

On March 21, the vernal or spring equinox, the sun was exactly over the equator. Days and nights were practically equal everywhere. After that day the sun crossed the equator from South to North. Now the days in the northern hemisphere are longer, the sunshine is stronger and we are having spring.

Spring is the season to prepare the soil and plant seeds. It is a time of new life. Buds swell on trees. Green leaves and blossoms appear. Birds return from their winter feeding grounds and butterflies make their appearance.

It is a time when girls and boys can enjoy the outdoors and participate in more games.

The Manzanar Whirlwind wishes all elementary school pupils and teachers a very happy Spring.

Look for the flowers. Make friends with the birds, and observe the changes that take place in the scenery around us this spring.

P.T.A. PRESIDENTS VISIT MANZANAR

Saturday, March 4, Manzanar was honored by a visit from two outstanding P.T.A. leaders, Mrs. William Hastings, National president of the organization, and Mrs. Walter Bingham, president of the California P.T.A.

All Manzanar teachers and P.T.A. workers were invited to the library room in Block 7 to meet the ladies and hear Mrs. Hastings' message.

She said she appreciated the opportunity of visiting Manzanar because she was proud of the work done by the Manzanar P.T.A. She wants the Manzanar P.T.A. to feel that it is a part of the big P.T.A. family of 28,000 associations with a membership of about three million people.

The P.T.A. is a truly democratic organization, made up of many people of foreign ancestry, who work for the good of all children.

She made us proud to be members of the Parent Teacher Association.

OUR SUPERINTENDENT RETURNS

Dr. Carter, our Superintendent of Education will return to Manzanar Monday, April 3, after a profitable business trip to Washington D. C. and other places of interest.

Dr. Carter's first stop after leaving Manzanar on March 7 was Albuquerque, New Mexico, where she spent a week visiting relatives and renewing old acquaintances. From Albuquerque she traveled direct to Washington D. C., arriving in time for the first meeting of the Superintendent Conference March 21. The conference lasted for one week and dealt with the school problems and policies which are encountered on the various projects.

Letters received from Dr. Carter indicate that she having a very enjoyable trip. She has met and visited with many former Manzanar residents who are now living in and around Washington D. C. She also stated that the Manzanar schools are rated very high by Washington officials and other Project Superintendents.

TEACHERS VISIT MEXICO

Miss Harrison, fourth grade teacher at 21-15 and Miss Van Zandt, first grade teacher at 23-15 recently took a trip to Mexico.

From Manzanar they went to Los Angeles and then to San Diego. That was a twelve hour bus ride.

While in San Diego they visited Miss Rasmus and Miss Dambrowski who taught at Manzanar last year.

They also visited the home of Ramona. Ramona is the heroine of the story written by Helen Hunt Jackson.

The drive along the coast was pretty. They spent one day and one night in Tijuana, Mexico. They visited the native shops, and ate some Mexican food.

Miss Harrison said, "We ate some Mexican food and it was HOT!"

They went to the Caliente race track and to the Bull Ring, but didn't get to see a fight.

They enjoyed the trip very much.