



[Home Movies of the Atomettes (Young Women's Club): Activities, Trips and more / circa 1953 - 1954]

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1953-1954

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Description

Color home movie footage of Southern California, San Francisco, and the California coast filmed by Susan Uemura circa 1953 to 1954. Footage is primarily of the young women's social club, the

Atomettes, and their outings. Clips include a coastal road trip with picnicking, snow play, church excursions, and a trip to San Francisco. :29 – Views of waves crashing on sand and rocks at beach-level. [Initial description provides Monterey, California as the location.] :37 – View of coastline and rocks in the distance; panning left to right and back over the ocean. 1:19 – Panning over coastline (out of focus). 1:37 – Three young women wave at the camera, two more young women stand nearby. They look down at the ocean. More views up the coastline. One young woman in an aloha shirt waves at the camera. (Members of the Atomettes social club.) 2:00 – Three of the Atomettes wave at the camera from inside a powder blue car; one gets out. One applies lipstick using the car window as a mirror and grins at the camera. 2:22 – Coastline views of rocks; the Atomettes are picnicking among the rocks and eating with chopsticks. A seagull eats in the shallows; other birds flying. 2:54 – Atomettes walking towards camerawoman in a parking lot full of cars. The young women stroll and wear pink or light green jackets. 3:30 – Views of the ocean and coastline from a moving car; brief inland views. 4:02 – Atomettes chatting in a gas station parking lot, getting in and out of the car. 4:34 – Standing near the beach at the side of the road, very windy. Waves crashing, looking down at the Atomettes on the beach. Down at beach level with other Atomettes. 5:17 – One young woman in black carries a watermelon down a steep rocky slope near the car to the beach. 5:41 – Stopped roadside near homes; one young woman struts and poses for the camera, a few others walk by and show their outfits. A woman in a flowered hat poses with the young woman (possibly her mother, possibly after church). 6:36 – Koi nobori (flying carp windsock) on a pole. The young women wear the same outfits as 5:41; walking, posing, and shaking hands for the camera. Young woman in white with flowers at her collar tells the camera “stop it!” 7:30 – Same girl with collar flowers in different dress poses for the camera. 7:34 – Title card reads “Vacation to North Aug - 53” [1953] 7:42 – Young men and women outside near a bus, eating snacks and goofing around. One young man pulls a knit cap down over another's face. People drinking hot chocolate and eating hot dogs. 8:04 – Snow play in the mountains; some people have sleds. Close up goofing around and throwing snowball. 8:58 – People sledding from further away. People stop for lunch outdoors. 9:47 – Women exit a car and walk to view large patches of flowers. A horse eats grass. 10:13 – Family members (and friends?) of a variety of ages sit outdoors and play games and eat. A dog wanders in the background. 10:38 – A crowd outside a large church (wooden exterior and tile roof). People exiting the church and shaking hands. [Initial description suggests this is “Sacramento church”.] 11:12 – Street scene (presumably right after the church, people in same clothing). 11:24 – View from San Francisco cable car, moving down a hill. 11:39 – Views of businesses at Fisherman's Wharf, San Francisco. (Alioto's, Fishermen's Grotto No. 9, Tokyo Sukiyaki Restaurant). 11:58 – View of Coit Tower and hill from near waterfront. Japanese American family stands on a corner, little girl spins in place. Cable car approaches. 12:15 – View from hill down toward bridge in San Francisco bay. Faded paint on one building reads “WHY?” Women cross the street. 12:28 – Three Atomettes shake hands and laugh together. 12:44 – Young woman in white graduation cap and gown in a front yard, walking slowly towards the camera. Shaking hands with a young man. 13:04 – Atomettes in leather jacket and buffalo plaid jacket stand in front of a bus. Young men make faces. One girl has a small camera. (Appears to be same or similar snow trip as 7:42.) 13:19 – Preparing sleds in the snow; riding a small chair lift; walking uphill. Atomettes and young men goofing off near the bus. 13:46 – View of home exterior. 13:52 – Woman with glasses reads a magazine indoors. 14:28 – Young woman swimming; views of men and women on a dock. Small groups in motorboats (on a lake? Big Bear or Arrowhead?). 14:59 – A group tanning on a dock. 15:25 – View of the dock with mountains behind; some in a rowboat. Swimmers and boaters wave. 15:44 – Atomettes stand together at an overlook. Blurry views of swimmers at the dock in the distance. 16:18 – People listen to a man speaking outdoors (possibly a church service or prayer? Everyone bends their heads at the last moment.) 16:35 – People relax on front porch. 16:44 – People assembled at a rock amphitheater by the lake. 18:07 – Group playing ping pong and volleyball; swimming at a swimming pool. 18:51 – Exterior of a home with a Japanese character overlaid on the film. 18:56 – Film ends. Original description, circa 1990s: 8mm, 200 foot reel of home movie film of the young women's club, the

"Atomettes." Images include: 1) Club members in automobile and on cliffs above ocean in Monterey 2) Beach scenes 3) Picnicing 4) "Front of Methodist Church, Sadie" 5) "Easter, Sadie, Karlene (sp?)" 6) "Vacation to North, Aug 53," snow and sledding 7) "Sacramento church" 8) Flower viewing 9) "Eddie, Rev. Sosaki" [Sasaki?] 10) San Francisco street scenes 11) Graduation 12) Swimming pool, swimming 13) Boating

Dimensions

Film Format: 8.00 mm, L: 200 ft, Diam: 6 in