

## Excerpts from Chiyo's Diary

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### January 2—Thursday

*Weather – sunshine. Seems like a day in summer. Warm too.*

*Worked all morning in the store. Cleaned off some tables and brought out more goods.*

*Worked on the tables all afternoon. Just about back to the formal arrangement now. Took down all the "Christmas Sale" and "New Year Sale" signs. Put away the left over fukubiki keihins(???).*

*Mr. and Mrs. Tanaka (...-ya) dropped in around 6:00. They ate. I ate supper at 7:00.*

*Don't feel hungry since I've been eating all day. Not busy in store. Closed at 8:50. Ate some more. We all played with Skippy. Went to bath at 10:50. Got a tooth-ache, first time in a long while.*

### March 5—Thursday

*Weather – Fair but little chilly.*

*Did my cleaning in morning. After eating, sewed on another nightgown for some \_\_\_\_.*

*Didn't feel much like sewing. Took Skippy out to back garden and played with him. Yuzo came... for tea.*

*After supper, had work in the store until 7:30. Sewed while I listened to the radio. Closed at 8:30. Had crackers with jam. Takashi A. \_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_ O. came to help on the \_\_\_\_.*

*Ran 5 copies tonight. Finished at 10:50. We hope that a joint Memorial Day picnic with \_\_\_\_ and Salem ... can be arranged. Should be something different.*

## **June 30 — Tuesday**

*Weather – warm.*

*... part of the morning Store was busy. Pa and Kay put up the American and Japanese flag. Most of the Japanese stores on Jackson St. are decorated with both flags. After eating must \_\_\_\_\_. Busy.*

*Dr. Fukuda accompanied Ma to Dr. Jian at the Cobb Bldg. to have a sore tooth extracted under gas. Her face was swollen like a balloon! Came back in 1 hour. Doesn't ache anymore. After supper busy in store with only (?) of us.*

*Had work in store. Bill I. \_\_\_\_ W. and Aya went to a show. Closed at 9:45. Went to bath at 11:35. So busy don't have time to do anything of our own.*

## **July 11—Saturday**

*Weather – Fair*

*Stayed out in the store all morning. Expected Dr. Shigaya(?) to take me to have x-ray taken this morning but he didn't show up. After eating went upstairs to take nap.*

*Awakened at 2:00. Dr. Shigaya took Pa and me to Swedish Hospital. Had x-ray taken. Didn't take 15 minutes in there. Came back by 3:00. I was ordered to bed right away.*

*Seems that I caught the worst(?) disease. Many thoughts brought tears to my eyes. Can't*

*be helped now. May have to go to sanitarium. Had supper in bed, later had ice cream.  
Had many papers to read.*

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## **September 8—Tuesday**

*Weather – Warm*

*After breakfast laid in bed trying not to move as much as possible. After noon meal took a sun bath. Dad came up later to change the flowers' water in the vase as he does every day. ... and Skippy was acting greenly(?). Probably stomach trouble. Aya gave Kay such a bawling out thinking he hit(?) the day again. Kay said he was leaving home for good. ... for a couple of hours when he suddenly came to my room to see how Skippy was. He acted as though nothing had happened. Got enough scare and worry today. After supper read prayer, Skippy slept on my bed for quite some time.*

## **December 6 — Sunday**

*Weather – Windy and rainy.*

*Ate no breakfast. Slept through the morning comfortably. Had dad bring a chamber under my bed because my eyes feel dizzy and feel just terrible. \_\_\_\_ stayed over last night and she helped today. All the toys were brought out and now everything is ready for Christmas sale. I wish I could go down and see the tree(?) and look at the store windows but I'm not strong enough. Slept all day today. After supper dad and mother came up and talked for a while.*

**December 28—Monday**

*Weather – sunshine in December.*

*This is the warmest day so far says Dad since he first came from Japan. This warm weather is good for me. Didn't sleep much in the morning. Took a long time to eat my meal and still can't eat all. It almost makes me want to cry when I can't eat.*

*After eating have nothing to do. Dad and I talk for some time when he comes for my tray. Awakened 2 times when I was resting so comfortably. Ate supper.*

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