

# The Interpreter

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## Our Mission

*In the Spring of 2000, the Archives continued the original efforts of Captain Roger Pineau and William Hudson, and the Archives first attempts in 1992, to gather the papers, letters, photographs, and records of graduates of the US Navy Japanese/Oriental Language School, University of Colorado at Boulder, 1942-1946. We assemble these papers in recognition of the contributions made by JLS/OLS instructors and graduates to the War effort in the Pacific and the Cold War, to the creation of East Asian language programs across the country, and to the development of Japanese-American cultural reconciliation programs after World War II.*

## Canyon Spots

Glen Slaughter and Marylou Williams have both brought up the Canyon Gardens and Blanchard's, so I thought a history of each would be appropriate. Both were located near the mouth of Boulder Canyon and had their share of JLS attendance.

Blanchard Lodge, took its name from the ranch upon which it was situated, homesteaded Timothy Blanchard. The lodge was built and operated by John C. Dougherty, who had learned the resort trade in Maine and had come out to Colorado in 1919 to recover from a bout of Influenza. That next spring, he took a job in the small resort that rancher Blanchard had operated on his property. In 1927, Dougherty married the youngest Blanchard daughter and both of them worked to expand the resort, building cabins, expanding the log and stone lodge, putting in landscaping. Upon completion, the lodge could house 40 overnight guests and feed 150 people. Blanchard's became a

popular place for Boulderites to take out-of-town visitors.

The lodge radiated a distinct Rocky Mountain flavor in its stone and log construction, its large fireplace, its wicker and leather furniture and its home-style fare. Dougherty died in 1947, after which his wife passed local operations onto a local couple she hired. She maintained overall supervision and was assisted by her son Neil and a staff of CU students.

Neil Dougherty was killed in Korea in 1951. Four years later, the Boulder Chamber of Commerce built a park in John Dougherty's memory, just east of Boulder Canyon Tunnel.

The Red Lion Inn opened at Blanchard's Resort in 1963 under Christoph and Heidi Mueller. The name Blanchard's slowly dropped from their advertisements but the homey architecture, furniture, and atmosphere has remained the same.

The Canon Park Nite Club had a shorter, but more colorful, career. The Nite Club was located in Canyon Park, a mile west of the city limits in Boulder Canyon, where it could take advantage of being outside the "Dry" town. The Canon Park liquor store was right across the highway. The Club appears in the *Silver & Gold* in 1935, featuring the music of Kayo Lam\* and his orchestra. Even then, The Grotto, serving sandwiches and beverages, was located downstairs in the stone and stucco building. In 1936 the Club hosted regular dances with Ken LeMoine's Rockaway Rhythm. Owner Fred Larson and manager Chick Clark promoted dances every Friday and Saturday with the Westerburg - Durnell 11 piece band and Jake Warde. They advertised 25-cent taxi rides to the club for a customer and his date.

Advertising increased after 1939, as did the variety of the bands. Between 1940 and the Summer of 1942, Milt Nunamaker, Joe Cook and his

All Colorado University Band, Jimmie Lunceford, Emmett Ryder, Lloyd Hunter and his 14 piece, Colored Orchestra, Jep Walthers, and Pogy Stoner's Band all played at the Canon Park Nite Club. Free rides left from and returned to Owen's on the Hill for the Nite Club every half hour during one summer. The Club put on prom dances, victory hops and Jitney Jigs.

The popular dance club met its demise prematurely and permanently when the club burned down on September 13<sup>th</sup>, 1942, casting a pall over its Navy, student and public clientele alike.

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[Ed. Note: \* Recruited to CU as a dance band drummer, not an athlete, William "Kayo" Lam, became a star CU football player from 1933-35. The Glenrock, Wyo., native led the nation in rushing with 906 yards as a junior in 1934. He topped that figure with 1,043 yards in 1935, leading the country in all-around yardage with 2,225. He was the first CU athlete to play in a postseason all-star game - the East-West Shrine. After serving in World War II, he returned to Boulder where he worked the next 36 years at the University, progressing from assistant dean of men and assistant football coach to assistant athletic director and business manager. The lifelong Buffalo died in 1983 at the age of 81.]

## Toast to Florence Walne

I read with interest Paul Boller's reference to Florence Walne in the August 1 edition of *The Interpreter*, just received.

To bad Paul was not able to attend the Saturday night dinner, because near the end of that rather lengthy series of toasts, I proposed a brief one to Ms. Walne. I did not have the benefit of a microphone so you may not have heard it, but I noted that a considerable number of those present did hear it and seemed to join approvingly in the little tribute to her.

She ran the Boulder operation in a pleasantly low-key way, and

I think she would have gotten high marks from almost all, if not all, the JLS students.

Al Weissberg  
JLS 1943

[Ed. Note: The very next issue will contain an article on the induction of Ms. Walne into her Alma Mater's hall of fame for her unique contribution to the War effort.]

## Beef & Beefs

Dear David: The newest *Interpreter* arrived in the mail just after your e-mail had been duly read and answered. I loved the history of Wayne's and Ross Ingersoll's paean of praise for my old friend Francis Wolle. The mention of Wayne's reminds me that there was another cafe where a decent steak could be enjoyed. I believe the name was Howard's. We also had good Colorado beef up in Nederland at the Silver Dollar. They did not believe strongly in rare beef. I remember mine as charred on the outside and frozen solid in the middle. Then there was the Buckhorn in Denver. Their idea of rare was purple in the middle.

An interesting question in regard to watering holes-- don't we all remember gas coupons, and how did we all get where we were going, anyway?! I know of a few who were keeping cars for friends who were overseas. The lucky one had coupons from a doctor's car. Then there was the Burlington Zephyr....

Somehow I was never aware that Hindmarsh thought we were underworked! It took me years to overcome that Friday night feeling that I should be studying. I still tend to attack a magazine from back to front. Cheers,

Marylou Williams  
JLS 1944

## Correction

We apologize for two omissions in Hallam Shorrock's story on the ceremony in Pomona. It was covered and reported by six newspapers in the Los Angeles area, a local radio station, Voice

of America and NHK in Japan.

Frank Gibney quoted Professor Ted de Bary, by citing the sensei's "quiet dignity in the face of adversity."

*DMH, Editor*

### Review Comment

Haikei, go busata, etc. Aloha!

Having missed my chance to study at Boulder, I never saw the famous stage revue, but I still remember a few lines of doggerel that probably came from it. Perhaps I heard them

character: Umareta Tokoro wa  
Dai Nippon no Osaka

2<sup>nd</sup> Char: What did he say?  
What did he say?

3<sup>rd</sup> Char: I don't know, he's a  
B.I.J.

I once recited this, thinking to amuse a real B.I.J. (F. Huggins). To my surprise, Frank took umbrage thinking the words implied that the BIJs spoke incomprehensible Japanese. Maybe some of them did, like most of the rest of us.

*Bill Van Campen  
Berkeley JLS 1942*

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<http://www-libraries.colorado.edu/ps/arv/col/jlsp.htm>

### New Collections

The following are further collections held or recently received by the Archives:

- Mayer-Oakes, Frank

### \$Donations Received

The Archives has recently received generous donations from:

- Foley, A.W. "Mike"
- Johnston, Eunice  
(for Warren Johnston)

from my old foxhole buddy  
Kermit Lansner. They went:

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