

I Remember, Yoshiko Hasegawa

Congratulation on the 50th anniversary of the Japanese settlement of Seabrook Farms from the camp. Imagine 50 years!

Our family got to Seabrook Farms about September 2 or 3, 1944 from Gila River Relocation camp just in time for the younger kids to enroll into school

My father Mr. G. Nakamura and Mr. Kinoshita had previously visited with Mr. Charles Seabrook to discuss possibilities of workers and their families from the camps. They were instrumental in persuading many families to come out - to work and to get the children into a proper school.

John - we go back to Pasadena. I remember your parents who was very proud of you for your wonders at the piano. My father - Mr. G. Nakamura - in Pasadena has many produce markets - and was a good standing member of the Pasadena Kiwanis Club. I went to Pasadena Jr. High School and Pasadena Jr. College. We went to Tulare - then onto Gila River - did you?

When I was active at the Community House. Dorothy Chapman and Marian Glaser were holding court. I had a wonderful Brownie Troop for 3 years - my co-worker was Mrs. Fistere. Her husband was Mr. Harold Scott Fistere who came to work for Mr. Seabrook in some connection with the Relocation Program. He had come from Washington, DC.

I also worked at the nursery school with Mrs. Fithian and that wonderful Mrs. Okino. We had a wonderful time with the children and was there long enough to take care of the Estonian, Latvian and Lithuanian children.

My memory was the Chiari Super Market, when Dick Kunishima was the big "hanchō" whose son Randy, we had in our child care and when "Mayor" Sasaki was the unofficial mayor of Seabrook Village.

My mother, Mrs. Nakamura, worked along with Mrs. Miyazaki, Mrs. Otani, Mrs. Sawamura and Mrs. Kinoshita - and oh so many more- and with their great Japanese spirit worked so hard so Mr. Seabrook was able to upgrade his rickety plant.

Was when Rev. Tsufura was dumping peas for the ladies to pack! Ray Bano was the mailman. His son Corky was in the child care too.

Do you remember my younger sisters Setsu and Charko. Charko did go to the anniversary to meet some old friends.

I have some photo - of my Brownie Troop and some other photos - if you can use them in your museum. Would you like me to send them?

I wish I could remember more about those early days of Seabrook - but we were too busy working and enjoying "outside".

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