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GEPPO EDITORIAL

We are happy that our members show so much interest in the work of compiling our first SAIJIKI 款時記 overseas.

As we mentioned in our previous Haiku Journal and GEPPO, SAIJIKI 家 培 记is essential for haikuists. Writing haiku without SAIJIKI 家 培 记 is just like navigating the wide ocean without a compass. We Japanese usually use several kinds of SAIJIKI 家 時记 when writing haiku to insure proper usage of KIGO 李 書 and find out a clue for unique haiku. Reading good haiku makes us able to write better haiku.

The many letters and phone calls we receive from our members regarding compiling SAIJIKI 歲時記 are very encouraging.

The haiku you send in will be reviewed carefully by the committee and also by Mr. Shugyo Takaha, Professor Kazuo Sato, Mr. Teruo Yamagata, and Dr. Jun-ichi Sakuma.

We would appreciate all the haiku you want to have them review. Please list up to ten haiku per page, (YUKI TEIKEI haiku only -- 5-7-5 syllable count with KIGO $\stackrel{*}{\Rightarrow}$), using standard white typewriting paper ($8\frac{1}{2}$ X 11) with your name and address on the bottom center of each page. Befor you submit your haiku, please read again your November GEPPO. The deadline is the end of January, 1980.

We would like to express our deep gratitude for your great support for the society and sincerely wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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Kiyoshi & Kiyoko Tokutomi

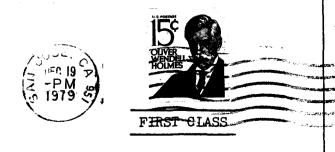
THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

- Patricia Machmiller -

The December meeting of the YUKI TEIKEI Haiku Society included a GINKO on the grounds of The Sumitomo Bank of California, San Jose branch. It was a day of unusual warmth and calmnrss with a high cloud layer diffusing the sunlight to create an impression of irridescence in the air.

The members attending included one very new member, Tom Arima, and several old members, Suzanne Stone and Mary Hill, long-missed by us all this last year.

Haiku Journal



Patricia Machmiller

The mixture of the new, the old, and the steady added to special feeling of the day.

The winning haiku from the GINKO were well-represented by the newcomers. The first choice of the members was this haiku by Suzanne Stone:

the short day ends here with the setting sun in grey under the oak tree

Second place was a tie between these two haiku:

This cold windy day into my heavy jacket a fly finds haven

Tom Arima

The pine tree's shadow touches my bedroom window upstairs - this short day

Edwin A. Falkowski

Each of these haiku are deserving of being specially singled out since each speaks in a beautiful way of a truth that holds in the natural world.

By Patricia Machmiller

CONGRATULATIONS! Mr. Sol Markoff

We are very happy to report that twenty haiku of Mr. Sol Markoff were published in the World Haiku Anthology of 1978, Sapporo, Japan, October, 1979.

This is a great honor not only for him but also for all of us.

Some of them are as follows:

After the night rain a trembling twin of the moon lies on the wet street

Caged in solid stone, a lark sings for the sculptor to chisel it free

In a cold attic naked in her unmade bed, an eyeless doll stares

In an empty vase, memories of violets still smell faintly pink The short nights begin: a wino smoothes the "TIMES" sheets for his pavement bed

Ghetto summer night: a junkie stabs a veined arm to live his green dreams

To Ruth S. Heymen, 1899-1979
At tea-touched twilight
purple tulips close petals
enfolding the night

In an autumn lake sparrows swim and salmon fly through a fallen cloud

Again, CONGRATULATIONS! Mr. Sol Markoff.

Dr. Jun-ichi Sakuma Visiti<u>ng</u> Us Again

Dr. Jun-ichi Sakuma who visited San Jose last June on our Second Annual Haiku Contest is coming back again on the 28th of December, 1979 to discuss the SAIJIKI 友育記. He has been working hard for this project since he joined the committee.

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KIGO: Frost-nipped - SHIMOGARE - and others

- In frost-nipped twilight, a cricket and an old frog in conversation.
- My little daughter brings me a frost-nipped pansy, questions in her eyes. P. Liu ()
- City commuters hold their frost-nipped ears, study vacation posters.
- 4. who blows the crow call? ah! in that skeletal tree a frost-nipped bird...flat
- 5. some flakes of Christmas season the lamplit window to gentle the night
- D. Rogero 6. I reach out an arm to turn up a blanket dial in our king-sized bed.
- M. Richards on \$27. A December night: the black lock on the front gate is white this morning
 - Over the grey fields new white snow is fast falling... snow fences are up
 - Through attic window sunlight sparkles the grey dust 250 on old rocking horse
- Here comes an old friend walking her dog past my house Nose stuck in the air.
- Disappointed friend --Dissatisfied with her life -- (160') Disgusted with me.

Fifth Avenue crowd --

12.

- a. Rotella faces race by, a lady with a widow's peak. 13. Clouds turning darker
- In the tapioca sky --One, two, three snowflakes. a. Rotella
 - Young children skipping Over trails of dried cow pies --Violets in bloom
- How slowly they move -those shadows under the pier ... dark December sky. J. Back
 - A mockingbird's call sounds the end of this cold night -empty wineglasses ...
 - Rustles of delight! Young boys racing bicycles -through the fallen leaves ...
 - 18. Rubbing tearful eyes with her frost-nipped finger tips.. one warm mitten LOST!
 - This old shovel bends against the hoar-frosted ground, B. Dweenery digging my dog's grave
 - My homeward pathway dappled with gray shadows now.. so soon December Sweenery

- December? Dungeon! Thirty-one dank, dreary cells ---- frost-nipped, shut-in days.
- 22. Field mice trespassing peer out from people's houses to hail the solstice.
- 23. Like a tarnished coin, mint-repolished, the low sun displays solstice gold.
- Just past the north gate watchman stops to light his pipe... his frost-nipped fingers
- On the <u>withered moor</u> night sifts through crumbling towers... winds blow from the moon Cruciana
- 26. As she sips her tea her eyes reflect the moonlight etched in ice and snow
 - White chrysanthemums hold in each spoon-shaped petal the last of day's light
- 28. Running through his breath KICOS on this clear frost-nipped morning the young mare's first born
- . 29. Fonight sitting out "The Beautiful Blue Danube" with my drying socks
 - (0.) At my father's death asking if the winter wind ن عن would return his breath
 - 31. Her nose nipped by frost the girl feeds English sparrows turning paler too;
 - Cold outlook, cold hopes. 32. Let us pray for kinder thoughts to help each one's life.
 - Dressing for Holidays... 33• Fur coat, fur trimmed boots, fur hat. All old, but warm.. WARM.
 - 34. My present to me, New J.A.L. calendar... Beauty for each day.
 - Winter window pane; the bright room leans out--blocking بال night from coming in
 - 36. Sweeping gusts of wind interrupting the rhythm of the snow shovel.
 - The frost-nipped garden -only the full-grown parsnips stay over winter
 - Winter sparrows come feathers fluffed against bleak winds seeking the last seeds
 - Gulls circling inland in the golden tractor's wake so far from the sea
 - 40. Too late, frost-nipped air reminds me of red berries I wanted to plant.

Snowflakes on the pond in the stone lantern's soft glow: R. Stewa the pet swan sleeping

Frost-nipped in the night, banana leaves swing withered and gray in the wind ...

Mission bells tolling... the Christmas cactus opens its first pink flower

> The first winter rain; old wife leading blind husband around the puddle J. Winder

Winter wind tearing at her-at her threadbare coatone button holding

Unopened seed pods Rattle on <u>withered bushes</u> Shakened by the wind 4(1) A whisper ripples

Through the lethargic classroom... 10(3) First snowflakes falling Dolton

48. Out in the garden-Frost nips the geraniums Covered with old sheets

46.

On this winter day the brown crackled earth cries out for a green blanket.

Out of the window the first snow falls quietly the world is at peace.

The frost-nipped roses 51. bowing their heads to the earth as they fade away.

blue winter twilight; old beetle heads for a bush with slow measured steps

19(2) 53. bitter white morning: old crow arrives with a patch 2160 of feathers missing H. Lewer

> before discarding old calendar, turning back 3(1) to June several times

<u>Spider</u> on brick wall, numbed by early winter storm-a black skeleton!

The pale morning sun--56. Only imprint of footsteps Xί on new fallen snow.

This frosty morning, children wait for the school bus-how rosy their cheeks!

58. The old persian cat walks with me in the pale sun, K'60? g. eurher 4 her blind eye cloudy

The north-east wind gusts: 59• again the Norwegian pines leaning straight for it

Frost-nipped Yucca palms stunted spear-heads stoop over dying with color

Early winter storm falling leaves are etched with white as they fall and fall,

62. Winter patio Oriental wind chimes sway 16(2) in frozen silence.

63. Frost nipped Countryside Deer pause, bound, disappear into hills above.

Pond ice hockey cries as our sticks smash at tin can seldom draw blood

The depth of winter from snow-covered smoke house shed this hickory breeze

Frost nipped tomatoes . now in green piccalilli relish for gray days

67. pale sunlight touches the sagging vine's flaccid leaves sparrow's frost-nipped note

68. lying 'neath pure snow or broomswept into gutter leaves' ageless cycle

69. whitest white snow drifts deepest where flowered his blue) cineraria

70. The little boy builds a high-walled fortress of snow; bright sun grows hotter...

> A winter sunset; Old woman limps happily, carrying her cane.

Old gloves, left to dry, now grasp at rosebush branches with frost-nipped fingers.

Distant storm clouds fade. Sparrow sits on icy wire 1. Eva Swaying in the breeze.

Brownish winter bee Stuck on greenish Volkswagen Absorbing the sun.

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73.

From behind pine trees 75• White tailed fox on snowy hill Stops at small of man

76. Far from home, alone, I light the Christmas candle... love leaps time and space.

Frost-nipped grasses shrink singed tissues folding inward... Oh, the burning cold!

78. Snow falls without sound F. Moore white reaches the horizen the fox leaves paw-prints.

79. Frost-nipped gardenia droops... soft stem leaking white juice my eyes leaking tears.

80. Covering citrus frost nips my hands, feet, and nose; jolly full moon laughs.

Southern visitors (grownmen) throw their first snowballs... grave children watching.

82. in the blinding frost, a ragged doll seeks shelter in a garbage can

A. Titzpatrick

104. seven mourning doves now rage the wild winds: in the leafless cottonwood the last red leaves lift scarred wings X season's first snow storm for their final flight 105. <u>cold</u> snowbound houses in golden neon, birds come for <u>seeds</u>, and suet a sunbeam hides from the cold Ad North neighbors overslept inside the sign "BAR" 106. Funeral morning 85. blue peacock strutting starts with icicles dripping, in fresh snow on a mountain intermina blv just below his sky W (107. 86. Through the storm, a gull (led) restless waves to the shore, And while icicles lengthen to the breaking point dehuck then soared back for more J. Max our bitter quarrel 108. 87. In the Vets' parade Under the cedar a legless soldier is wheeled: Klco> heavy with blue icicles a carriaged child stares something vanishes 109. the honk of the car Winter rain falling... leaden tears shed by mourners death has no reason urges me to come away oh! my frost-nipped plant 110. each wanting to speak -Gun blast shatters dawn between the man and woman as forest weeps bitter tears 10(2) red blood stains white snow a bowl of lemons 111. Frost-nipped bulbous nose the steamy windows on rotund man in red suitttt muffle the sounds of Boston 3 sidewalk bell ringer a winter evening 112. Osaka legend! Final leaves still cling LeGeNdArY Beauty! blackened trunks have packed their sap winter travels near. Oh, oh oh my Ming! Indian summer 113. Cheryl Tiegs remains late, deceiving all St. Laurent sutra angel, about winter's trend. Karma-pop hot stuff! 114. December creeps up Jackie Johns, waits to pounce with little feet San Diego dream queen of powdered white snow. California girl! 94. Shadow of a hawk ! The smell of breakfast: 115. mice cower in frost-nipped reeds through the window I notice stillness hangs in air D. fuences the last rose frost nipped Lane of quicksilver Early winter day skyspill shimmers on thin ice tree trunks based in swirls of white moonset slowly drowns my window alight Midnight train whistles Patterns of snowflakes 117. far across an icing lake decorate the breezeway glass 10(3) a loon wails answer no bird colliding A skier swishes 118. Tree branches are dead down the face of Mount Blackstrap; The wind whistles through the corpse the tinkling windchimes. Fire place cremation. In the winter wind -In a clump of grass 119. smoke from the chimney rises A lark bunting on her nest higher and higher Spring is winging in. A cheeky magpie 120. Thousands mosquitoes eating some <u>frost-nipped</u> rosehips Landed on a country pond on a withered branch Dead water welcome. These never ceasing 121. A soaring night hawk wind sounds in frost-nipped maples Floats like an airplane in air piercing the night through. Beady eyes on hare. Indigo shadows, 122. Red pentstemon bloom: a frost-nipped leaf here and there Little bugles attract bees speckled with snow flakes. Hummingbird hovers. The telephone call, Above distant lights and this whole clan gathering. Red hammock-moon suspendedso winter begins. Neighborhood dogs bark. plodding opossum 124. Banshees rise like mist with frost-nipped toes, ears and tail -To drift across the meadow New existing when myletres the first rupped maybe trees table scraps await Seeking their lost souls.

- 125. Wind from the northwest
 Blows dust and tumbleweeds roll
 Rain-clouds start to drip.
- 126. A red shouldered hawk Repeatedly sweeps down on land Snake caught in talons.
- 127. Under a huge pine
 A wee mouse runs for shelter
 Skunk musk in spring air
- 128. Robin pulling worm
 Ready for a late dinner
 Sparrow has same thought.
- 129. White cat running fast
 Near a little white farm home
 Mouse dropped into hole.
- 130. August tropic sun radios blasting the pool side deserted porch cool ?
- 131. Maple planted at childbirth still growing at the curb we left you behind
- 132. poems in a worn book auctioneers grave! \$\square\$\times^16^0\$
- 133. this morning the birds enjoyed last night's barbecue 4160 and sang their thank you
- 134. not a rooster:

 my neighbor's braying donkeys
 tell me its morning
- 135. forget-me-nots sowed in the spring garden forgot to bloom
- - 137. Snow falls, sun shines -- Child out searching the skies for a snowbow
 - 138. In the tin mailbox
 Envelopes of Christmas cheer -10 A frozen spider 6. Lade
- 139. Melting in the sun, early winter icicle drips and drips and drips
- 140. My homeward pathway-dappled with gray shadows now..

 November so soon
- 141. This old shovel bends against the hoar-frosted ground.. digging my dog's grave
 - 142. Trees stand guard over A scented quilt of colour Rambling spring flowers
 - 143. <u>Dew</u> touched <u>spider webs</u>
 Form intricate chandeliers
 To sparkle in the sun
 - 144. Dew-drops on grass blades
 Beautiful simplicity
 Simply beautiful
 - 145. Trees shed their leaves To reveal naked branches Groping towards heaven

- 146. Cajun moon lighting the midnight swampland, thigh deep; time for exploring.
 - 147. shabby man stirring, fishing for frogs, frogs to eat. Spanish moss above.
 - 148. cabin, bare with bed, table, chairs, and little elseneeding not much more
- 149. rooster, strutting, views his cackling feathered harem, crowing, orders dawn.
- 150. "seasoned by the years, love growing, growing dailymy cranky old one."
- 151. petticoated waves,
 exuberantly swirling,
 sinking into sand.
- after wild storm- peace;
 water rippling serenely,
 but- little dead fish
- 153. weeping willow bends
 by shore, crying without tearsso this bent, dried heart.
- 154. twilight- no wind stirs, yet hear water whispering secrets to the sand.
- 155. the dandelions, sparkling woodland glade with gold, holding heads up high
- 156. A kernel of thought,
 Sown, reaped, in the spring-fall of
 One crystal instant.
- ·157. Industrial man Spits in his natal waters: The nautilus screams.
- 158. Whose tracks lie on the Snow, if not mine? Tattered and Tired, who walks beside?
- 159. smell this heat even my brain too hot for thinking
- 160. summer heat in the nostrils anger hangs heavy
- 161. a wagging tail . . . fireworks tail stilled forever
- 162. morning walk on ranch family of partridges and me
- 163. Memorial Day: on this forgotten grave a daisy bouquet
- 164. Effulgent days paint kaleidoscopic patchwork in Love's sundown sky.
- 165. Rivulets of sun flow sparsely toward December's frigid River Styx.
- 166. Old bird nests glimmer like <u>dewy</u> ornaments in <u>spiders'</u> macrame.

- Vows whispered in the Night like frantic prayers 168. The warm touch of flesh
- 169. Her long hair brushes My shoulders and perfume Grabs me by the gills
- Color spills across Exhausted alleluias KIGO And solemn darkness
- Foam and spray splash on Alabaster lions wet faced $\kappa 160$ Wide mouth majesty
- Her eyes aim at me Gun barrel authority Bifocal crosshairs
- If you love something Let it go if it stays gone 4,60 You are a piss brain
- Heavy trade-wind breath Warm gulf-stream motions drift to Sargasso stillness
- Babe we are like 175. Parallel lines made to meet In infinity
- 176. Dusk undoes the robe Of night creeping with tanned Legs and dirty feet
- I see my handprint On the sweating beer can like 500 Veronica's veil
- In weak jaundice light Children working at their desks K160 Peeking at the clock
- 191. Clearing vines from fence I touch the iron railing my frost-nipped fingers.
- Frost blacken leaves 192. underneath the sharp clear sky a garden of night.
- 197. Omitted last month Grandma's in winter:
 - Χ the geranium window hot ginger cookies

- Moonlight soaks through clouds Giving them color and shape Patterns of soft blue
- 180. Waves of Golden hair The fluid reflective dance Of summer sunlight
- 181. Printed on inside Covers of matchbooks you read K160 My whole life story
- Alone with a sword And cape the matador faces KICO The big you-know-what
- Bright black olive eyes 183. Sleep brings dreams of high waves and Moonlight on the sea
- A straight faced sickness Peeks through a placebo smile 4160 A muffled madness
- 185. On this clown's nose it's The ignoble living and K100 The ignoble dead
- 186. Picking raspberries Among daisies and dogwoods Gathering storm clouds
- 187. The waves jump against Jagged piles of concrete slabs × And are eaten whole
- 188. Under Christmas lights forgotten fern left on porch displays frost-nipped leaves
- 189. Bright-red maple leaf -plastered on my windowpane by first heavy rain
- Early winter day; redgold leaves outside window : 3 casts warm glow within
- 1935 Looming from dense fog through the muffle of voices 3 our lighted window.
- In early morning the steam heat has not yet reached the elevator
- (195.) Frost-covered grave stone now (undistinguishable the old ISSEI's name
- 196. Could be a Russian keeping ancestral practice -(i) his black winter hat

ERRATA FOR NOVEMBER KUKO — underlined words corrected

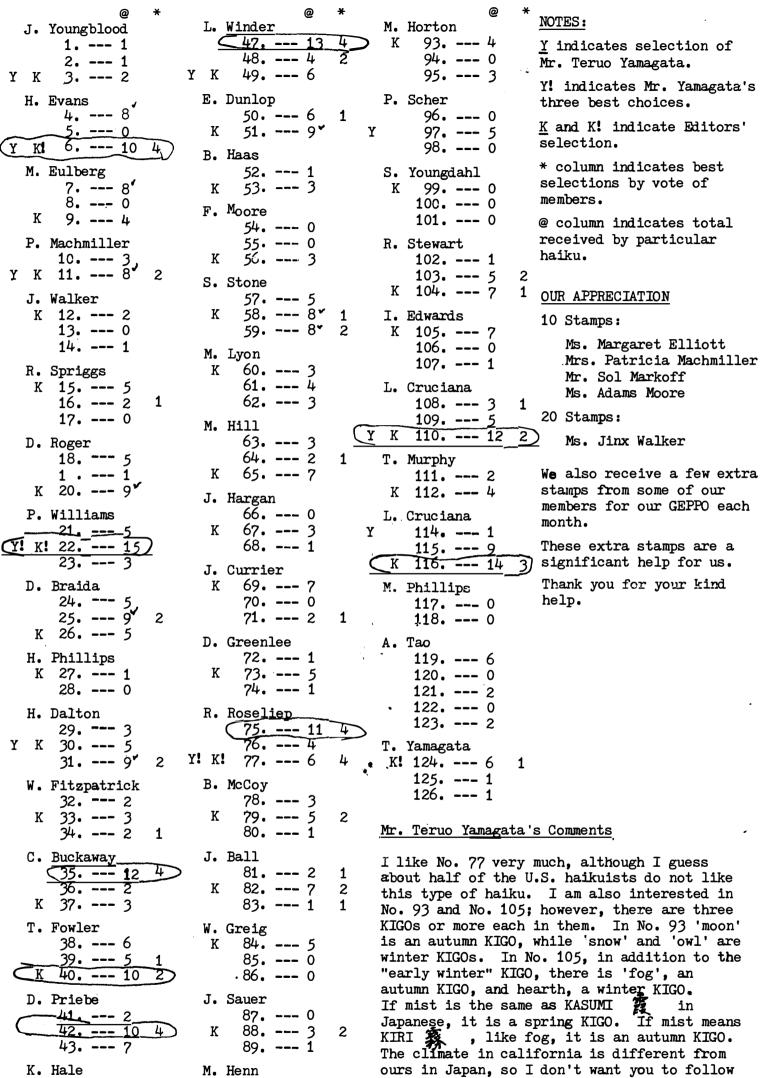
- An end to the hymn. Beyond the arch of wide doors: hint of winter sky
- Trying not to breathe upon the sleeve that catches first falling snowflakes
- Adding to the chill of this early winter night the retriever's tail
- The last maple leaf, its color lost in lace work, sticks to the tree trunk

INSTRUCTIONS TO MEMBERS

- choose 20 haiku and identify the 3 best haiku by circling the number of the haiku.
- 2. Please write three haiku as is indicated in November GEPPO and submit them to us by the end of December. (KIGO for January - Icicle and others)
- 3. Please do not forget your name on your paper.

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Results of November Evaluation



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the Japanese KIGO in exactly the same way;

however, you should avoid three KIGOs, as we