

From Fritos To Television, America Is Wonderful, Says Japanese Student

By NORALEE BENEDICT

"Everything in America is so fast, so big, and so good," was the glowing comment made by one of Torrance's newest residents, Terutaka Hasagawa, from Tokyo, Japan.

Terutaka is now a member of the family of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Nall of 2417 Fifty View drive, Victoria Knolls.

He is studying at El Camino college and has run into the problem of transportation. Both Mr. and Mrs. Nall keep working hours that make it impossible to take him to and from classes at the proper time.

They are trying to find someone who will be going by Pacific Coast highway and over-land in time to reach El Camino college by 8 a.m., and someone who will go by El Camino at 3 or 3:30 p.m. and return by Pacific Coast highway. Anyone who would like to provide transportation to this young man who is a stranger in our country, may call Mr. and Mrs. Nall at DA. 6-7725.

Mrs. Nall lived in Japan for two years and returned to the United States in 1951. While she was there, she became very close to her young Japanese maid, Yasuko Watanabe, and they have kept up a steady correspondence since that time.

In one of her letters to Mrs. Nall, Yasuko wrote that her cousin, Terutaka, wanted very much to go to college in the United States. Mrs. Nall talked the situation over with her husband, her daughter, Sharon, and her son, David; and as a result, Terry, as they call him, set out for a country in which he knew absolutely no one and to which he had never been.

He has been awarded a scholarship to Hope college in Holland, Michigan, but when he arrived, he became so immediately fond of the Nall family, that he decided to attend El Camino college and stay with them. The warmth and charm of this wonderful family are worth more than a scholarship any day, he decided.

Terry speaks English, but he has found a double load of work in his classes. Because he can take lecture notes so much more rapidly in Japanese than in English, he has the problem of translating all his class notes back into English before he can do his homework.

Terry wants very much to get a part time job in a grocery market, because he thinks they are so big and wonderful, but Mrs. Nall has expressed reservations on this point. She feels that he should concentrate all his attention on his studies until he becomes more accustomed to the routine. Terry, however, still views the market job with longing.

Terry is mad about American foods, with Fritos heading the list of favorites, and malted milks and hot cakes close runners-up. David, who is 9 years old, gets up early in the morning to make hot cakes for Terry, just to see the young man's enjoyment.

Television, he thinks, is magnificent, and has only one drawback. "It is not good for study," he said, "too often I want to watch television when I should study."

Terry is an accomplished pianist and singer. He received high praise when he sang for the Cub Scout troop to which David belongs, and for the party held recently by the Torrance Hills Civic Improvement association.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Chitoshi Hasagawa of Tokyo. He plans to go two years to El Camino college and two years to Long Beach state college, majoring in business administration. Terry hopes to obtain American citizenship.

In Japan, he attended a private Methodist school for boys. "Everything about school at El Camino is wonderful and different," he said, "there are no uniforms and everyone is so friendly. The only thing that is still the same is the necessity for exams, those I still do not like." In that respect, of course, he has found what is probably the most common meeting ground for students all over the world.



GIFTS FROM JAPAN . . . Mr. and Mrs. Willard Nall, and their family view the gifts brought to them by Terutaka Hasagawa, Japanese student, whom they have welcomed to their home. (L-r) Sharon, 15, Terutaka, Mr.

Nall, holding a pocket stove; and Mrs. Nall, holding the toys. David, 9, is holding the decorated badminton paddle brought to him. — Press Photo.

AN INDISCREET man is more hurtful than an ill-natured one; for the latter will only attack his enemies, and those he wishes ill to; the other injures indifferently both friends and foes.—Addison.

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