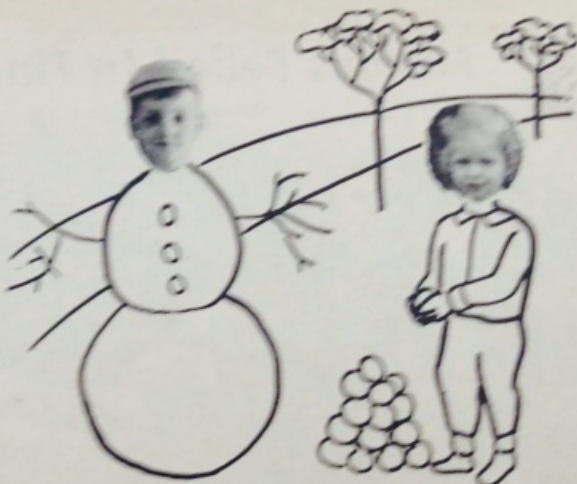
The Watake Mountains will present a challenge to the members of the Hiking Club on their next scheduled field trip.

Cagers' Calendar

BOYS' BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

- 10 Dec. All 12 at Hartman 1958-2000 Inv.
- 1 Jan. Hartman at Zama 1959
- 15 Jan. Christian Academy at Hartman 1959
- 22 Jan. Hartman at Y-O-H 1959-2000
- 29 Jan. Johnson at Hartman 1959-2000
- 30 Jan. Zama at Hartman 1959-2000
- 30 Jan. Hartman at All 12 1959-2000
- 6 Feb. Zama at Hartman 1959-2000
- 12 Feb. Hartman at Christian Academy 1959
- 12 Feb. Y-O-H at Hartman 1959-2000
- 19 Feb. Hartman at Johnson 1959-2000
- 26 Feb. Hartman at Zama Tournament: 1, 5, 6, 7 March at Zama.

Kool Kids Make Quiz



Did you guess who the girl was in the baby picture of the last issue? If not, her name is Sue Raitney. Now try to guess who the Kool Kids are in this picture. The following hints may help you.

The girl is a blonde, 5'2" sophomore who has lived at Grant Heights for the last three years and will probably live there until she graduates. Though she was born in North Carolina, she claims South Caro-

lina. She is famous for making A's on algebra tests and does well in her other classes too.

Also pictured is a popular junior boy, whose well-known talent is playing a musical instrument. He can be recognized by his walk. Though he is not bashful—in fact, he is quite an extrovert—he claims to be girly.

Do you know the names of the two "kids" yet? They will be announced in the next issue.